

# RSTP Bulletin

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

## Updates from IRCC Regarding the Immigration Loans Program

In March 2020, IRCC suspended collection activities for their Immigration Loans Program (ILP) for a period of six months until September 2020.

This included [Transportation Loans](#), which forms part of the ILP.

Transportation Loans are issued to refugees sponsored to Canada under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR), the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR), the Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) and the Government Assisted Refugees (GAR) programs and are intended to cover the cost of their travel to Canada.

As of October 2020, IRCC has resumed sending immigration loans statements of accounts to loan recipients.

Sponsored refugees who were issued a loan should begin receiving the statements of accounts shortly after November 12, 2020.

Sponsored refugees should contact [IRCC's Collection Services](#) at 1-800-667-7301 if they have questions about their loan, want to suspend pre-authorized payments or want to make other payment plans for this period.

IRCC have advised that there will be no penalties for late payments within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the account balance must still be paid in full before the end of the loan term.

For detailed information on Transportation Loans and the ILP, including how the loan is issued, what the loan covers, the repayment schedule and period, when sponsored refugees are expected to start repaying their loan and how repayments can be made, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

## Question

**When are sponsored refugees expected to repay the Transportation Loan?**

## Answer

Sponsored refugees are expected to begin repaying their Transportation Loan one year and one month after their arrival in Canada, but they can start paying off their loan before this date if they choose to do so.

For example, if the refugees arrived in Canada on June 01, 2020, the first payment will be due on July 01, 2021.

Exceptionally higher-needs refugees resettled to Canada under the GAR and JAS programs may be eligible for a waiver of the Transportation Loan.

## Question

**Is interest charged by IRCC on the Transportation Loan?**

## Answer

No, interest is no longer charged by IRCC on Transportation Loans.

## **ICYMI: The Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation Starts Next Week!**

The Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) Fall Consultation will take place online from Thursday November 26, 2020 to Friday December 11, 2020.

To register, and for more information on the sessions, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

# UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

## Trois événements virtuels à venir sur le parrainage des réfugiés

### Posez-moi n'importe quelle question sur le parrainage des réfugiés!

**Date:** Samedi 28 novembre 2020

**Heure:** 13 h à 15 h (HNE)

**Lieu:** Zoom

**Informations et inscription:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtcuqqqDMpGdxGgUHun9Z4GDWB7xLdyiLS>

### Le rôle des travailleurs en établissement dans le parrainage privé des réfugiés

**Date:** Mardi 8 décembre 2020

**Heure:** 13 h à 15 h (HNE)

**Lieu:** Zoom

**Informations et inscription:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtd-6hrDoqGdXhThyOJNjgV5VjYFQAlyL>

### Deux façons d'augmenter les chances de succès de votre demande de parrainage de réfugiés

**Date:** Jeudi 10 décembre 2020

**Heure:** 19 h à 21 h (HNE)

**Lieu:** Zoom

**Informations et inscription:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtc-GgqTwwG9Xs83OMCF4pCS5JRM1zzdow>

## 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](#).

## Online Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

**Date:** Saturday November 21, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

**Registration:**

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvcu2tqDwpEtXcR\\_IgQlhevz170P7BQXnM](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvcu2tqDwpEtXcR_IgQlhevz170P7BQXnM)

## How to Submit Refugee Sponsorship Applications to ROC-O Via Email for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors

**Date:** Tuesday November 24, 2020

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM PST

**Registration:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqc-2orD4qHtcAlGcEGz2WpFdLJrxy8vxb>



Photo: Anoush Newman, the RSTP Trainer for Calgary, held a workshop for sponsors on October 22, 2020.

The workshop followed municipal and provincial guidelines and safety protocols for gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Webinar Series on the Availability of Settlement Services and Programs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## Ottawa and Northern Ontario

**Date:** Monday November 23, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8164982554584314124>

## Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

**Date:** Tuesday November 24, 2020

**Time:** 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM EST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7198688855141511436>

## Saskatoon

**Date:** Tuesday November 24, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM CST

**Registration:** <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYvc-utrD4vHNGoG3GbgQ3mGfQjOGmrcpWP>

## Nova Scotia

**Date:** Wednesday November 25, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM AST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3778419342921091340>

## Edmonton and Northern Alberta

**Date:** Wednesday November 25, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM MST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4068213224607518220>

## Northern British Columbia and the Interior

**Date:** Thursday November 26, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM PST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4357436459759139340>

## New Brunswick

**Date:** Wednesday December 02, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM AST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3785492501222669836>

## Southern Ontario

**Date:** Thursday December 03, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8686768991685353228>

## Newfoundland and Labrador

**Date:** Friday December 04, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM AST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8461413088456410124>

## Calgary and Southern Alberta

**Date:** Monday December 07, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM MST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1558974857906570508>

## Prince Edward Island

**Date:** Wednesday December 09, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM AST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8675853040244857100>

## Manitoba

**Date:** Thursday December 10, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8176756125095028236>

## Metro Vancouver

**Date:** Thursday December 10, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM PST

**Registration:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5777476617752950796>



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