

RSTP Bulletin

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

Inquiries

You Asked

How much financial support are Groups of Five and Community Sponsors expected to provide to refugees sponsored under the Private Sponsorship Refugees (PSR) program?

Answer

When preparing an application, Groups of Five and Community Sponsors must use the [Sponsorship Cost Table](#) and the [In-Kind Deduction Table](#) to **estimate** how much money they need to provide to the refugees, along with the maximum amount for any deductions.

The amounts in the tables **are estimates only** and will be used by the Resettlement Operations Centre – Ottawa (ROC-O) when they assess the financial capacity of Groups of Five and Community Sponsors.

The amounts in the [Sponsorship Cost Table](#) are not the actual amount of money that the sponsors must provide to the refugees when they arrive in Canada.

The **actual** minimum level of financial support that sponsors must provide **on arrival** is based on the [Resettlement Assistance Program \(RAP\) rates](#).

The RAP rates consist of two components: 1) [Start-Up Costs](#) and 2) [Monthly Income Support](#). The Monthly Income Support component varies by province and the community of settlement.

The RSTP [Minimum Financial Support Calculator](#) can be used by Groups of Five and Community Sponsors to calculate the minimum level of financial support required on arrival based on the RAP rates.

You Asked

Is there anything Groups of Five and Community Sponsors need to consider when calculating the minimum level of financial support using the RAP rates?

Answer

When using the RAP rates, sponsors must consider the [age of majority](#) in the community of settlement.

Children that are over the age of majority on arrival (or who become so during the 12-month sponsorship period) must receive financial support as single adults.

Please [contact](#) your nearest RSTP Trainer if you have any questions on calculating the minimum level of financial support using the RAP rates, including on what in-kind deductions can be made in shared living situations.

Travel Resumption Resource Kit Updated!

The RSTP Travel Resumption Resource Kit for Refugee Sponsors has been updated to reflect the latest requirements.

The latest version (0.8) is available to download in **English** and **French** [here](#).

A summary of the changes is below:

- Updated to reflect change in timing of the second in-Canada test (Day 10 to Day 8).
- Resources section updated to include links to multi-language resources on the Day 8 test.
- Appendix B added (IRCC's responses sponsors' questions on the latest requirements).

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Workshop for CGs & Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday May 22, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](#)

Q&As for Groups of Five & Community Sponsors

The RAP Rates

Date: Tuesday May 25, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM EDT
Join Link: [Zoom](#)

Attend an Engagement Meeting with IRCC?

We want your feedback! Please take a few minutes to complete an online evaluation form by clicking the links below.

Your feedback is important to us so we can continue providing the best service to the refugee sponsorship community.

- [SAHs, CGs and Co-Sponsors](#)
- [Groups of Five and Community Sponsors](#)



Photo: UNHCR and partner staff distribute sanitary kits to Syrian refugees living at Darashakran camp in Erbil, Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

New Webinar for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors!

Post-Arrival Assurance Activities: What Groups of Five and Community Sponsors Need to Know

Date: Tuesday May 25, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Monthly Webinars

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Thursday May 27, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Workshop on the Responsibilities of Sponsors

Date: Sunday May 30, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM EDT
Join Link: [Zoom](#)

This workshop is open to SAHs, as well as their CGs and co-sponsors, Groups of Five and Community Sponsors.

5 people may attend in person in Saskatoon, SK.

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