

RSTP Bulletin

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



You Asked

What kind of PSR application processing is currently being conducted by Visa Offices overseas?

Answer

Processing the applications of refugees whose travel was cancelled before the imposition of the [travel restrictions](#) remains the priority for IRCC.

As IRCC are still in the early stages of resettlement travel resumption, making sure that travel is facilitated where possible remains at the top of their current operations strategy.

You Asked

Are Visa Offices conducting interviews? When are interviews that were scheduled for March 2020 likely to be re-scheduled?

Answer

IRCC's ability to conduct interviews relies largely on the capacity of each Visa Office; the ability of UNHCR and the IOM to assist; the possibility of travel within a country or a region; and, the overall conditions in the refugee's country of residence.

While some Visa Offices may start to resume regular processing shortly, IRCC are not currently finalizing applications unless the refugees on those applications fall within the [exemptions to the travel restrictions](#).

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You Asked

Is IRCC considering the possibility of using video conferencing to conduct interviews?

Answer

Alternative methods to conduct interviews may be used where the appropriate tools are available to both IRCC staff and the refugees being sponsored.

Facilitating interviews via video conference requires support from UNHCR and the IOM, and IRCC is reliant on their capacity to provide this support.

Interviews may be conducted via videoconference where possible.

However, unless specific exemptions to the [travel restrictions](#) may be applicable, IRCC are not currently processing cases that had not been finalized on or before March 18, 2020.

As such, IRCC are not actively conducting eligibility or selection interviews at this time.

You Asked

Are new permanent resident visas being issued?

Answer

Unless specific exemptions to the [travel restrictions](#) may be applicable, IRCC are not currently finalizing refugee sponsorship applications.

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You Asked

Are admissibility screenings still being conducted by Visa Offices?

Answer

As IRCC's partners and offices overseas are working at a reduced capacity, there are limitations in the volume of screenings that can be completed.

At this time, where possible, only essential cases are being processed.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2020 Monthly Webinars

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

Date: Tuesday October 13, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1499898097389928974>

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

Date: Tuesday October 20, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2311350872828166670>

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

Date: Friday October 23, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1418555127655467278>

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Tuesday October 27, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2443628718719419918>



Refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) practicing social/physical distancing.

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Online Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday October 24, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT

Registration:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvd-ytqTojGtaCTNmllBBHgMGinAUSeCi>

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