

RSTP Bulletin

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

Information on the Special Programs for Afghan Nationals

Canada has announced the resettlement of 20,000 vulnerable Afghan nationals to Canada.

This will be done through:

- A special immigration program for Afghan nationals, and their families, who assisted the Government of Canada in Afghanistan; and,
- A special humanitarian program focused on resettling vulnerable Afghan refugees who are outside of Afghanistan and who do not have a durable solution in a third country.

Resettlement for the special humanitarian program for Afghan refugees outside of Afghanistan will be via the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) and the Government Assisted Refugees (GAR) programs.

Further information about the special programs can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Information about Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Please [contact your nearest RSTP Trainer](#) for information on how to sponsor Afghan refugees via the PSR program.

Please note that Afghan refugees being sponsored via the PSR program must meet all the eligibility and admissibility requirements of the program; there are currently no exemptions from any of the requirements.

Please visit the [Afghanistan hub on the RSTP website](#) for the latest updates from IRCC on the special programs.

Excluded Family Members Pilot Extended

The public policy pilot for excluded family members has been extended for an additional two years.

The pilot now ends on September 09, 2023.

The pilot program enables individuals to sponsor their spouse, partner or child that would otherwise be excluded from coming to Canada because they were not originally included on their application to become a permanent resident.

Further information about the pilot and the extension is available [here](#).

Applications under the pilot are submitted via the family class. Information about family class sponsorship is available [here](#).

As a reminder, Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs), along with their CGs and co-sponsors, Groups of Five and Community Sponsors must include the [Principal Applicant's family members](#) on the refugee sponsorship application (either as accompanying or non-accompanying), even if they are missing, presumed dead or in detention.

The consequences for not doing so are detailed [here](#).



Photo: Anoush Newman, the RSTP Trainer for Calgary, delivers a workshop on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program to sponsors. The workshop followed municipal and provincial guidelines and safety protocols for gatherings during the pandemic.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Workshop for CGs & Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday August 28, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT

Registration: [Zoom](#)

Monthly Webinar Series

Before You Apply to Sponsor

Date: Wednesday September 01, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Preparing a Settlement Plan

Date: Tuesday September 07, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Preparing a Successful Application

Date: Monday September 13, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

Date: Wednesday September 15, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Fulfilling Your Obligations through Assurance

Date: Tuesday September 21, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

Date: Tuesday September 28, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Webinars on Settlement Services

Settlement agencies will discuss how they are adapting to re-opening plans, what new programs have emerged during the pandemic, and how sponsors can connect newcomers with programs in their area. Find the full schedule [here!](#)

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island

Date: Thursday September 16, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ADT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Southern Ontario

Date: Friday September 17, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Greater Toronto Area

Date: Tuesday September 21, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Ottawa and Northern Ontario

Date: Wednesday September 22, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Manitoba

Date: Thursday September 23, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Saskatoon

Date: Friday September 24, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM CST

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)



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