

RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs



Examples of Proof of Support Document from IRCC

IRCC has updated their examples of proof of support document, incorporating feedback from the Assurance Working Group.

The updated document is available in [English](#) and [French](#).

The document provides examples of copies of documents that sponsors can submit to IRCC's [Resettlement Services Assurance Team \(RSAT\)](#) if they are requested to demonstrate during a case review that they provided financial and non-financial support to the newcomers in accordance with the relevant standards and policies.

Further information about the different types of case reviews conducted by the RSAT as part of their post-arrival assurance activities can be found [here](#). An in-depth review with a case scenario can be found in a two-part webinar with staff from the RSAT [here](#) and [here](#).

During a case review, the onus is on the sponsors to submit copies of supporting documents to demonstrate that adequate support was provided, not the sponsored newcomers.

The list of examples in the document is not exhaustive and each case review will not require a copy of every document listed to be submitted to the RSAT.

Please contact your [nearest RSTP Trainer](#) if you have any questions about the updated document or the case reviews conducted by the RSAT as part of their post-arrival assurance activities.

Letter Templates on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) for Use by Sponsors

IRCC has shared letter templates that sponsors can adapt for use with the newcomers they sponsor so that the newcomers:

- Understand the consequences of applying and receiving funds from the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) if they do not meet the [eligibility requirements](#) of the program; and,
- Understand that any funds received from the CERB is considered to be earned income and that sponsors are able to reduce the level of monthly financial support

they provide if the funds the newcomer receives from the CERB reaches the 50% threshold for earned income.

The letter templates are available in English, French, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Dari, Somali, Spanish and Tigrigna on the COVID-19 hub of the RSTP website [here](#).

Further information about the CERB, and when sponsors can begin making deductions to the monthly financial support they provide on the basis of newcomers receiving funds from the CERB (i.e. the 50% threshold), can be found in the April 24, 2020 edition of the RSTP Bulletin [here](#).

ICYMI: Updated Refugee Sponsorship Forms

IRCC is currently updating the privacy and personal information disclosures on all forms across the department.

As a result, there will be 2020 versions of **all refugee sponsorship/resettlement application forms**, including the forms for Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs), Groups of Five and Community Sponsors.

The updates to the forms are being done in batches, so there will be 06-2020 and 07-2020 versions of various forms (the dates can be found in the bottom left hand corner of all the forms).

The changes to the forms do not impact processing at ROC-O and ROC-O will continue to accept previous versions of all forms as well as the new 2020 versions as they are posted on the IRCC [website](#) and the RSTP [website](#).

If sponsors and refugees are working on a new refugee sponsorship application, they are encouraged to use the latest versions of the forms.



Idriss, 21, and Leila, 25, both refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR), distribute materials about COVID-19 in Chad.

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WORLD REFUGEE DAY

June 20, 2020

Join an Online/Virtual Event to Mark and Celebrate World Refugee Day

Saturday June 20, 2020 is World Refugee Day, a day on which the courage, strength and resilience of millions of refugees around the world that were forced to flee their homes due to persecution, armed conflict and human rights violations is celebrated.

World Refugee Day is typically marked and celebrated with in-person events across Canada and around the world, but this year will be celebrated with a series of online and virtual events.

For information about the online and virtual events taking place across Canada to celebrate World Refugee Day, please [click here](#).

For information about the online and virtual events taking place around the world, please [click here](#).

Refugees Around the World are Leading the Fight Against COVID-19

Current and former refugees in Canada and around the world are leading the fight against COVID-19, by making soap, treating the sick, helping the vulnerable and sharing information on how to stop the spread of COVID-19.

To see how refugees are making an impact during the pandemic please [click here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) or watch the video below.



World Refugee Day 2020 Resources

- [UNHCR](#)
- [UNHCR Canada](#)
- [UNHCR Global Trends 2019](#)
- [Statement by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees](#)



Did You Know?

At the end of 2019, there were 79.5 million forcibly displaced persons worldwide.

26 million are refugees, 45.7 million are internally displaced persons and 4.2 million are asylum seekers.

85% of the world's refugees are hosted in developing countries.

Resettlement/refugee sponsorship is a life saving durable solution and protection tool for refugees.

1.1 million refugees were resettled worldwide between 2010 and 2019 (70% of those refugees were referred for resettlement by the UNHCR).

700,000 refugees have been [resettled to Canada since 1959](#) under its four-refugee sponsorship/resettlement programs.

For further information and statistics on refugees and forcibly displaced persons around the world, please refer to the recently published [UNHCR Global Trends 2019](#) document.

Want to Know How YOU Can Sponsor a Refugee for Resettlement to Canada?

For information on how you can sponsor a refugee referred for resettlement by the UNHCR to Canada under the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) program and the Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) program, please [click here](#) and [here](#).

For information on how you can identify the refugees you would like to sponsor for resettlement to Canada under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, please [click here](#).

Or [contact](#) your nearest RSTP Trainer.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Upcoming Online Workshops in French « Le parrainage des réfugiés en 3 mardis »

Mardi 2 : Les responsabilités des groupes qui parrainent des réfugiés

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Time: 7:30 pm – 9 :00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvdemgqzkrGNV7rXKuXFTA7ASvWP5cOy2A>

Mardi 3 : Le dossier de demande de parrainage

Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Time: 7:30 pm – 9 :00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYufuyqzotEtyAMxAZmjD-sXP7n9qcpqeO>

Upcoming Monthly Webinars

How to Submit a Refugee Sponsorship Application to ROC-O Via Email and Updating Applications After Submission

Date: Friday, June 19, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4133441748519529740>

Preparing for Arrival and Providing Post-Arrival Support: Handling Unrealistic Expectations and Practicing Ethical Consideration

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2782181540401446412>

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Friday, June 26, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6681886500843899148>

Subscribe to RSTP's Email List

Subscribe to the RSTP email list by clicking [here](#) to receive the latest updates on how COVID-19 is affecting refugee sponsorship/resettlement to Canada, as well as to get the details of all of our upcoming online trainings, workshops and webinars as soon as they are posted.



Have Questions? Contact Your Nearest RSTP Trainer

RSTP Trainers are available to provide online workshops and webinars, assistance and support to refugee sponsors.

To find your nearest RSTP Trainer, and the contact details of other RSTP staff, please [click here](#).

How to Submit a PSR Application to ROC-O Via Email

If you are submitting a new PSR sponsorship application to ROC-O, you are strongly advised to do so [via email](#) so the [application can be processed](#).

Please ensure that all new PSR applications are complete, and all the required forms and supporting documents are included with the application package, as currently there are no exemptions from the application requirements for new PSR applications being submitted to ROC-O.

Detailed instructions on how to submit an application to ROC-O via email can be found in the guides for [SAHs](#), [Groups of Five](#) and [Community Sponsors](#).

A video explaining how to prepare and submit a refugee sponsorship application to ROC-O via email can be found [here](#).

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