



The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

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News for Canada's Refugee Sponsors

April 9th, 2026

Info session: changes to the IFHP



Info session registration:

April 18 at 1-2 pm EDT - [Register](#)

April 21 at 3-4 pm EDT - [Register](#)

April 23 at 7-8 pm EDT - [Register](#)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced upcoming changes to the supplemental coverage under the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP). The changes will come into effect on May 1st, 2026.

Learn more at one of our upcoming info sessions in April. Please register to attend.

News and announcements



Quick Facts for Tax Season!

Sponsored refugees are required to file a tax return with the **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)** even if they have recently arrived in Canada and do not have any income.

The financial support provided by sponsors to newcomers sponsored under the **Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR)** and **Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR)** programs is considered to be a “gift” by the CRA and does not need to be reported as “income” on the tax return.

The financial support provided by IRCC to newcomers sponsored under the BVOR program is considered to be a “gift” by the CRA and is not considered to be taxable income. However, it must be reported to the CRA by including the **T5007 Statement of Benefits** received by the newcomer with their tax return.

[Find a free tax clinic](#)

National webinars (online)



Permanent Residence (PR) Portal walkthrough _

Tuesday,
April 14

2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

Webinar for SAHs, their
representatives and staff



Changes to the Interim Federal Health Care program

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Saturday,
April 18

2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

Webinar for all refugee sponsors
& refugee newcomers



Changes to the Interim Federal Health Care program

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Tuesday,
April 21

3:00 - 4:00 PM (EDT)

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Webinar for all refugee sponsors
& refugee newcomers



Addressing Secondary Migration: What sponsors need to know

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Wednesday,
April 22

6:00 - 7:30 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

Webinar for all refugee sponsors



Changes to the Interim Federal Health Care (IFHP) program

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Saturday,
April 23

7:00 - 8:00 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

Webinar for all refugee sponsors
& refugee newcomers



Understanding the new RAP rates: key changes & what you need to know

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Tuesday,
April 28

3:00 - 4:30 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

Webinar for all refugee sponsors



**Workshop for the
Constituent Groups and Co-
Sponsors of SAHs**

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Saturday,
April 25

12:00 - 2:00 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

**Webinar for the Constituent Groups
& Co-Sponsors of Sponsorship
Agreement Holders (SAHs)**



**Info session: Recognizing
& preventing scams and
fraud**

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Friday,
May 6

7:00 - 8:00 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

**Webinar for all refugee sponsors
& refugee newcomers**



**Pre-arrival services:
Preparing sponsored
refugees for their arrival to
Canada**

—
Wednesday,
May 8

1:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

[More info + register](#)

**Webinar for all refugee sponsors
& potential sponsors**

Regional webinars (online)

British Columbia



**Post-arrival responsibilities:
ethics & managing
expectations** —

Wednesday
April 15

11:00 - 1:00 PM (PDT)

[More info + register](#)

**Webinar for Groups of Five and
Community Sponsors**

British Columbia



**Post-arrival responsibilities:
IRCC Assurance activities** —

Wednesday,
April 22

11:00 - 1:00 PM (PDT)

[More info + register](#)

**Webinar for Groups of Five and
Community Sponsors**

MONTHLY PSR WEBINAR SERIES

RSTP's monthly webinars on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program are a 5-part series offered throughout the year. Register for the whole series or attend any individual webinar, it's up to you!

STARTING AT 4 PM (EDT) | APRIL 15, 2026



1

The Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program - what it is and how it works.

April 15 at 4:00 - 6:00 pm EDT [Register](#)

2

How to prepare a successful application package under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program.

April 16 at 4:00 - 6:00 pm EDT [Register](#)

3

Submitting a PSR Application Online – The PR Digital Portal.

April 21 at 4:00 - 6:00 pm EDT [Register](#)

4

Preparing for arrival and providing post-arrival support: Fulfilling requirements and practicing ethical considerations.

April 23 at 4:00 - 6:00 pm EDT [Register](#)

5

Preparing for and transitioning to month 13 (the end of the sponsorship).

April 29 at 4:00 - 6:00 pm EDT [Register](#)

Questions?

Email us at info@rstp.ca or
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(RSTP Helpline hours: Monday to Friday at 9 AM – 7 PM Eastern)

Thank you for taking the time to read through.

If you have feedback, questions or thoughts on what you'd like us to cover in upcoming newsletters
- we'd love to hear from you!

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