

RSTP Bulletin

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

Inquiries

You Asked

Can sponsors be involved in more than one Group of Five?

Answer

Sponsors can be members of more than one Group of Five if they are able to demonstrate to IRCC that they have the financial and settlement capacity to do so.

If a sponsor is already sponsoring other refugees, they must include a cover letter with the new application they are submitting.

This cover letter must include:

- A list of sponsorships the sponsor is already involved in (this includes applications that are still being processed by IRCC and applications where the refugees have already arrived in Canada and are within their sponsorship period);
- Details of how much financial support they have contributed towards each sponsorship; and,
- An explanation on how they can provide financial and settlement support to all the refugees they are sponsoring.

You Asked

Do all Group of Five members need to live in the town or city where the refugee(s) will be living on arrival in Canada (i.e., the community of settlement)?

Answer

Each Group of Five member must live in or have a [representative](#) in the community of settlement in order to fulfill the residency requirements per [Section 153\(1\)\(a\) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations \(IRPR\)](#).

The representative being appointed must live in the community of settlement and is expected to help support the refugee(s) according to what was agreed between the Group of Five member and the representative.

However, the representative is not a party to the sponsorship (i.e., they do not sign the [Sponsorship Undertaking and Settlement Plan \[IMM 5670\]](#)) and do not have any formal sponsorship obligations or responsibilities to provide financial or settlement support.

The Group of Five member appointing the representative retains these obligations and responsibilities.

To appoint a representative in the community of settlement, the following forms and supporting documents must be submitted to ROC-O:

1. [Appointment of Representative\(s\) in Expected Community of Settlement \[IMM 5956\]](#); and,
2. A copy of a photo ID with the address of the representative (e.g., a driver's licence or provincial and territorial photo cards).

If the copy of the ID does not contain the address of the representative, then they must submit a copy of an additional document showing their residential address.

Further information on the residency requirements and appointing a representative is available [here](#) and [here](#).

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

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.

Saskatoon

Date: Friday September 24, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM CST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Metro Vancouver Area

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Calgary

Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM MDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ADT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Northern BC and Interior

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM PDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Edmonton and Northern Alberta

Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM MDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Date: Saturday September 25, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Monthly Webinar Series

Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

Date: Tuesday September 28, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Calculating Financial Support for One-Year Window Arrivals

Date: Friday October 01, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

NOUVELLE série de webinaires sur le parrainage de réfugiés: octobre 2021

Avant de présenter une demande de parrainage

Date: Mardi 5 oct. 2021
Heure: 15 h à 17 h (HAE)
Inscription: [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Préparer un plan d'établissement

Date: Jeudi 7 oct. 2021
Heure: 13 h à 15 h (HAE)
Inscription: [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

