

RSTP Bulletin

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

Adjustments to Canadian Border Measures

The Government of Canada has announced a series of adjustments to the current border measures, representing the beginning of a phased easing of travel restrictions (for some travelers).

As of February 28th at 12:01 AM EST, travellers arriving from any country who qualify as [fully vaccinated](#) will be randomly selected for arrival testing. Fully-vaccinated travellers selected will no longer need to quarantine while awaiting their Covid-19 test results.

Protected persons (refugee status) continue to be [eligible to enter Canada](#) and must ensure that they meet all Federal, Provincial and Territorial [entry requirements](#). We will post more updates regarding this matter as they are announced.

For a full list of adjustments to border measures, visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions>

Quarantine requirement details as of Feb 23/2022: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/isolation#exemptions>



You Asked

What happens if a principal applicant does not declare their family members?

Answer

When a person applies to become a permanent resident in Canada, they are required to declare all of their family members (spouse, common-law partner, dependent children, dependent child of a dependent child), even if they are not accompanying the principal applicant to Canada. A potential consequence of failing to do so (and therefore, not having the family

member(s) examined), is a lifetime bar on being able to be **reunited** with (under [OYW provision](#)) or **sponsor** that family member, as per paragraphs **117(9)(d)** and **125(1)(d)** of the [Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations](#).

These regulations were introduced in 2002 to combat misrepresentation based on the presumption that non-disclosure is motivated by the deliberate intention to deceive and to protect the health, safety and security of Canadians.

You Asked (follow-up question)

Can undeclared family member(s) come to Canada under the Pilot Project to Sponsor Undeclared Family Members ?

Answer

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration and other interested groups have expressed concerns related to the disproportionate impact of a lifetime ban, particularly on children. As a result, some exceptions to these regulations are provided under the [Pilot Project to Sponsor Undeclared Family Members](#) as of September 9th 2019.

While the Pilot Project allows family members in Canada to sponsor some of their undeclared family members, there are strict eligibility requirements and the continuation of this Pilot Project is not guaranteed. We encourage that all family members are declared by the principal applicant at the time of the application or as soon as there is a change in the family composition.

Currently, the Pilot Project is [open to new applicants or those where IRCC did not make a final decision before the public policy was announced](#) on September 9th 2019. Full details regarding the Pilot Project to Sponsor Undeclared Family Members, including eligibility requirements can be [found here](#).

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE TRAINING WEBINARS

Webinars for All Sponsors

The Refugees I Sponsored are Coming: NOW WHAT?

For more information, contact Helen Smith-McIntyre, at tel: 306-343-8303 or email: hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca.

Date: February 27, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM CST

Registration: [Zoom](#)

ASK-ME-ANYTHING about the PSR Program (For GTA Sponsors)

Bring your questions to this interactive session. If you wish to send your questions ahead of time, please drop them in the comment section while registering. For questions, please email Dawit Demoz at ddemoz@rstp.ca.

Date: February 28, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EST

Registration: [Zoom](#)

Exploring Post-Arrival Responsibilities: Focus on Mental Health

Learn how to better assist sponsored refugees with trauma/mental health issues; and, how and where to access trauma/mental health services in BC. For more information, please contact our RSTP BC trainer, Michelle Ndizeye at Tel: 604-283-9337 or Email: mndizeye@rstp.ca.

Date: March 02, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM PST

Registration: [Zoom](#)



Exploring Post-Arrival Responsibilities: Focus on Employment

Learn how to better assist sponsored refugees with employment; and, how and where to access employment services in BC. For more information, please contact our RSTP BC trainer, Michelle Ndizeye at Tel: 604-283-9337 or Email: mndizeye@rstp.ca.

Date: March 09, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM PST

Registration: [Zoom](#)

Webinars for Groups of 5 & Community Sponsors

G5/CS Post-Arrival Responsibilities Workshop

For more information, contact Helen Smith-McIntyre, at tel: 306-343-8303 or email: hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca.

Date: March 08, 2022

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Registration: [Zoom](#)

BVOR Special Event Series

International Women's Day – BVOR Special Series Event

During this special guest speaker event, we will be focusing on Women Leaders in refugee work. Our special guests will be announced soon. Please check back [here](#) for details.

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

Registration: [Zoom](#)

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