

BULLETIN

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



CAN THE GENERIC APPLICATION FORM FOR CANADA [IMM 0008] AND SCHEDULE A [IMM 5669] BE UPLOADED TO THE PR PORTAL?

No, the Generic Application Form for Canada [IMM 0008] and Schedule A [IMM 5669] must be completed online in the portal. All the sponsors' forms, along with the Schedule 2 [IMM 0008 Sch 2], must be uploaded to the portal.

Sponsors can input information into the IMM 0008 and IMM 5669 forms on behalf of the refugee(s) if they do not have access to the internet and/or a compatible device to access the portal. Alternatively, the application can be submitted to the Resettlement Operations Centre – Ottawa (ROC-O) by mail.

CAN THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (PA) BE UNINVITED TO AN APPLICATION IN THE PR PORTAL?

A PA cannot be removed from an application once they have accepted the invitation. This means that if the PA accepts the invitation and is not able to access the portal, sponsors will not have the ability to download the declaration and send it to the PA for signature.

If you encounter this issue, you will need to initiate a new application in the portal and not invite the PA to the application.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I NEED HELP OR SUPPORT WITH SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION VIA THE PR PORTAL?

You can call the toll-free RSTP Helpline (Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 7 PM EST) to speak to an RSTP Trainer if you need assistance or have questions about the PR Portal: 1-877-290-1701

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HONORING RESILIENCE, DIVERSITY, AND ACHIEVEMENT

Black History Month is a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for equality, justice, and equity. Let's stand in solidarity with Black communities, amplify their voices, and commit ourselves to dismantling systemic barriers and fostering a more inclusive society.

As sponsors, we can empower and uplift the next generation of leaders, change-makers, and trailblazers. Let's engage in meaningful conversations, share stories of resilience and triumph, and inspire a future where diversity is celebrated and everyone has the opportunity to thrive.



JOURNEYS BEYOND BORDERS

Dear sponsors, welcome to another enthralling segment of "Journey Beyond Borders." Today, let's immerse ourselves in the vibrant tapestry of India, a land where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with modern marvels, creating a cultural mosaic unlike any other.

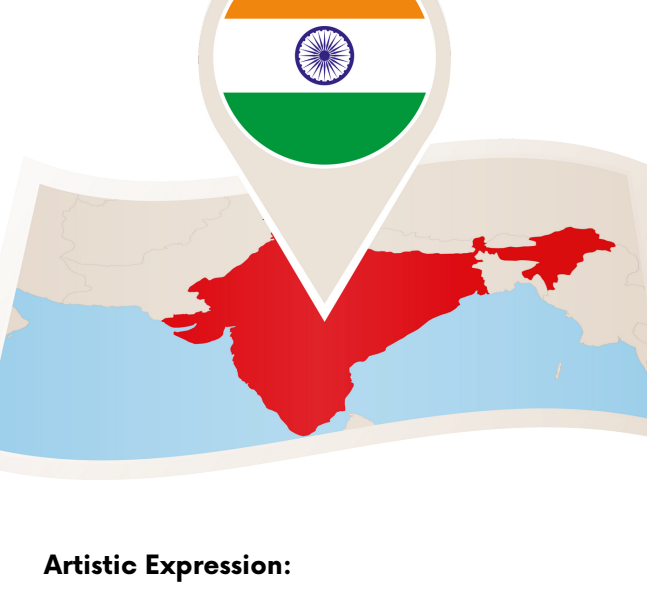
DISCOVER THE MARVELS OF INDIA

Location: Where East Meets West
India, often called the "Jewel of the East," is located in **South Asia**, boasting a history spanning thousands of years. India's geographical diversity is as vast as its cultural heritage, from the majestic **Himalayas** to the serene beaches of **Kerala**.

Rooted in Ancient Wisdom: The Cradle of Civilization

Did you know that India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world?

Its history dates back to the ancient **Indus Valley Civilization**, where early inhabitants thrived along the banks of the mighty river. Explore the echoes of ancient wisdom in every corner of this enchanting land.



Artistic Expression:
Where "Creativity Knows No Bounds," India's artistic heritage is as diverse as its people, with classical dance forms like **Bharatanatyam** and **Kathak**, mesmerizing classical music, and intricate handicrafts that showcase the country's rich cultural legacy. Imagine India's artistic tapestry's colours, sounds, and textures.



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, AND LET'S CONTINUE THIS CAPTIVATING JOURNEY TOGETHER!
India beckons us with its mesmerizing blend of history, culture, and natural beauty
What aspect of India's enchanting story resonates with you?

UPCOMING WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

EXCITING NEWS FOR WINNIPEG NEWCOMERS!

Join us for three sessions, which will be informative & dedicated to empowering newcomers in **Winnipeg**.

Discover valuable resources, gain insights from expert speakers, and connect with fellow newcomers as we explore essential topics for your settlement journey.

🔦 Session 1: "**Navigating Employment Opportunities**" Learn about job search strategies, resume writing tips, and employment services available to newcomers in Winnipeg.

🔦 Session 2: "**Accessing Mental Health Support**" Discover the range of mental health services tailored for newcomers, including counselling, support groups, and community resources.

🔦 Session 3: "**Exploring Newcomer Services**" Uncover the diverse support local organizations offer to support your settlement journey, from language classes to housing assistance.

Don't miss these valuable sessions to help you thrive in your new community. Register now and take the next step towards a successful settlement journey in Winnipeg.



FEBRUARY MONTHLY WEBINARS

- 13th** BEFORE YOU APPLY TO SPONSOR
- 15th** PREPARING A SETTLEMENT PLAN
- 20th** PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION
- 22nd** PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION
- 27th** FULFILLING YOUR OBLIGATIONS THROUGH ASSURANCE
- 29th** COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP YEAR

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

UNLOCK THE POWER OF PR PORTAL: UPCOMING LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS

Attention, compassionate sponsors and advocates! As we embrace the New Year, exciting changes are happening in the world of private refugee sponsorship. Starting **January 1st**, all sponsorship applications must be submitted via **PR Portal** or by **mail**. To ensure you're ready for this shift, we've got an array of training sessions lined up just for you!

PR PORTAL WALKTHROUGHS FOR GROUPS OF 5 AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

February 21st

EXPLORE PAST INSIGHTS

Missed our Fall training sessions?
No worries!
Dive into a treasure trove of knowledge by checking out recordings on our YouTube channel by clicking the icon below

