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## Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

# BULLETIN

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

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



#### Question

If the Principal Applicant's (PA) family members are still inside their country of origin, do they need to be included in the application?

#### Answer

Yes! Any of the PA's family members that meet IRCC's definition of a family must be included on the application, even if the family members are still in their country of origin, they are in detention or their whereabouts are unknown.

If the PA's family members are not listed on the Sponsorship Undertaking form and the Generic Application Form for Canada [IMM 0008], their family reunification options will be limited in the future and they may not be able to reunite with the PA in Canada (either through the One-Year Window of Opportunity (QYW) or the family class).

If the PA's family members would like to travel with the PA to Canada (even if they are in different countries), they should be identified as 'accompanying' on the Sponsorship Undertaking form and the Generic Application Form for Canada [IMM 0008]. If the PA's family members are not able to travel with the PA to Canada (e.g., they are in detention, not able to leave the country or their whereabouts are unknown), they should be identified as 'non-accompanying' on these forms.

Only the PA on an application needs to meet the eligibility requirements of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program (i.e., needs to be outside their country of nationality/country of habitual residence, meet either the Convention Refugee Abroad or the Country of Asylum class definitions and demonstrate that they do not have a durable solution available to them).

The PA's family members only need to pass the admissibility screening (i.e., medical, security and criminal checks) and do not need to satisfy the eligibility requirements of the program.

**IMPORTANT:** Family members that meet IRCC's definition of a family must be identified on the forms or declared to IRCC before the PA departs for Canada.

### A MESSAGE OF STRENGTH AND COMPASSION: WISHING A HAPPY EASTER TO SAHS AND PSRS

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) and Private Sponsorship Groups (PSRs) for a happy Easter weekend.

We understand the challenges the pandemic has brought and commend your ongoing efforts to support and integrate newcomers to Canada despite these challenges.

We hope that this Easter brings renewed hope and optimism for a brighter future ahead.



### FINDING PEACE IN CONFLICT: THE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFERS FREE MEDIATION SERVICES FOR NEWCOMERS

Are you a volunteer sponsor (Community Sponsor, Group of Five) recently welcoming a newcomer or newcomer family to Canada?

The Neighbourhood Group Community Services offers **FREE**, confidential mediation services, available through phone or video calls and facilitated by an experienced community coach or mediator.

Our mediation services are designed to help you understand your own needs, anticipate the needs and actions of others, and learn practical ways to resolve conflicts.

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Ontario

[Ontario Community Mediation Coalition](#)

Saskatchewan

[Conflict Resolution Saskatchewan](#)

### STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST TRANSPORTATION RATES: RSTP FINANCIAL SUPPORT CALCULATOR UPDATED

The [RSTP Minimum Financial Support Calculator](#) has been updated to reflect recent changes to the transportation rates that came into effect in January 2023.

Sponsors are strongly advised to use the calculator to recalculate the amount provided to sponsored newcomers for transportation to reflect the latest rates.

## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS/WORKSHOPS

### CALCULATIONS MATTER! A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP FOR GROUPS OF FIVE

This training session focuses on accurately completing the undertaking and settlement plan (Form IMM5670) for sponsoring newcomers to Canada.

Participants will learn all necessary financial calculations, the use of the financial calculator, and the required financial forms.

This training is essential for settlement agencies and those sponsoring newcomers to ensure a successful transition.

Date: April 20th  
Time: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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## APRIL

RSTP MONTHLY WEBINAR

**11th** Preparing a Settlement Plan

**13th** Preparing a Successful Application

**18th** Preparing for Arrival and Orientation

**25th** Fulfilling Your Obligations through Assurance

**27th** Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year



### DISCOVERING BVOR: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BLENDED VISA OFFICE-REFERRED PROGRAM

This webinar provides an overview of the Blended Visa Office-Referral program for groups and individuals interested in sponsoring refugees and individuals interested in sponsoring refugees.

Participants will learn about eligibility requirements, the application process, and sponsor responsibilities.

This is a valuable resource for those seeking to positively impact the lives of refugees in Canada.

Date: May 3rd  
Time: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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