

RSTP Bulletin

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

Inquiries

You Asked

The dependent child of a principal applicant (PA) was married after the sponsorship application was submitted. The application is still processing, what should we do?

Answer

If any dependent children on an application get married (or enter a common-law relationship) after the application is submitted, the applicant has a duty to report the marriage.

As a first step, we recommend that [you get in touch with the overseas visa office](#) responsible for the country the PA is in to inform them of this change in personal circumstance. It may be best to wait for the visa office's instructions before taking any next steps.

Children are only considered to be dependents if they are under the age of 22, not married and not in a common-law relationship. Once a child under the age of 22 is married, or is in a common-law relationship, they are no longer considered a dependent child (so long as the marriage is legal according to the laws of the place where it occurred; and complies with Canada's federal laws on marriage).

In such a case, the overseas visa office may ask them to submit a separate application or supplementary documents for the child who got

married (or entered a common-law relationship) to be able to assess them separately.

***Please note**, we strongly urge all applicants to disclose any change in personal circumstances after their application has been submitted. Applicants have a duty to report changes, failure to do so could have negative implications impacting the new family member's reunification process.

Overseas visa offices:

[Click here to see a list of visa offices by country](#)

BVOR Special Event Series (Starting February 16)

We're excited to kick off a special BVOR event series next week. The BVOR (Blended Visa-Office Referred) sponsorship program provides a chance for regular Canadians to get involved with refugee sponsorship. As such, we have selected a series of special topics that will be interesting and informative whether you're already involved in the refugee sponsorship space or are just starting your sponsorship journey. Early registration is open and encouraged, please keep an eye out for special guest announcements closer to each event date.

Please visit our website link below to see a list of event details and to pre-register.

www.rstp.ca/en/bvor/info

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WEBINARS

Monthly Webinar Series



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://gotowebinar.com)

Session 5: Fulfilling your Obligations through Assurance

Date: Tuesday February 22, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Session 6: Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

Date: Thursday February 24, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Webinars on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSR)

Q & A on Private Sponsorship: Applying for Sponsorship

Date: Friday February 11, 2022
Time: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM EST
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Q & A on Private Sponsorship: Applying for Sponsorship

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

BVOR Special Event Series

BVOR Special Series Kick-off – “What’s New in BVOR?”

Date: Wednesday February 16, 2022
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

International Women’s Day – Focusing on Women Leaders in Refugee Work

Date: March 16, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EST
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

