



# Introduction to Resettlement

Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto  
(ORAT)



# Agenda

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Attending this session is NOT a guarantee that your application will be accepted by ORAT.



# About ORAT

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## About ORAT

- The Office for Refugees (ORAT) is a department of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.
- Offices Located at 830 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario (Bloor & Bathurst intersection)
- We are not an NGO or government agency.

## ORAT Funding

- How ORAT is funded?
  - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto
  - ShareLife
  - Donor Support
  - No Government Funding



# ORAT Services

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- Facilitate Resettlement
- Advocate for Refugees
- Provide referrals to government service providers
- Networking with refugee serving organizations
- Selection Missions



# ORAT Policies

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- Services provided without discrimination
- Privacy of client information is maintained
- Transparency is required from clients
- Accountability
- One (1) case per cosponsor family\*
- Every other year rule for cosponsors



# Refugee Streams

## Inland/At Port Refugee Claimants

A claimant may initiate a refugee claim by speaking to an officer from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), or Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) at a port of entry (POE); or at an inland IRCC office

## Overseas Resettlement

1. Government Assisted Refugees (GAR)
  - Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS)
  - Blended Visa Office Referral (BVOR)
2. Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR)
  - Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) (spots are required)
  - Groups of 5 (G5)
  - Community Sponsorship (CS)



# Other Immigration Options

## Non-Refugee Methods

- Express Entry
- Provincial Nominee
- Family Sponsorship
- Caregivers
- Health-Care Workers
- Start-Up Visa
- Self-Employed

## Refugee Methods

- Groups of 5 (G5)
- Community Sponsors (CS):

*Both streams require that the PA has a  
Refugee Recognition Certificate*

“Find out how to come to Canada”: [Immigrate to Canada - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada.html)



# Who may be sponsored?

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- A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their country of origin because of persecution, war or violence.
- A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.
- A refugee has a well-grounded fear that their life would be at risk upon return to their country of origin, and who have no durable solution in their country of asylum.
- For further information click on the following link: [Private sponsorship of refugees program - Canada.ca](#)







# Family Definition

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## Principal Applicant

The Principal Applicant (PA) meets the definition of a refugee.

## Family

Family members include the Principal Applicant and:

- their spouse or common-law partner
- their dependent children
- their spouse or common-law partner's dependent children
- dependent children of their dependent children (their grandchildren), and
- dependent children of their spouse or common-law partner's dependent children (their spouse or common-law partner's grandchildren)





# IRCC Criteria

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## Eligibility

The Principal Applicant (PA) meets the definition of a refugee.

## Credibility

The PA's story is truthful & credible, with sufficient detail and is consistently told.

For your story, consult the “[Guide to Building Your Narrative](#)” document.

## Admissibility

The PA does not pose a security or health risk to Canada.

## Adaptability

The PA demonstrates that they have the capacity to integrate to Canada.



# Process Steps at ORAT

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1. Cosponsor attends mandatory “Introduction to Resettlement” Info Session
  - a) Sponsorship Cost Calculator: Use the Sponsorship Cost Calculator to calculate finances. Click [here](#).
  - b) Sponsorship of Multiple Cases: Cosponsors who wish to sponsor more than 1 case need to send a request to the Director of ORAT at [oratcases@archtoronto.org](mailto:oratcases@archtoronto.org) explaining the reason why this request should be granted.
2. Cosponsor Submits Completed Forms from the Document Checklist to ORAT
  - a) Cosponsor to submit the completed Application forms to [oratcases@archtoronto.org](mailto:oratcases@archtoronto.org) within 10 business days. Click [here](#) for Document Checklist.
  - b) Click [here](#) for tutorials on how to complete the forms.

# Process Steps at ORAT ..... (cont'd)

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3. Cosponsor Deposits Funds with ORAT: ORAT schedules an appointment with the Cosponsor to deposit of the required funds
4. Case Review: ORAT undertakes case review and works with the Cosponsor regarding any edits that need to be done.
5. Portal Access: Should Case Processing require you to enter data into the portal, they will provide Cosponsors, PAs, and CG (where required) with Portal Access
  - a) Cosponsors, PAs and CGs (where needed) to input information from the Generic form (IMM0008) & Schedule A (IMM5669) form into the portal.
6. ORAT sign all required forms & uploads all remaining forms to the Portal
7. ORAT submits cases Immigration Canada (ROC-O)

# How to download the “Document Checklist”

1. Visit ORAT’s website at [www.orat.ca](http://www.orat.ca)
2. Go to the “Forms” tab
3. Click on the “Document Checklist”
4. Tutorials are included in the Document Checklist

## Important Note

If the forms do not open on your internet browser, please do the following:

1. Right click on the form;
2. Click “Save As” and save the document to your desktop/laptop; and
3. Go to the saved file and open it using Adobe Acrobat or any program that opens PDF files.



