

RSTP Bulletin

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

Updates on Special Programs for Afghan Nationals

The Government of Canada remains firm in its commitment to welcome at least **40,000 refugees and vulnerable Afghans** to Canada. This will be done through several programs, including:

- a special immigration program for Afghans who assisted the Government of Canada and
- a humanitarian program.

As of January 25th, 2022, 2900 Government Assisted Refugees (GAR) have arrived under the Humanitarian program for Afghan Nationals and another 4,315 GAR's have arrived under the Special immigration program for Afghans who assisted the Government of Canada. Over 14,740 applications have been received in total thus far.

Please consult [this link](#) for additional details on Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan.



You Asked

Who carries out Refugee Status Determination in Turkey?

Answer

As of September 2018, UNHCR no longer conducts Refugee Status Determination procedures in Turkey. RSD determination is carried out by Turkey's [Directorate General of Migration Management](#) (DGMM), while UNHCR provides protection activities. Foreigners who would like to apply for international protection in Turkey shall approach the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMM) upon entry to the country.

There is no need to obtain a referral letter from UNHCR in Ankara in order to lodge an application. Should an asylum seeker experience difficulty or require any further information

related to their registration with the Turkish authorities, they may contact the DGMM and UNHCR via the following hotlines:

157 YIMER – DGMM Communication Centre for Foreigners

444 48 68 – UNHCR Counselling Line (UNHCR hours: 9 – 17:00 Monday-Thursday, 9- 16.00 on Fridays. Counselling is available in Arabic, Persian, Turkish and English. Counsellors speaking French, Urdu, Kurdish and Somali are available upon request.)

Visit the **UNHCR website on Turkey**: [HERE](#)

You Asked

Can RSTP verify the validity of an RSD document?

Answer

If the refugee is being sponsored by a Group of Five or a Community Sponsor, the refugee must include a copy of their refugee status document with the application package. The process of being recognized or accepted as a refugee, and being issued a refugee status document, is referred to as Refugee Status Determination (RSD). Asylum seeker or refugee claimant documents are not accepted as proof of refugee status for applications submitted by Groups of Five and Community Sponsors.

RSTP cannot advise on whether the **Refugee Status Determination (RSD)** documents will be accepted as proof of refugee status or not. Sponsors should speak to the principal applicant to check if they are recognized as a refugee before they submit their application.

Once an application is submitted, the final determination rests with the **Resettlement Operation Centre in Ottawa (ROC-O)** who will verify if it is a proof of refugee status recognition and if it is valid.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE TRAINING WEBINARS

Monthly Webinar Series



Session 1: Before you Apply to Sponsor

Date: Thursday February 3, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Session 2: Preparing a Settlement Plan

Date: Tuesday February 8, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Session 3: Preparing a Successful Application

Date: Thursday February 10, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Session 4: Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

Date: Wednesday February 16, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Webinars for Groups of 5 & Community Sponsors

Introduction to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees

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

Date: Sunday January 30, 2022
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM CST
Registration: [Zoom](https://www.rstp.ca/zoom)

French Language E-Training Course

Inscrivez-vous au cours en ligne d'Introduction au parrainage privé des réfugiés (IET101FR)!

L'inscription à la session 2022 de notre cours introductif de formation en ligne en français est désormais ouverte!

Le cours débute le lundi 10 janvier, et se poursuit jusqu'au 16 mars. Les participants qui réussiront le cours recevront un certificat d'achèvement.

La date limite d'inscription est le mercredi 3 février 2021, à 23 h 59 (HNE).

Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant en suivant les étapes énoncées sur cette page : <https://www.rstp.ca/fr/formation/formation-en-ligne/>

Pour toute question, écrivez à eformation@rstp.ca.

