

# RSTP Bulletin

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

## Inquiries

### 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 July 21, 2021.

A summary of the relevant changes introduced by the new OICs is below:

- As of August 09, 2021, the 3-night stay at the government authorized hotel will be eliminated for all travellers, including sponsored refugees. Those that do not meet the exemption for fully vaccinated travellers must still quarantine for a minimum of 14 days after arrival at their final destination and complete pre-arrival, on-arrival and Day 8 tests.
- Fully vaccinated travellers that meet all the [requirements](#) for the exemption continue to be exempt from the quarantine and the Day 8 test requirements and may not need an on-arrival test. However, they must still complete a pre-arrival test, submit a quarantine plan and may be randomly selected to complete an on-arrival test.

For further information on the changes, please [click here](#). To read the OICs in full, please click [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

### You Asked

#### What impact will these changes have on the arrivals of sponsored refugees?

### Answer

Sponsors that have already received a Notification of Arrival Transmission (NAT) for an arrival on or after August 09, 2021, with connecting domestic flights may receive revised NATs.

This is because the sponsored newcomers will be able to travel to their final destination earlier as they will not have to stay at the government authorized hotel for 3 nights whilst waiting for the results of their on-arrival test.

Where possible, any connecting domestic flights will be arranged for the same day. Newcomers with a next day connecting flight will be provided with accommodation, food and assistance during their overnight stay by an [IRCC funded service provider organization](#) (SPO).

If newcomers do not meet the exemption requirements for fully vaccinated travellers, sponsors should plan to transport the newcomers directly from their final destination to their place of quarantine. Sponsors are also still responsible for arranging suitable accommodation where the newcomers can quarantine for the minimum 14 days.

### You Asked

#### Is LifeLabs now responsible for testing in certain provinces and territories?

### Answer

LifeLabs is now responsible for the on-arrival and the Day 8 tests in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Yukon.

For information on the LifeLabs test kit, including multi-language resources on how to use the kit, details on how to arrange pick-up with FedEx and the list of drop-off locations, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

# UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

## Our New Monthly Webinar Series Continues!

We are excited to announce that our new 6-part interactive monthly webinar series continues in August!

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 arrival and providing post-arrival support, and assist sponsored newcomers with the transition to their independence.

### Before You Apply to Sponsor

**Date:** Tuesday August 10, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotoweinar.com\)](#)

### Preparing a Settlement Plan

**Date:** Friday August 13, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotoweinar.com\)](#)

### Preparing a Successful Application

**Date:** Tuesday August 17, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotoweinar.com\)](#)

### Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

**Date:** Friday August 20, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotoweinar.com\)](#)

### Fulfilling Your Obligations through Assurance

**Date:** Tuesday August 24, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotoweinar.com\)](#)

### Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

**Date:** Tuesday August 31, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotoweinar.com\)](#)

## Série de webinaires en français!

### Qui peut être parrainé en tant que réfugié? Qui peut parrainer des réfugiés?

**Date:** Mercredi 4 août 2021  
**Heure:** 19 h HAE  
**Inscription:** [Zoom](#)

### Les responsabilités des groupes qui parrainent des réfugiés

**Date:** Mercredi 11 août 2021  
**Heure:** 19 h HAE  
**Inscription:** [Zoom](#)

### Le dossier de demande de parrainage de réfugiés

**Date:** Mercredi 18 août 2021  
**Heure:** 19 h HAE  
**Inscription:** [Zoom](#)

### Se préparer pour réussir l'année de parrainage!

**Date:** Mercredi 25 août 2021  
**Heure:** 19 h HAE  
**Inscription:** [Zoom](#)

