

RSTP Bulletin

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

Update on the Situation in Ukraine

We at RSTP have received many inquiries regarding the situation in Ukraine over the past two weeks. While it is still too early to tell whether individuals fleeing the Ukraine will be included in Canada's resettlement plans in future, Ukrainians are encouraged to apply through all immigration programs, where their applications will be prioritized and certain fees will be waived.

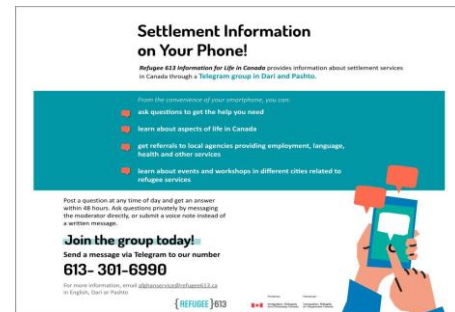
In the meantime, you can frequently check this information page on [immigration measures](#) in place to help people affected by the situation in Ukraine. According to a [news release issued by IRCC on March 3rd 2022](#), a **Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel** pathway will be made in the next week for all Ukrainians who want to come to Canada temporarily. This authorization may be extended for individuals to stay in Canada for at least two years, pending an initial background check and security screening.

According to Immigration Minister Sean Fraser, this measure is being created to provide Ukrainians with a "temporary safe haven during the Russian invasion and [will be] creating an expedited path to permanent residency for Ukrainians with family in Canada." We will share more details with you as Canada's response to the situation in Ukraine evolves.

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New Service for Dari and Pashto Speakers



Refugee 613 Information for life in Canada is a national Telegram group, a pilot project, funded by IRCC, to give Afghan newcomers complete and accurate information about life, events, opportunities and settlement services in Canada, to bring newcomers closer to the services that support their integration.

From the convenience of their phone, users can ask questions related to health, employment, language and other services, which will be answered by Refugee 613's expert moderator. Newcomers can also ask questions privately, by messaging the moderator directly. Refugee 613 are delivering this service in **Dari** and **Pashto**.

More than one hundred newcomers have already joined the group, and Refugee 613 are answering their questions and sharing news about child care, training opportunities, employment and other services, **Monday to Friday, 9 to 5 pm EST**. We invite you to promote it with your Dari-Pashto-speaking newcomers and sponsored refugees by sharing one of the posters below.

Click to Download:

[English Poster](#)

[Dari Poster](#)

[Pashto Poster](#)

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Monthly Webinars

Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

Date: March 14, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Fulfilling your Obligations through Assurance

Date: March 16, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

Date: March 30, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM MDT
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Workshop about the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR)

Q&A on Private Refugee Sponsorship: Preparing for Arrival

Description: Did you send in a quarantine plan? Are you expecting an arrival? Would you like a refresher on how to prepare for the sponsorship year? Ask your questions here.

Date: March 17, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)



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Workshops for G5/CS

Post-Arrival Financial Calculations

Date: March 22, 2022
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Post-Arrival Support on Mental Health (Southern Ontario)

Date: March 22, 2022
Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Attention Greater Toronto Area Sponsors: Webinar on Settlement Services & Re-opening Plans

RSTP, in collaboration with 4 settlement agencies in the Greater Toronto Area, is hosting a webinar on available settlement services and re-opening plans. The settlement agencies include:

- Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services
- CUIAS Immigrant Services
- Eritrean Canadian Community Centre

These agencies will discuss how they are adapting to provincial re-opening plans, what new programs and initiatives have emerged during the pandemic, and what sponsors need to know if they would like to connect sponsored newcomers with the settlement programs in their area.

Date: March 23, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)