

RSTP Bulletin

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND THE ONE-YEAR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY PROVISION

The level of financial support that sponsors must provide to the Principal Applicant's (PA) [non-accompanying family members](#) arriving under the One-Year Window of Opportunity Provision (OYW) depends on the income situation of the PA in Canada at the time of the family member's arrival.

Sponsors can use the worksheet below to assist them with calculating the amount based on three scenarios.

As a reminder, sponsors are responsible for providing financial support to any of the PA's [family members](#) arriving under the OYW for up to 12 months from their date of arrival in Canada.

For detailed guidance on how to calculate financial support for family members arriving under the OYW, please [click here](#).

THE PA IS RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE SPONSORS

Start-Up Costs

Use the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{c} \$ \boxed{} \\ (A) \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \$ \boxed{} \\ (B) \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \$ \boxed{} \end{array}$$

Step 1: Determine how much the entire family (PA and any family members who accompanied them initially plus the new arrivals) would have received for start-up costs based on the current RAP rates, if they had all arrived today (*A*)

Step 2: Determine how much the original arrivals would have received for start-up costs based on the current RAP rates (*B*)

Step 3: Calculate by subtracting (*A*) – (*B*) for the amount the non-accompanying family members are entitled to for start-up costs.

Monthly Income Support and Special Allowances

Sponsors revise the monthly income support they provide from the family member's date of arrival so it is based on the RAP rates for the entire family.

Each family member arriving under the OYW is entitled to receive special allowances based on their needs.

THE PA IS NO LONGER IN THEIR SPONSORSHIP PERIOD AND IS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Start-Up Costs

Use the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{c} \$ \boxed{} \\ (A) \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \$ \boxed{} \\ (B) \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \$ \boxed{} \end{array}$$

- **Step 1:** Determine how much the entire family (PA and any family members who accompanied them initially plus the new arrivals) would have received for start-up costs based on the current RAP rates, if they had all arrived today (*A*)
- **Step 2:** Determine how much the original arrivals would have received for start-up costs based on the current RAP rates (*B*)

- **Step 3:** Calculate by subtracting $(A) - (B)$ for the amount the non-accompanying family members are entitled to for start-up costs.

Monthly Income Support and Special Allowances

Use the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{\$} & - & \boxed{\$} & = & \boxed{\$} \\ (A) & & (B) & & \end{array}$$

- **Step 1:** Determine how much the entire family (PA and any family members who accompanied them initially plus the new arrivals) would have received monthly based on the current RAP rates, if they had all arrived today (A)
- **Step 2:** Determine how much the original arrivals would have received monthly based on the current RAP rates (B)
- **Step 3:** Calculate by subtracting $(A) - (B)$ for the amount the non-accompanying family members are entitled to monthly.

Each family member arriving under the OYW is entitled to receive special allowances based on their needs.

THE PA IS EMPLOYED OR SELF-EMPLOYED AND IS NOT RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE SPONSORS

Start-Up Costs

Use the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{\$} & - & \boxed{\$} & = & \boxed{\$} \\ (A) & & (B) & & \end{array}$$

- **Step 1:** Determine how much the entire family (PA and any family members who accompanied them initially plus the new arrivals) would have received for start-up costs based on the current RAP rates, if they had all arrived today (A)
- **Step 2:** Determine how much the original arrivals would have received for start-up costs based on the current RAP rates (B)
- **Step 3:** Calculate by subtracting $(A) - (B)$ for the amount the non-accompanying family members are entitled to for start-up costs.

Monthly Income Support and Special Allowances

Use the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{\$} & - & \boxed{\$} & = & \boxed{\$} \\ (A) & & (B) & & \end{array}$$

- **Step 1:** Determine how much the entire family (PA and any family members who accompanied them initially plus the new arrivals) would have received monthly based on the current RAP rates, if they had all arrived today (A)
- **Step 2:** Determine how much the original arrivals would have received monthly based on the current RAP rates (B)
- **Step 3:** Calculate by subtracting $(A) - (B)$ for the amount the non-accompanying family members are entitled to monthly.

Each family member arriving under the OYW is entitled to receive special allowances based on their needs.

For information on how the PA's income (if they are still within their sponsorship period) may impact the 50% and 150% thresholds for deductions based on earned income and the monthly support sponsors provide to the non-accompanying family members, please [click here](#).

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & INFORMATION SESSIONS

Webinars in February 2021

How to Prepare a Successful Application Package under the PSR Program

Date: Tuesday February 16, 2021

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST

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

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

Date: Thursday February 18, 2021

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST

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

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

Date: Tuesday February 23, 2021

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST

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

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Thursday February 25, 2021

Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM EST

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

Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday February 20, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST

Registration: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Workshop on Month 13 (NS and NL)

Date: Monday February 22, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM AST

Registration: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

IRCC-PHAC

Information Session on COVID-19 Vaccines for Settlement and Resettlement Workers

IRCC and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) are hosting two public information sessions for frontline settlement and resettlement workers on Canada's vaccine roll-out plan and public health measures against COVID-19.

The sessions will include a brief presentation followed by a Q&A.

English and French

Date: Tuesday February 16, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Registration: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Send questions in advance to phac.hpc.stakeholders-partiesprenantes.cops.aspc@canada.ca by Friday February 12, 2021.

English

Date: Friday February 19, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST

Registration: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Send questions in advance to phac.hpc.stakeholders-partiesprenantes.cops.aspc@canada.ca by Monday February 15, 2021.



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