

RSTP Bulletin

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

Applying for a Social Insurance Number

If a resettled refugee does not receive their Social Insurance Number (SIN) on arrival in Canada at the airport (i.e. the Port of Entry), they will need to [apply for their SIN online](#).

When applying for a SIN, at least 3 different documents are required:

1. A valid [primary document](#) that proves the applicant's identity and legal status in Canada;
2. A valid [secondary document](#) to confirm the applicant's identity; and,
3. [Proof of address](#).

IRCC has confirmed with Service Canada that:

- The Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR) document that is issued to permanent residents, including resettled refugees, qualifies as a **valid primary document**;
- A Single Journey Travel Document or a foreign passport can count as a **valid secondary document**; and,
- A letter from the Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH), Group of Five or Community Sponsor (if the applicant was resettled under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) or the Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) programs) will be accepted as **proof of address** if:
 - The letter attests to the mailing address of the applicant; and,
 - The letter is signed by the sponsoring group and the applicant to confirm the mailing address.

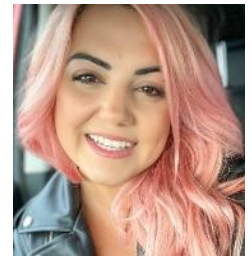
The mailing address cannot be changed after submitting the application (unless a new application is submitted).

Therefore, if a temporary accommodation address was submitted as the mailing address, this is where the newcomer will receive their SIN (typically within 20 business days).

Further information on how to apply for a SIN online can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Meet Kendra Ball, the RSTP Trainer for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island!

Kendra Ball recently joined RSTP as the Trainer for New Brunswick (NB) and Prince Edward Island (PEI).



Kendra is from Quispamsis, NB and will be completing a Bachelor of Arts with a major in politics and a minor in economics at the University of New Brunswick, Saint John in the fall.

Before joining RSTP, Kendra worked at the Canada Border Services Agency's information services call centre for 3 years and was the team lead on a Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) sponsorship for a Syrian refugee family.

Kendra was also a co-sponsor on an application for the Syrian newcomers' extended family and has been active with supporting resettled refugees with their settlement in the Saint John area.

Kendra is fluent in English and French and is currently learning Arabic.

Kendra is excited for her new journey with RSTP and looks forward to working with SAHs, along with their Constituent Groups and co-sponsors, Groups of Five and Community Sponsors in NB and PEI.

Kendra is based at the [Multicultural Association of Fredericton](#) and can be contacted via phone at 506.300.1309 ext. 2423 or 1.877.290.1701 ext. 2423 and via email at kball@rstp.ca.



UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

September 2020 Monthly Webinars

How to Prepare a Successful Application Package under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

Date: Wednesday September 16, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6870332900254197006>

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

Date: Wednesday September 23, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2141613764654746894>

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

Date: Friday September 25, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1524148925216692494>

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Tuesday September 29, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7917972867966696974>

Upcoming Webinars in French

Qui peut être parrainé en tant que réfugié? Qui peut parrainer des réfugiés?

Date: Mardi 15 septembre 2020

Heure: 19 h – 21 h (Heure de l'Est)

Inscription:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlrf-mtqzIrHtdSqW7uzcuTuYV2ntKWAwXt>

Les responsabilités des groupes qui parrainent des réfugiés

Date: Mardi 22 septembre 2020

Heure: 19 h – 21 h (Heure de l'Est)

Inscription:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJoscOihpissE9PgCcCEWAGmihLvBQgaPh5e>

Le dossier de demande de parrainage

Date: Mardi 29 septembre 2020

Heure: 19 h – 21 h (Heure de l'Est)

Inscription:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsc-yrrDMiHdW5NvHmKTW4Yguuyr-F>

Welcoming New Arrivals During the Pandemic for Sponsors in Northern Alberta

Date: Thursday September 17, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM MDT

Registration:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5810994128639145999>

Online Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday September 26, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 EDT

Registration:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpfuCyvjovHdOHnuprHl9fDjAY49QIMJ2E>

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](#).



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