

RSTP Bulletin

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



You Asked

What changes did the new Orders in Council make to the travel restrictions and the entry requirements?

Answer

The latest Orders in Council (OICs) came into effect on June 21, 2021. A summary of the relevant changes is below:

- Persons whose application for permanent residence was approved and have received written notice of approval can enter Canada.
- [As of July 05, 2021](#), fully vaccinated travellers who have [proof](#) that they received a [full series of accepted vaccines, or a combination of accepted vaccines](#), at least 14 days prior to entering Canada are exempted from the quarantine and the Day 8 testing requirements.

There are currently no exemptions for partially vaccinated travellers and fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada before July 05, 2021 still have to comply with the quarantine and Day 8 testing requirements. For more information, please [click here](#).

A new version of ArriveCAN will be released on July 05, 2021 that will enable travellers to provide their proof of vaccination, quarantine and travel information.

To read the OICs in full, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

You Asked

Will the changes to the travel restrictions

allow more sponsored refugees to enter Canada?

Answer

The changes will enable refugees sponsored under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) and the Government Assisted Refugees (GAR) programs to enter Canada if their application has been approved and they have a written notice of the approval.

Previously, only those persons whose permanent residence applications were approved on or before March 18, 2020 were able to enter Canada.

However, IRCC and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will only be able to arrange travel for sponsored refugees if all the below conditions are met:

- Conditions in the refugee's country of residence allow for internal travel considering any restrictions, lockdowns and curfews that may be in effect;
- Foreign government offices are open and can process/issue exit permits;
- Flights to Canada are available, including connecting flights;
- The IOM has the capacity to facilitate travel and deliver pre-departure services including the mandatory pre-departure COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the scheduled departure time; and,
- Canadian Visa Officers can access their offices, generate documents (i.e., Single Journey Travel Documents, visas and the Confirmation of Permanent Residence document) and transmit them to the IOM while respecting movement restrictions/lockdowns.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

New Monthly Webinar Series!

We are excited to announce that our new, revamped monthly webinar series starts in July!

The series will consist of 6 interactive webinars covering various stages in the PSR program from understanding the eligibility criteria for sponsors and applicants, to preparing a successful application, welcoming newcomers, and concluding a sponsorship period.

Participants will meet Aliyah and her sponsorship group and will embark on a sponsorship journey with them, learning about the requirements of the PSR program and gaining the necessary skills and knowledge to prepare a sponsorship application package, create a strong settlement plan, make necessary preparations for the post-arrival support, and assist sponsored newcomers with the transition to their independence.

Before You Apply to Sponsor

Date: Tuesday July 6, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Preparing a Settlement Plan

Date: Friday July 9, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Preparing a Successful Application

Date: Friday July 16, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

Date: Wednesday July 21, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Fulfilling Your Obligations through Assurance

Date: Tuesday July 27, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

Date: Thursday July 29, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Supporting Sponsors in Increasing Understanding and Relationships Between Newcomers and Indigenous Peoples

Date: Tuesday July 13, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Workshop for CGs & Co- Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday July 24, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)



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