

BULLETIN

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ

Question

When a child over the age of majority is living in shared accommodation with the rest of their family, should sponsors always issue a separate cheque to the over-age child?

Answer

Newcomer children above the age of majority in the community of settlement are to be treated as single adults when calculating the minimum level of financial support using the [Resettlement Assistance Program \(RAP\) rates](#). This includes children that are above the age of majority at the time of their arrival in Canada and those who become of the age of majority during the sponsorship period. Under the RAP, the age of majority is standardized to 18 in all provinces.

In situations where a child over the age of majority is living in shared accommodation with the rest of their family, IRCC's preferred option is for sponsors to issue a separate cheque/e-transfer to the over-age child in their own name to support the autonomy of the child.

In some cases, financial support for the child over the age of majority can be issued to the head of the family (HOF) or another person, such as a guardian or a financial trustee in the case of a mentally incompetent adult.

Some factors that should be considered if the family wishes for the HOF to receive the cheques/e-transfers on behalf of the child over the age of majority include the following:

- Family wishes, including cultural considerations;
- The mental or physical health capacity of the dependent child who has reached the age of majority; and,
- Impacts with other government departments, such as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Please see Q.1 and Q.7 of the [FAQs on Post-Arrival Financial Support for PSRs](#) for further details on providing financial support to children that are over the age of majority.

CHANGING LIVES: EXAMINING RESETTLEMENT SUCCESS THROUGH PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES PROGRAM

Get Ready to Explore Successful Resettlement with Dr. Christopher Kyriakides!

Join us on **May 4th at 2:00 PM EDT** for an engaging virtual presentation and discussion with the Canada Research Chair holder in Citizenship, Social Justice, and Ethno-Racialisation at York University. Discover how different groups define success in the context of private sponsorship of refugees and learn about the obstacles that can arise. With research conducted on privately sponsored Syrian refugees and private sponsors, Dr. Kyriakides will present innovative strategies to ensure refugee well-being and integration. Don't miss out on this important and enlightening session!

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CANADA WELCOMES OVER 30,000 AFGHAN REFUGEES SINCE AUGUST 2021: GOVERNMENT ON TRACK TO RESETTLE 40,000 BY 2023

Canada has welcomed over 30,000 Afghan refugees since August 2021, as the government works towards resettling at least 40,000 Afghan nationals by the end of 2023.

The latest arrivals include Afghans who supported Canada's mission in Afghanistan, family members of former Afghan interpreters, and privately sponsored refugees.

Canada's humanitarian resettlement program is focused on resettling vulnerable Afghans, including women leaders, human rights defenders, religious minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, and journalists. The government is on track to meet its resettlement goal, but many Afghans still face risks in attempting to leave Afghanistan.

The government is working with international partners, including the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, and other countries in the region, to ensure the safe resettlement of Afghans in Canada.

The contributions of international organizations and Canadian partners, including resettlement service providers and municipalities, have made this achievement possible.

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UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS/WORKSHOPS

SECONDARY MIGRATION AND SELF-DESTINATION (BILINGUAL)

In this webinar, sponsoring groups will learn about their obligations and responsibilities when a sponsored newcomer decides to leave the intended community of settlement within the first 12 months of arrival (secondary migration) or go elsewhere when they first arrive in Canada (self-destination).

Date: April 26th
Time: 6:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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ASK ME ANYTHING ABOUT GROUP OF FIVE/COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

During this webinar, we encourage all participants to take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions about the program.

Our team can answer your queries if you're curious about the eligibility criteria or have questions about financial and settlement responsibilities. We understand that navigating the application process can be daunting, and we want to ensure that all participants understand the program and its requirements.

Our goal is to equip you with the knowledge and resources necessary to make informed decisions regarding your participation in the program.

So don't hesitate to ask any general questions that you may have - our team is here to help!

Date: April 27th
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM PDT

Virtually: via Zoom

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BUILDING BRIDGES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES PROGRAM WEBINAR

Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference in the lives of refugees?

Join us to learn about the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program and discover who can sponsor, who can be sponsored, and the responsibilities of sponsors. You'll gain valuable insights into how this program empowers refugees to build new lives in Canada and how you can play a vital role in making that happen.

Don't miss out on this informative and inspiring session!

Date: April 28th
Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom
In-person: 106 -129 - 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon

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APRIL
RSTP MONTHLY WEBINAR

25th Fulfilling Your Obligations through Assurance

27th Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year

AVOIDING COMMON MISTAKES WHEN PREPARING GROUP OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS APPLICATIONS

This informative and eye-opening session will delve into the intricacies of G5 & CS applications.

This session will go beyond the basics and explore the common mistakes that applicants make, the reasons for application returns, and the various factors that can cause delays in processing applications. You'll gain valuable insights into the myths surrounding G5 & CS and learn how to avoid potential pitfalls.

Our expert panel will discuss the nuances of the application process, highlight common errors that can lead to returned applications, and offer practical tips for a smooth and successful application.

This session is a must-attend to ensure you have the knowledge and tools to navigate the G5 & CS application process confidently.

Date: April 28th
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM PDT

Virtually: via Zoom

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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 - 4:30 PM EST

Virtually: via Zoom

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