

RSTP Bulletin

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



You Asked

When sponsors provide furniture in-kind, is the expectation that the sponsored newcomers will keep the furniture beyond the sponsorship period?

Answer

Yes, the expectation is that the sponsored newcomers will keep any furniture provided in-kind by sponsors beyond the end of sponsorship period.

In-kind deductions for furniture should only be done if the newcomers are able to keep the items provided.

If the newcomers are not able to keep furniture items beyond the sponsorship period, deductions should not be made, and financial support should be provided in lieu.

For more detailed information on in-kind deductions, including which components of the start-up and the monthly income support can be provided in-kind and the maximum permitted amounts for each category, please see Q.2 of the [FAQs on Post-Arrival Financial Support for PSRs](#).

You Asked

When a child over the age of majority is living in shared accommodation with the rest of the family, should sponsors always issue a separate cheque to the over-age child?

Answer

Newcomer children above the [age of majority](#) in the community of settlement are to be treated as single adults when calculating the minimum level of financial support using the [Resettlement Assistance Program \(RAP\) rates](#).

This includes children that are above the [age of majority](#)

at their time of their arrival in Canada and those who become of the [age of majority](#) during the sponsorship period.

In situations where a child over the [age of majority](#) is living in shared accommodation with the rest of the family, IRCC's preferred option is for sponsors to issue a separate cheque/e-transfer to the over-age child in their own name to support the autonomy of the child.

In some cases, the financial support for the child over the [age of majority](#) can be issued to the head of the family (HOF), or another person such as a guardian or a financial trustee in the case of a mentally incompetent adult.

Some factors that should be considered if the family wishes for the HOF to receive the cheques/e-transfers on behalf of the child over the [age of majority](#), include the following:

- Family wishes, including cultural considerations;
- The mental or physical health capacity of the dependent child who has reached the [age of majority](#); and,
- Impacts with other government departments, such as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Please see Q.1 and Q.7 of the [FAQs on Post-Arrival Financial Support for PSRs](#) for further details on providing financial support to children that are over the [age of majority](#) in the community of settlement.

UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2020 Report Released

On November 30, 2020, UNHCR released their mid-year trends report for 2020.

The report provides updates on forcibly displaced persons worldwide and looks at the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on refugees and displaced persons.

The full report is available to download on the UNHCR website [here](#).

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tastes from Home: Recipes from the Refugee Community

A **free** cookbook produced by UNHCR Canada to mark their 70th anniversary is available to download [here](#).

Tastes from Home: Recipes from the Refugee Community has over 30 recipes from 14 former refugees who left their country of origin to make Canada their home.

For every copy downloaded, an anonymous donor will be donating to UNHCR in support of refugees and their families.

December 2020 Monthly Webinars

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Tuesday December 22, 2020

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](http://gotowebinar.com)

Have Questions? Contact Your Nearest RSTP Trainer

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

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

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