

RSTP Bulletin

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

RSTP Website Update

In response to your requests, we have upgraded [our Financial FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\) page](#) for the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. These frequently asked questions will now appear in your search results when searching for specific topics.

South Africa Travel Restrictions

According to IRCC, refugees being resettled from South Africa and its surrounding countries are currently exempt from both [international and local travel restrictions resulting from the new variant of concern of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19, Omicron](#). Please note that this does not indicate the availability of flights, and that the validity of this information can change on short notice. We will share with you any new information from IRCC as soon as it becomes available.

Immigration Loans Program (ILP) Update

As of November 2021, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) have resumed recovery collection calls to immigration loan clients with delinquent accounts. If you have questions about your loan, or if you want to make a change of address and/or to share your email address to receive electronic statements of your account, or to make other payment plans, contact IRCC at: [1-800-667-7301](tel:1-800-667-7301) or visit [the ILP website](#) or the [Help Centre](#) for more information.



You Asked

We submitted our quarantine plan but have not received any travel plans. The [online application status tool](#) does not seem to provide any useful information.

Answer

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recommend that anyone who has not received any travel plans **three to four months after submitting a**

Quarantine Plan, should contact the ROC-O (Resettlement Operations Center – Ottawa) mailbox directly for this specific situation, indicating the date of your quarantine plan submission and dates of any other related communications you received. This is a more direct line of communication for sponsors, since calls to the IRCC Call Centre regarding this specific matter will be forwarded to ROC-O.

Contact ROC-O Mailbox at:

IRCC.INROCO-CORORI.IRCC@cic.gc.ca

You Asked

In the context of LGBTQ+ community members who would like to sponsor their partners under the family class of the PSR Program, what can they do if they do not and/or can not acquire common-law status?

Answer

According to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), in the context of LGBTQ+ applicants under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees program, conjugal relationships are recognized, so long as they meet their set of requirements.

The Principal Applicant can apply under the Common-Law category, and must include a cover letter including their sexual orientation, a description of their living situation, and an explanation of the reasons why they are not able to acquire common-law status or co-habit with their partner. For example, the couple may not be able to co-habit due to persecution or due to various kinds of penal control.

Conjugal relationships are assessed using a different set of standards from common-law relationships, therefore there is no minimum relationship length requirement.

For more information on assessing conjugal relationships, please visit the IRCC website at: [IRCC Assessing Conjugal Relationships](#)

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE TRAINING WEBINARS

Monthly Webinar Series

Session 1: Before you Apply to Sponsor

Date: Tuesday December 7, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Session 2: Preparing a Settlement Plan

Date: Thursday December 9, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Session 3: Preparing for a Successful Application

Date: Monday December 13, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Session 4: Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

Date: Wednesday December 15, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.rstp.ca/registration)

Webinars for Groups of 5 & Community Sponsors

Advanced: Preparing and Submitting a Group of 5 Application – Part 2

Hosted in partnership with the HMC Connections

Date: Tuesday December 7, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM EST
Registration: [Zoom](https://www.rstp.ca/zoom)



Post-Arrival Budget Calculation & Assurance Activities (G5 & CS)

Date: Wednesday December 8, 2021
Time: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST
Registration: [Zoom](https://www.rstp.ca/zoom)

Ask-Me-Anything about the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program – Live Q & A and workshop

Date: Wednesday December 9, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM EST
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.

