

# Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

# BULLETIN

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

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Does ROC-O accept documents from EU countries that grant subsidiary protection under EU law as proof of refugee status for Groups of Five and Community Sponsor applications?

Subsidiary protection is granted to individuals who do not meet the definition of a refugee but would be at risk of serious harm (namely, the death penalty; torture or inhuman or degrading treatment; or violence in situations of international or non-international armed conflict) on return to their country of origin (see: Article 2 and Article 15 of EU Directive 2004/83/EC) (recognizing that individuals that have been granted subsidiary protection will most likely be considered as being locally integrated by Articles 26-29 of the Directive and not eligible for sponsorship to Canada).

### IRCC NOTICE: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INCREASES SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT HOLDERS

Canada continues to be a global leader in refugee resettlement and integration. Since the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program was launched over four decades ago, Canadians and permanent residents have come together to offer protection and a safe, permanent home for tens of thousands of refugees each year. Key to the program's success is over 130 organizations, known as sponsorship agreement holders (SAHs), who sponsor refugees year after year.

As the program continues to grow, so has the number of these community organizations that want to support refugees. In recognition of this growth, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced that the number of refugees SAHs could sponsor would increase to 13,500 in 2023. This represents a 10-fold increase from when the cap was introduced in 2012 or the addition of 12,150 spaces available to SAHs.

The additional cap spaces will allow new SAHs to get their operations off the ground while helping professional organizations continue to grow. These organizations manage all aspects of the sponsorship process, from identifying refugees and submitting applications to providing critical support to sponsored newcomers.

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### IRCC NOTICE: CANADA ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR IRANIAN TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

Effective March 1, 2023, specific measures will make it easier for Iranians who wish to extend their temporary status in Canada and to move between temporary streams, allowing Iranians to continue studying, working or visiting family by applying for a new permit from inside Canada.

An open work permit pathway will also be made available for Iranians already in Canada, and applications from Iranians in Canada will be processed on a priority basis.

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## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS/WORKSHOPS

### INFORMATION SESSION: THE REFUGEES I SPONSORED ARE COMING... NOW WHAT?

As a refugee sponsor, you have committed to fulfill certain obligations. Our trainer will teach you what you need to do and how so the newcomer has a good settlement experience.

Date: February 26th, 2023  
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM CST

Virtually: via Zoom

OR

In-person: 106 - 129 - 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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### THE INTRODUCTION TO THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES (IET101) E-TRAINING COURSE (FRENCH)

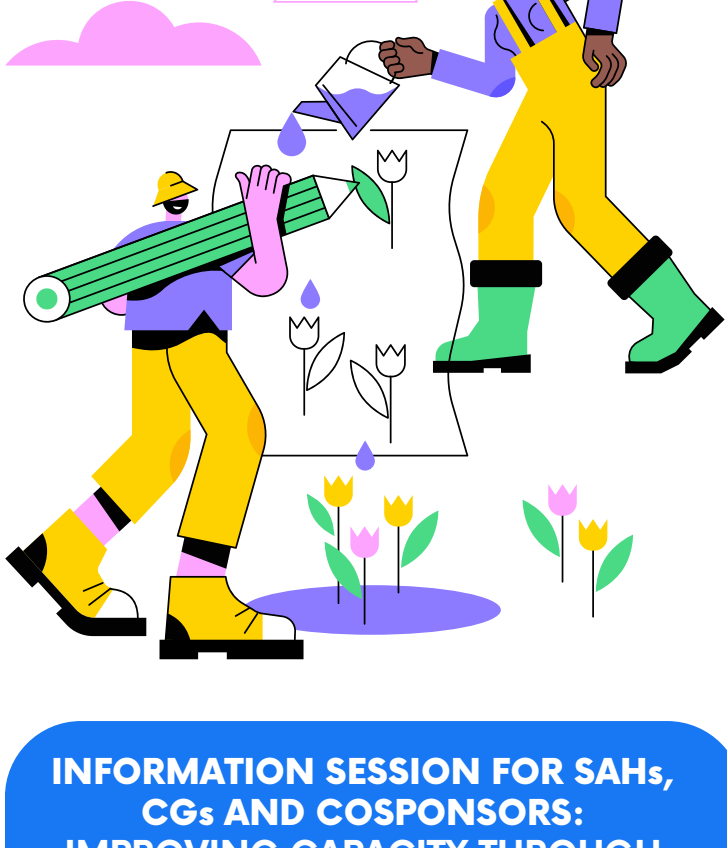
This introductory course is for those interested in learning about the private sponsorship of refugees.

In this course, you will learn about the different types of sponsoring groups, the Canadian immigration programs for refugee resettlement, refugee and sponsor eligibility requirements, the application process, settlement planning, calculating sponsorship cost, overseas processing, and post-arrival responsibilities.

Participants will also be able to engage with the course facilitator and other participants and enhance their learning by participating in weekly video chat sessions and discussion forums.

Date: February 27th to April 30th 2023

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### INFORMATION SESSION FOR SAHs, CGs AND COSPONSORS: IMPROVING CAPACITY THROUGH FACILITATED CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT AGENCIES

RSTP's Settlement Support Connection project matches sponsored newcomers with settlement professionals. We'll explain how this project works and how a settlement professional can complement the support that SAHs, CGs and Cosponsors provide – resulting in a shared workload and improved settlement outcomes for the newcomers.

Even if you already have a solid relationship with a local settlement agency, it may be helpful to learn how the project can help in cases of secondary migration, or if you are a national SAH with CGs and Cosponsors in other areas.

Date: February 27th, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM EST

Virtually: Via Zoom

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### INFORMATION SESSION ON BECOMING A SAH

This information session is specifically for organizations that have been incorporated for at least two years and intend to apply to become a SAH in 2023.

In this webinar, you will learn about the eligibility requirements, the application process, and the required supporting documents for applying to become a Sponsorship Agreement Holder. This information session will be repeated monthly.

Date: March 1st, 2023

Time: 8:30 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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### CONNECTING WITH SETTLEMENT AGENCIES

Are you interested in learning more about which settlement agencies are within the area?

Would you like to know what services these agencies offer for privately sponsored refugees and how they can be accessed?

Date: February 28th, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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### EXPLORING POST-ARRIVAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Are you interested in learning more about better assisting sponsored refugees with trauma/mental health issues or how and where to access trauma/mental health services in Ottawa?

Join our virtual session, where all these questions and more will be answered for the sake of you supporting a sponsored refugee to the best of your capabilities

Date: March 2nd, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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### FINANCIAL CALCULATIONS WORKSHOP FOR GROUPS OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

A workshop on calculating the sponsorship costs for Groups of Five (G5) and Community sponsors (CS) 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.

Date: March 7th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST

Location: Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Room 113 & 114 | 219 Argyle Avenue | Ottawa, K2P 2H4

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### HOW TO FILL OUT APPLICATION FORMS FOR GROUPS OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

With our trainer, you will understand what supporting documents must be included in each package and how to complete application forms for both the applicants and the sponsors.

Date: March 9th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST

Location: Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Room 113 & 114 | 219 Argyle Avenue | Ottawa, K2P 2H4

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BVOR WEBINAR

To recognize International Women's Day, join UNHCR's Melanie Gallant and Tereza Hadzic as we learn about Refugee Women worldwide and how you can help through the BVOR Program.

Date: March 10th, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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