

Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

BULLETIN

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q. What is the current status of the Special Program for Sponsoring Afghan Refugees?

A. The special program to sponsor Afghan refugees without refugee status from the UNHCR or a foreign state is no longer accepting applications. The IRCC program has received the maximum number of applications and is full.



If you have already applied to the special program, IRCC will review and process the application. Information about the application process can be found in these guides:

- [Group of five](#)
- [Community Sponsor](#)

If there are any changes to your application – updated address, new telephone number or if the refugee moves – please inform IRCC as soon as possible. Information about how to contact IRCC is provided in the guides linked above. Other sponsorship options for Afghan refugees:

- If an applicant has been recognized as a refugee by UNHCR or a foreign state, a sponsorship application can be submitted by a Group of Five or Community Sponsors. Please visit the RSTP website – www.rstp.ca – for more information and training sessions for these types of applications.
- If an applicant has not been recognized as a refugee, alternative options should be taken into consideration

REFUGEE FAMILY REUNIFICATION IN CANADA CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, December 14th and Thursday, December 15th The TMU Centre for Immigration and Settlement is holding a conference that will bring together refugees from past and recent cohorts, refugee sponsors, settlement workers and service providers, researchers, and students to share insights from lived experiences, settlement practices, and research activities. Refugees will be invited to share their experiences related to family reunification to ensure that a broad range of knowledge is represented.

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IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE MENTAL HEALTH COURSE: JANUARY 2023

The Immigrant and Refugee Mental Health (IRMH) Course is a free, self-directed training that offers evidence-based information for service providers to provide better care and support to immigrants and refugees arriving in Canada. It is designed to provide an interactive experience where you can consult with field experts and connect with other service providers across Canada.

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SAFE: FOSTER COOPERATION FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO PROTECTION WEBINAR

SAFE is a three-year project co-funded by the European Union that aims at fostering the collaboration between stakeholders at a transnational level to develop and improve access to international protection through private sponsorship schemes (PSS) and complementary pathways (CP). The project partners highlighted as a common challenge the need to provide psychological support to refugees benefiting from private sponsorship schemes and complementary pathways. This webinar will be an opportunity for participants facing this issue to take the time to reflect and question their practices on how to improve the psychosocial support of beneficiaries both before departure and after arrival in the host country.

FOR REGISTRATION, PLEASE EMAIL VIA THIS LINK

UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS

CALCULATION MATTERS TWO PART SERIES

This workshop on calculating the sponsorship costs for Groups of Five (G5) will explore some of the complexities surrounding the minimum financial requirements which is one of the main reasons for G5 sponsorship applications to be returned/rejected by the IRCC. This is a two-part workshop where participants will learn about their legal liability and obligations, and they will also have an opportunity to use case examples to learn how to do their calculations together in groups. RSTP will also provide helpful tips during the workshop to ensure successful approval as G5 sponsors.

Date: Part one: December 12, 2022
Part two: December 14, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

PART ONE

PART TWO



OVERVIEW OF THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES PROGRAM (AMHARIC)

RSTP is hosting a webinar in Amharic, and we will provide an in-depth look at the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, including an overview of Canada's refugee sponsorship and resettlement programs, who can sponsor under the PSR program; the eligibility and admissibility requirements for refugees being sponsored under the PSR program; the importance of refugee status documents and who needs them; and, an overview of the application process.

Date: December 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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FILLING GROUP OF FIVE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FORMS

Save time and prevent returns, learn how to properly fill out the Group of Five Refugee Sponsorship forms and which documents to include.

Date: December 18, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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OVERVIEW OF THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES PROGRAM (ENGLISH)

This session will provide an in-depth look at the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program, including an overview of Canada's refugee sponsorship and resettlement programs; who can sponsor under the PSR program; the eligibility and admissibility requirements for refugees being sponsored under the PSR program; the importance of refugee status documents and who needs them; and, an overview of the application process.

Date: December 19, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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G5 SPONSORS- PREPARING A SETTLEMENT PLAN

This webinar is for new and experienced sponsors. We will provide an in-depth look at Who can sponsor, Who can be sponsored, who can be included in one application, and settlement requirements and supporting documents to sponsor refugees under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program.

Date: December 21, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Topics covered will include: Eligibility and admissibility requirements for refugees being sponsored; who can be included in one applications package Community Sponsorship Required Forms and Documents.

Date: December 22, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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