

# BULLETIN

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

## CAN A PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (PA) INCLUDE A MINOR CHILD THEY HAVE LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP OF ON THE SAME APPLICATION PACKAGE?

If the PA only has legal guardianship of the minor child (and the child has not been legally adopted), the child **cannot** be listed on the same application as the PA as they do not meet IRCC's definition of a family. However, the child can still be sponsored with the guardian as a **de facto dependent**.

As a de facto dependent, the minor child would be a PA on their own separate application package (i.e., they need a separate Sponsorship Undertaking, Settlement Plan, Sponsor Assessment, Generic Application Form for Canada, Schedule A and Schedule 2). The child's application can be linked to the guardian's application using the relevant sections of each Sponsorship Undertaking.

A cover letter **must** be included with both applications that identifies the child as a de facto dependent of the guardian. The letter should also explain the **emotional and/or financial dependency between them** (the test for de facto dependency) **and how the relationship formed, including information on the whereabouts of the parents**. A copy of the guardianship document should also be included with the application along with copies of any documents that establish the emotional and/or financial dependency.

## WHAT IF THE MINOR CHILD HAS BEEN LEGALLY ADOPTED BY THE PA?

If the child has been legally adopted by the PA, they **can** be included on the same application as the child meets IRCC's definition of a family.

Sponsors should select the **'child under the age of 22'** option when listing them in **Section B** of the Sponsorship Undertaking form. The PA should select the **'Adopted Child'** option when listing the child on the Generic Application Form for Canada.

A copy of the adoption certificate should be included with the application package, along with a cover letter explaining that the child has been legally adopted and the circumstances that led to the adoption.

## NOW AVAILABLE! REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW HUMANITARIAN PATHWAY FOR COLOMBIAN, HAITIAN AND VENEZUELAN FOREIGN NATIONALS

The requirements for the new humanitarian pathway for Colombian, Haitian and Venezuelan nationals with family in Canada have been published on [IRCC's website](#).

To be eligible, the foreign national must:

- Be a Colombian, Haitian or Venezuelan national;
- Be in Mexico, Central or South America, or the Caribbean;
- Be a spouse, common-law partner, child (regardless of age), grandchild, parent, grandparent or sibling of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is willing and eligible to support your application (an "anchor");
- Plan to live outside Quebec; and,
- Have a valid passport or eligible travel or identity document.

To be eligible as an "anchor" relative in Canada, individuals must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident, 18 years of age or older and reside in Canada (outside of Quebec).

**For further information about the requirements and how to apply, including the responsibilities of "anchor" relatives in Canada and the foreign nationals' eligibility for settlement services**

[CLICK HERE](#)

[THE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE PATHWAY IS AVAILABLE HERE](#)



## READER'S RECOMMENDATION

### UNLOCKING THE PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS: PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP'S ROLE IN REFUGEES LANDING HIGHER-SKILLED JOBS

In her article, **"Lessons from Canada: Private Sponsorship Can Help Refugees Land Higher-Skilled Jobs,"** **Claire Holba** explores the impactful role of private sponsorship in connecting refugees with meaningful employment. With insights from Canada's success, Holba highlights the potential for private sponsorship to fast-track economic self-sufficiency and integration into the U.S.

Holba reveals that, beyond housing and basic needs, private sponsors play a crucial role in helping refugees secure jobs aligned with their skills. The article cites Canadian research showing that refugees matched with private sponsors are more likely to land higher-skilled positions.

The U.S. Welcome Corps program, launched in 2023, mirrors this approach, emphasizing the importance of private sponsorship in creating robust pathways for refugees. Holba invites readers to delve into the article to discover how Canada's inclusive sponsorship model can inspire the U.S. to strengthen its Welcome Corps, fostering a brighter future for refugees seeking higher-skilled opportunities.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL ARTICLE](#)



## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

### HOW TO CALCULATE PSR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS: A GUIDE FOR GROUPS OF FIVE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Become a financial expert in refugee sponsorship with our webinar on PSR Financial Requirements. Learn the ropes of Sponsorship Costs, Minimum Financial Requirements, and Legal Obligations.

**Date:** December 5th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST

**Virtually:** Via Zoom

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### DÉCEMBRE WEBINAIRES MENSUELS

- 6th** AVANT DE PRÉSENTER UNE DEMANDE DE PARRAINAGE
- 7th** PRÉPARER UN PLAN D'ÉTABLISSEMENT
- 11th** AUGMENTEZ LES CHANCES DE SUCCÈS DE VOTRE DEMANDE
- 13th** SE PRÉPARER POUR L'ARRIVÉE ET L'ORIENTATION
- 19th** L'ACCOMPLISSEMENT DES OBLIGATIONS ET L'ASSURANCE
- 21st** CONCLURE UNE ANNÉE DE PARRAINAGE RÉUSSIE

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### BEFORE & AFTER ARRIVAL SPONSORS' RESPONSIBILITIES: A GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY SPONSORS & GROUPS OF FIVE

Designed for Community Sponsors & Groups of Five. Dive into the financial and settlement realms and discover how settlement agencies can be your allies.

**Date:** December 13th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST

**Virtually:** Via Zoom

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### UNLOCKING SUCCESS: G5/CS SPONSORS' POST-ARRIVAL RESPONSIBILITIES WORKSHOP

Navigate the post-arrival landscape with confidence! Our workshop, **"G5/CS Sponsors' Post-Arrival Responsibilities,"** offers deep insights into ethical considerations and successful resettlement strategies.

**Date:** December 14th, 2023

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM CST

**Virtually:** Via Zoom

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### 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

[December 2nd](#)

[December 12th](#)

### MASTERING FINANCES: G5/CS POST-ARRIVAL BUDGET CALCULATION WORKSHOP

Explore strategies for handling changes post-PSR application, ensuring newcomers receive recommended RAP Rates, and stay on top of assurance activities. Join us for financial empowerment!

**Date:** December 15th, 2023

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM CST

**Virtually:** Via Zoom

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### 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.

#### FRENCH SESSIONS

[December 5th](#)

