

Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

BULLETIN

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q. When do sponsors need to provide maternity food, clothing, and newborn allowances during the sponsorship period?

A. Under the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP), specific allowances must be provided to newcomers that are pregnant or give birth during the sponsorship period.

The \$75 monthly maternity food allowance must be provided once the newcomer's pregnancy is confirmed until the end of the due date month or the end of the sponsorship period (whichever comes first).

The maternity food allowance is intended to cover food, vitamins and supplements for the pregnant newcomer. The maternity food allowance can be provided in addition to the standard dietary allowance of \$75 a month if the newcomer is eligible for both (i.e., they require a special diet due to a health condition).

The one-time \$200 maternity clothing allowance must be provided once the pregnancy is confirmed to assist with purchasing maternity clothing.

The one-time \$750 newborn allowance must be provided two months before the due date of the infant child. The newborn allowance must also be provided to newcomers with due dates up to two months after the sponsorship period ends.

The newborn allowance is issued per child; e.g., if the newcomer has twins, it would be given twice (a total of \$1500).

Please [click here to learn more about these and the other RAP allowances.](#)

BVOR PROFILE UPDATE

Two profiles have been added to the current list, which will be available until **Tuesday, January 31st** and can be put on hold through the BVOR Matching Database.

BVOR #23-0001

Country of Origin: Sudan

Family Size: 1

A single male, aged 26, from Sudan needs resettlement to Canada, and there is no recommended destination. He has some informal education, speaks Sudanese Arabic, and has work experience as a messenger and porter.

BVOR #23-0003

Country of Origin: Syria

Family Size: 3

A husband (26), wife (22), and daughter (3) have a recommended destination of Ottawa, ON. The PA and their wife have some elementary schooling and speak Syrian Arabic; the daughter has not started school yet. The PA has some work experience as a chef.

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UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS

BILINGUAL INFORMATION SESSION ON BECOMING A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT HOLDER

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.

Date: January 31st, 2023
Time: 1:30 PM EST
Virtually: via Zoom

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REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP 101

RSTP is taking you through the basics and fundamental understanding of Refugee Sponsorship. Whether you've been interested in sponsoring or looking to expand your knowledge, this session will equip you to move forward into your sponsorships.

Date: January 31st, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST
Location: Frances Morrison Central Library Theatre, 311 23rd St East, Saskatoon

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SPONSORING REFUGEES AS A GROUP OF FIVE OR COMMUNITY SPONSOR

Would you like to know more about sponsoring refugees as a Group of Five or a Community Sponsor?

Information session to learn about the application process, who would be included, application forms for sponsors and refugees

Date: February 1st, 2023
Time: 8:30 PM - 11:30 PM EST
Virtually: via Zoom

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BECOMING A SAH AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The SAH101 e-training course is a mandatory requirement for organizations who intend to apply to become a SAH in 2023 and have the following:

- been incorporated for at least two years,
- previous experience in private sponsorship and settlement of refugees,
- the financial and human capacity to sponsor multiple undertakings each year.

This course is designed to provide participants with essential information about the eligibility requirements, the SAH application process, the SAH Agreement, SAH financial and settlement responsibilities, and best practices for monitoring and working with constituent groups/co-sponsors.

Date: February 1st, 2023
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST
Virtually: via Zoom

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RSTP MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES IN FEBRUARY

The series consists of 6 live interactive webinars covering various stages in the PSR program, from understanding the eligibility criteria for sponsors and applicants to preparing a successful application, welcoming newcomers, and concluding a sponsorship period.

1. Before You Apply to Sponsor
2. Preparing a Settlement Plan
3. Preparing a Successful Application
4. Preparing for Arrival and Orientation
5. Fulfilling Your Obligations through Assurance
6. Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

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