

BULLETIN

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q. Can resettled refugees travel outside of Canada before gaining citizenship?

The Canadian Counsel provides an elaborate answer to this question. People who arrive in Canada as refugees can travel outside Canada before they become Canadian citizens. However, they must be aware of certain conditions.

A. They need to have a Refugee Travel Document which can be used as a passport to travel to other countries (but not to the person's country of origin).

[Click here to apply for a Refugee Travel Document.](#)

Refugees may need a visa to enter other countries. Some countries which allow Canadians to enter visa-free may require a visa for refugees. They may need to contact the consulate or embassy of the country where they would like to travel to check visa requirements.

Q. Can they travel to their country of origin?

A. Refugees traveling to their country of origin may lose their refugee status or their refugee status could be ceased.

Canada offers protection to refugees because they have shown that they are in danger in their home country. However, the Canadian government has the right to remove someone's refugee status if it believes that the person accepted the protection of their home country by returning to the country or obtaining a passport from that country (known as "re-availment")

[Click here for more information on cessation of refugee status.](#)

The Canadian Council of Refugees provided this information & if you wish to read more on the matter [Click Here.](#)

MANAGING COMMUNITY INTEREST IN THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Four SAH representatives will share how they respond to the broader community's interest in the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. SAHs will briefly present their methods for selecting and managing new intakes of refugees and sponsors, such as need-based, lottery, waitlist, and online portals. In this session, you will be encouraged to share your experiences and explore the benefits and challenges of various selection methods.

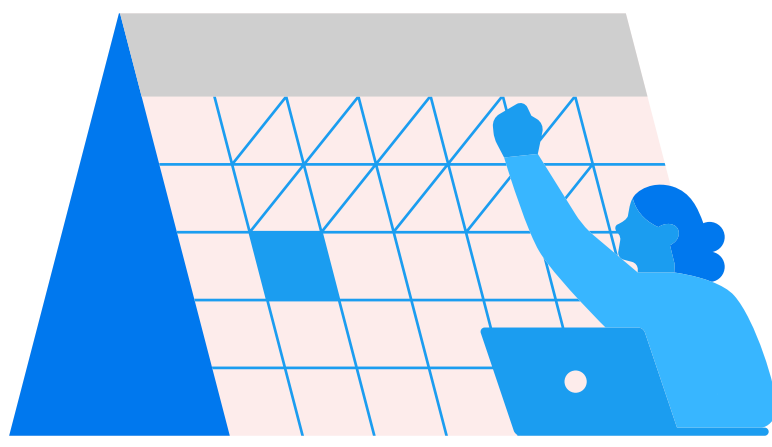
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REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

This project will train sponsors to manage complex issues and conflicts as well as receive immediate support, mediation and coaching from trained mediators, with the overall aim of reducing sponsorship breakdowns. The two-part training sessions include interactive exercises, role plays, and discussion. Participants will also receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of both sessions.

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BVOR 101 WEBINAR SESSION

For those interested in the **Blended Visa-Office Referred** Program, join us in learning about the process of matching with refugees, the roles and responsibilities of sponsors, and how to get started in forming your group to sponsor through the program.

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UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

Learn with our case study members as they find out what to include in their application package and the most common reasons for applications being returned and refused.

Date: January 16, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST
Virtually: via Zoom

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BVOR PRE-ARRIVAL ORIENTATION

For sponsors who have matched with refugees and are preparing for arrival. Covers information on calculating RAP rates, pre/post-arrival communication, and what to have ready for the first days after arrival.

Date: January 31, 2023
Time: 12:00 PM EST
Virtually: via Zoom

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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: January 23, 2023
Part two: January 25, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST
Virtually: via Zoom

[PART ONE](#)

[PART TWO](#)

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