

RSTP Bulletin

May 4th, 2018

In light of **International Workers' Day**, RSTP would like to take the opportunity to stand with resettled refugees and acknowledge their contribution to Canadian society and the economy.



Resettled Refugees in Yukon

A LOOK BACK

- Total Syrian refugees resettled in YT from November, 2015 to June 30th, 2017: **20**



Population: **35,874**
(Statistics Canada - 2016)

Yukon	2016	January 2017 to December 2017
Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs)	0	0
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs)	5	5
Blended Visa Office Referred Refugees (BVORs)	10	0
Total Resettled Refugees	15	5

Source: [IRCC](#)

Support & Resources Available for Privately Sponsored Refugees in YT

SETTLEMENT

In Yukon, settlement services are offered at the [Multicultural Centre of the Yukon \(MCY\)](#) and [L'Association franco-yukonnaise \(AFY\)](#).

Services at MCY include:

- Counselling
- Introduction to the local community
- English classes (LINC Language Program)
- Orientation and information workshops
- Assistance with immediate settlement needs such as transportation, housing and education
- Referrals to doctors, dentists, lawyers and other services
- Assistance with a job search
- Interpreter/translation services

Settlement services for Francophones

[AFY](#) provides French language personalized service based on identified needs in downtown Whitehorse.

Supports at AFY include:

- Information about French education
- Job search
- Opening a bank account
- Finding housing
- Health services

HEALTH

Newcomers should register with Yukon healthcare services as soon as they arrive. Information on Yukon Health and Social Services can be found here: www.hss.gov.yk.ca.

EDUCATION

For information on education in the Yukon, visit the Yukon Department of Education Website: www.education.gov.yk.ca.

For credential assessment: Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials at: www.cicic.ca.

EMPLOYMENT

Working in Yukon: [A guide for foreign workers](#)

[An Essential Workbook for Newcomers](#)

Employment in Yukon: [Rights and Responsibilities](#)

For trade certification: www.red-seal.ca.

‘A bundle of belongings isn't the only thing a refugee brings to their new country...’

Refugees flee their homes in fear of persecution, often with few possessions and little hope for the future.

By resettling refugees through the various streams of refugee sponsorship, we offer them safety, security and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.



Nassim Al Kweyder, a Syrian refugee, resettled in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where he works as an upholsterer.

(Photo: Nicole Ireland-CBC)

RSTP WEBSITE UPDATE

- ★ [Country Condition Information](#) has been updated on the RSTP website.
- ★ If you want to learn more about:
 - The culture
 - The humanitarian situation
 - Persecuted populations and
 - The country of asylum
- ★ of the refugee or refugee family you are sponsoring, visit:
<http://www.rstp.ca/en/refugees/country-condition-information/>

Give refugees the chance to live without fear, to pursue their dreams and make a difference in their own way!

IRCC UPDATE

IRCC has updated the forms and guides for the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program.

The new forms are now available on the RSTP website, in English and French:

<http://www.rstp.ca/en/processing/the-refugee-sponsorship-application-forms/>

The new forms for SAHs:

- New Instruction Guides for SAHs [[IMM 5413](#)];
- Sponsorship Undertaking – Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) [[IMM 5373](#)];
- Settlement Plan – Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) [[IMM 5440](#)]; and
- Sponsor Assessment [[IMM 5492](#)].

The new forms for G5s:

- New Instruction Guides for G5s [[IMM 2200](#)];
- Sponsorship Undertaking and Settlement Plan – Groups of Five (G5) [[IMM 5670](#)];
- Sponsor Assessment [[IMM 5492](#)]; and
- Financial Profile [[IMM 5373B](#)].

The new forms for CSs:

- Guide for CSs to privately sponsor refugees [[IMM 2201](#)];
- Sponsorship Undertaking and Settlement Plan – Community Sponsor (CS) [[IMM 5663](#)];
- Sponsor Assessment [[IMM 5492](#)]; and
- Financial Profile [[IMM 5373B](#)].

Updated Optional forms:

- Appointment of Representative(s) in Expected Community of Settlement [[IMM 5956](#)]; and
- Request to Add Family Member to a Privately Sponsored Refugee Application [[IMM 5618](#)].

Stand with Refugees Resettled through the BVOR Program on

INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY!



The new forms for **Refugee Applicants:**

- New Instruction Guides for refugee applicants [[IMM 6000](#)]; and
- Schedule 2: Refugees outside Canada [[IMM 0008](#)].

New form and guide for **OYW applications:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/request-process-family-members-under-year-window-opportunity-provisions.html>

There is a **30 day grace period** for using the old forms and meeting the old requirements (with the exception of Schedule 2). The old versions of Schedule 2 will continue to be accepted until December 31st, 2018.



