

BULLETIN

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

GOVERNMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: ENHANCING INTEGRATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Canadian government, under the leadership of the Honourable **Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship**, is dedicated to supporting eligible newcomers for successful integration into the Canadian economy and communities.

In a recent announcement, a **five-year national funding call** for proposals has been launched, explicitly targeting private sponsors of refugees across Canada (excluding Quebec). This initiative emphasizes vital areas such as **truth and reconciliation, a pathway for French-speaking newcomers, and enhanced services for racialized communities and the 2SLGBTQI+ population**.

The government aims to deliver efficient services by harnessing technology and partnerships while maintaining high-quality support. Private sponsors, pivotal in the resettlement process, provide newcomers, including refugees, with language training, job placement assistance, and community connections, fostering successful integration and contributing to welcoming communities.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS](#)

ARE EXIT PERMITS BEING ISSUED IN ETHIOPIA?

Yes, exit permits are being issued in Ethiopia. All individuals being resettled must have an exit interview with the Ethiopian government to receive an exit permit.

The exit interview takes place in **Addis Ababa** and is scheduled based on the availability of appointments and the capacity of the Ethiopian government.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN AN EXIT PERMIT IN ETHIOPIA?

To receive an appointment for an exit interview, individuals must be registered with the **UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)** and the **Ethiopian government**. The registration of new asylum seekers with the Ethiopian government has been on hold since the beginning of the conflict in the **Tigray region**, but efforts are underway to restart the process.

The **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** provides support and assistance with the exit permit process, including advising on the requirements, the overall process and the interview. However, the IOM does not have control over the exit permit process, including when interviews are scheduled.

WHERE ARE THE EXIT INTERVIEWS HELD?

The exit interview takes place in **Addis Ababa**. Individuals who are outside of Addis Ababa require a travel permit issued by the Ethiopian government to travel for the interview. The IOM assists with the travel permit application, while the timeliness and decision to issue the permit is the responsibility of the Ethiopian government.

The decision to issue an exit permit following the exit interview is solely the responsibility of the Ethiopian government and is dependent on their capacity; the process is not under the control of UNHCR, the IOM or the Government of Canada.

IS THERE A POTENTIAL DURABLE SOLUTION FOR REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA IF THEY ARE MARRIED TO AN ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL?

Yes, a potential durable solution (local integration) exists in Ethiopia for refugees and asylum seekers that are married to an Ethiopian male husband, as Ethiopian law allows for the naturalization of the foreign spouse.



Ontario's Multilingual Healthcare Access: Fact Sheets for Inclusive Understanding

The **Ontario Ministry of Health and Ministry of Long-Term Care** has introduced a valuable resource to enhance healthcare awareness and accessibility in the province.

The **'Understanding Health Care in Ontario: Fact Sheets'** initiative aims to provide comprehensive information to a diverse population by offering materials translated into multiple languages.

These fact sheets are crucial for residents, ensuring they clearly understand Ontario's healthcare landscape. By making this information available in various languages, the ministries are addressing the needs of a multicultural and multilingual community, fostering inclusivity and bridging language barriers.

The fact sheets cover various topics, from **healthcare services and eligibility criteria** to **information on long-term care options**. This initiative empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their health and promotes equal access to healthcare resources for all residents, regardless of their linguistic background.

By prioritizing inclusivity and accessibility, the **Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Long-Term Care in Ontario** are taking significant steps toward creating a healthcare system that caters to the population's diverse needs, ultimately contributing to the well-being and understanding of all residents in the province.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE FACTS SHEETS](#)

UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

In order to facilitate sponsor interaction with this document, RSTP is extending an invitation to members of **Groups of Five and Community Sponsorships** to participate in one of the forthcoming webinars, available in both English and French. These webinars will focus on showcasing essential elements and offer sponsors a review of their post-arrival duties.

ENGLISH SESSIONS

November 29th

FRENCH SESSIONS

November 30th

THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND HERE

Arrivals

Departures

NOVEMBER MONTHLY WEBINARS

21st **PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION**

23rd **FULFILLING YOUR OBLIGATIONS THROUGH ASSURANCE**

29th **COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP YEAR**

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS](#)

EMPOWERING NEWCOMERS: INSIGHT FROM HELEN SMITH-MCINTYRE WORKSHOP SERIES

The Refugees I Sponsored are Coming – Now What (One Year Window Program):

Get ready to welcome the sponsored refugees by understanding the pre-arrival process. From logistics to cultural orientation, you'll learn how to create a supportive environment for their arrival.

After the Refugees Arrive in Month 13:

Discover the essential post-arrival responsibilities and strategies for effective integration during the first year of sponsorship. Empower the newcomers and foster their successful settlement.

NOTE: THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE CLB 4+ LEVEL.

Date: November 28th to December 12th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM CST

Hybrid Sessions

[REGISTER HERE](#)

DIGITAL PORTAL WALKTHROUGH FOR GROUPS OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

These sessions will provide a guided walkthrough of IRCC's digital intake portal

ENGLISH SESSIONS

November 21st

December 2nd

December 12th

FRENCH SESSIONS

November 28th

NEW FORMS AND GUIDES FOR GROUPS OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Discover IRCC's innovative PR Portal for Refugee Applications. Learn about the recent changes in application forms and guides through our dedicated training sessions for sponsors.

ENGLISH SESSIONS

November 22nd

FRENCH SESSIONS

December 5th