The 26th Governor General of Canada, Adrienne Clarkson, came to Canada at the age of two with her refugee parents in 1941.

(Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu, Rideau Hall)

Applications submitted after **June 01, 2018**, that do not use the new forms or adhere to the new requirements will be returned or refused.

Make Sure to Use the Latest Versions of the Application Forms!

Highlights from updated Guide of the PSR Program

Updates on Documents that G5 sponsors need to submit:

Criminal Record Check

- Each sponsor must submit a copy of a criminal record check (non-vulnerable sector check) issued within 6 months prior to the submission of their application to ROC-O.
- If there is a criminal conviction, applicable police and court documents showing the disposition of charges.

Updates on Documents that CS need to submit:

Criminal Record Check

- The CS Signing Authority and/or the individual co-sponsor and/or the organizational co-sponsor Signing Authority must submit a copy of a criminal record check (non-vulnerable sector check) issued within 6 months of their application submission to ROC-O.
- If any of the above sponsors has previous criminal convictions, submit copies of applicable court documents which show the disposition of the charges.

Available BVOR Profiles

138 Profiles in the RSTP Matching Database

These profiles include:

- Refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Vietnam.
- Low to medium medical/resettlement needs.
- The majority of cases do not have a preferred destination. Those that do prefer Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Calgary.

If you are interested, **log in to the RSTP Matching Database** with your username and password: cathcrosscultural.sharepoint.com/rstp

To mark **International Workers' Day**, sponsor through the BVOR program. Give refugees the chance to pursue their dreams and contribute to Canadian society!

Available BVOR Profiles Include

PROFILE #: 1028-03-18

Nationality: Eritrea

The PA is a 23 year old single woman with a young child. The PA would benefit from counselling services as well as the assistance of a sponsor during her resettlement in Canada.

PROFILE #: 1044-03-18

Nationality: Syria

This family of four includes two children. The PA and her spouse have experience working in a store. They have some education and no medical needs. This family cannot return to their home country as they fear for their safety. The PA would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during their resettlement in Canada.

PROFILE #: 1062-03-18

Nationality: Syria

This family of five consists of a widow and her four children. The oldest son has studied English.

PROFILE #: 1129-04-18

Nationality: Burma

The PA is 30 year old married man with two small children. The PA and spouse have experience as bible school teachers. They are survivors of torture and violence. They fear returning to Myanmar as they will be persecuted for leaving the country. The PA has family in Toronto and would like to resettle close to them.

Available JAS Profiles

JAS cases can only be sponsored by SAHs

We have **34 In-Canada JAS cases** available to be sponsored!

Including

PROFILE #: 1002-03-18

Location: Winnipeg, MB

Family composition: Syrian family of four: the PA, her spouse and two children.

Education: The PA and spouse have had informal education, and are illiterate in English and French.

Support needed: The family is having difficulty adjusting to life in Canada while attending medical appointments. The family requires educational, medical, psychological, financial and life skills coaching.

PROFILE #: 1108-04-18

Location: Kitchener, ON

Family composition: Burmese family of four. The principal applicant is a widow recently arrived in Canada with three children.

Support needed: The principal applicant has a nervous system disorder and requires psychological support/counseling. She needs help accessing resources; connecting with those who have raised children in Canada; and support with introducing the children to recreational activities.



This Syrian refugee family arrived Toronto on Dec. 18, 2015, in hope of a better future.

(Photo: Reuters)

For more information on JAS, VOR or BVOR program, contact our Refugee Resettlement Project Worker at bvor@rstp.ca or click on:

http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Blended-VOR-FAQ_2017-1-1.pdf

Upcoming RSTP Webinars

The PSR Program: Who Can Sponsor and Who Can be sponsored

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Topics covered: who can sponsor under the PSR program; who can be sponsored; refugee status documents: what are they and who needs them; and, an overview of sponsors' financial and settlement responsibilities under the PSR program.

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4286514640898607105>

The PSR Program: How to Prepare and Submit a Successful Application Package

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Topics covered: an overview of the application process; recent updates and changes to processing; who can be included on one application package; what supporting documents need to be included in the application package; completing the forms for Groups of Five; completing the forms for Community Sponsors; proof of funds requirements; and, completing the refugees' forms.

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3120475962572407553>

The PSR Program: Adding Dependents Post-Submission and Updating Applications

Date: Fri, May 18, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Topics covered: the importance of keeping IRCC up-to-date with any changes in circumstances; who to contact and when; and, how to add dependents post-submission.

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4510987636290506497>

For more information, please visit: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/>



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