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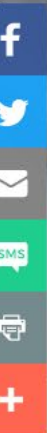
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## Forms

This page provides a list of the Office for Refugees forms, which are needed for private sponsorship applications:

### A. Getting started

1. [Document Checklist](#)
2. [Sponsor Assessment](#)
3. [Volunteer Kit for Constituent Group \(CG\) Members](#)
4. [Settlement Plan](#)
5. [Memorandum of Understanding](#)
6. [Generic Application Form for Canada](#)

# Document Checklist (Sample)

## Document Checklist

### Important Notes

- You must use the most current version of the Immigration (IMM) Forms, which can be accessed via the links provided in this document or by visiting Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website at: [Application for Refugee Sponsorship - Canada.ca](http://Application for Refugee Sponsorship - Canada.ca). From the drop-down list, please select "Sponsorship Agreement Holder".
- Use the exact spelling of the cosponsor and refugee's name as it appears on their passport (if available).
- For instructions on downloading IRCC forms, please click [here](#) and view the "How to Download Immigration Forms" tutorial.
- Save all completed Immigration Forms and scanned documents on a USB flash drive. Additionally, email them to yourself and your cosponsor/CG for safekeeping and to assist in preparing the refugee(s) for their interview with the Visa Office.
- Our Case Processing team will review your application and may request revisions to your forms. As such, always save a copy of the fillable/editable forms. If your working document is deleted and further revisions are required, you will need to complete the forms again.
- Every child age 22 or older must have a separate file, in which they are listed as a Principal Applicant.
- Please read the [Guide for Convention Refugees and Humanitarian-Protected Persons Abroad \(IMM6000\)](#) and [Guide 5413 - Sponsorship Agreement Holders to privately sponsor refugees](#). You may consult IRCC's website at: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca) or the RSTP website at: [www.rstp.ca](http://www.rstp.ca) (416.290.1700).
- Complete all forms electronically (typed). Handwritten forms will not be accepted.
- To assist you with completing the required documents, we have included a link to a video tutorial for each key document. Simply click on the link labeled "Tutorial" beside each form.
- Ensure all family members (i.e., spouse, dependent children) are included in the application, regardless of their current country of residence.
- **Full Disclosure Requirement:** Applicants must provide complete and honest information. Failure to submit full disclosure at the time of application to ORAT will result in the closure of your case.





# Funding Requirements

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## ORAT Funding

The Archdiocese of Toronto demonstrates its deep commitment to refugees by generously covering the entire operational expenses of ORAT.

## Acceptable Funds

Aside from the \$525 filing fee and the funds required by IRCC to support the refugee during their 1st year of arrival to Canada, ORAT (and its representatives) do not ask for additional monies to be paid for processing a sponsorship application. No donation to the church or to this Office is asked for or is required.

## Immigration Lawyers

ORAT does not require cosponsors to obtain the services of an Immigration Lawyer/ Licensed Immigration Consultant. If you find it helpful, you may choose to secure the paid services of an Immigration Lawyer/Consultant, but this is not required.



# Financial Liability: Cost Table & RAP

| Family Size                                                                                                | Estimated Sponsorship Cost<br>Assumes a 3 Year Average Processing Time Between Submission and Arrival |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1                                                                                                          | \$ 23,000                                                                                             | <p><b>Dependent Adults:</b> Due to ~3-year processing times, any unmarried child aged 15–21 when the application is submitted will likely be classified by IRCC as a dependent adult (age 18+ at arrival). Although included on the same form as the core family, dependent adults trigger a higher financial requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base cost = number of non-dependent family members only</li> <li>• Plus, full additional adult amount for each dependent adult</li> </ul> <p><b>Example</b><br/>Father, mother, child age 12, child age 18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base: family of 3 → \$34,400</li> <li>• 1 dependent adult → +\$23,000</li> <li>• Total required: \$57,400 (not the family-of-4 rate of \$36,700)</li> </ul> <p><b>Seniors:</b> When sponsoring a senior(s) (age 62 or older) you will be asked to deposit additional funds, in accordance with RAP policy.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If, at or prior to the time of arrival, financial liabilities (RAP Rates) are higher than the estimated figures presented herein, cosponsors will be required to deposit additional funds with the Archdiocese of Toronto.</p> |
| 2                                                                                                          | \$ 32,100                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3                                                                                                          | \$ 34,400                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4                                                                                                          | \$ 36,700                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5                                                                                                          | \$ 39,000                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6                                                                                                          | \$ 41,700                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7 or more, for each additional member, add                                                                 | \$1,500                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Please be aware that it is illegal to cover the financial liability with funds obtained from the refugees. |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



# Covering Medical Needs for Refugees

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- While newcomers to Canada receive health care coverage from federal and provincial programs, like the Interim Federal Health Program (IFH) and the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), cosponsors are required to cover any medical costs not covered by these government programs.
- Special attention should be paid to newcomers with critical health issues (e.g. dental, vision, chronic diseases etc.).
- You may want to consider obtaining supplemental health insurance in advance of your refugee's arrival to Canada.

# Constituent Groups (CG)

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## What is a CG?

- A CG is a group authorized by a SAH to sponsor refugees under the Sponsorship Agreement. A CG consists of volunteers (3-5 individuals) who form a refugee committee and are usually associated with a faith group (e.g., Church) or community group. Members volunteer their time and resources necessary to undertake this work.

## Why is a CG required?

- CGs provide assistance to cosponsor re: the logistical elements of resettlement (e.g. housing, setting up a bank account, arranging for a family doctor etc.)
- To intervene when a sponsorship breakdown is inevitable.

# Monitoring of Newcomers

## Monitoring

- IRCC monitors refugees to ensure that sponsors are fulfilling their financial and non-financial responsibilities, including registration with a settlement agency (e.g., Catholic Cross-Cultural Services (CCS), YMCA, etc.), and access to settlement services provided by the agency.
- As part of monitoring efforts, IRCC pro-actively interviews newcomers. The monitoring process is being done through email surveys and telephone calls (with translators).
- SAHs, CGs and cosponsors are not notified by IRCC unless a support gap has been identified.
- All parties should take increased care to ensure that IRCC's rules are being followed.
- Principal Applicants have the right to either accept or decline the interview.
- All settlement support is to be well documented. Avoid cash disbursements.



# Conclusion

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If the refugee, you are planning to sponsor is eligible for resettlement;

Then cosponsors are required to...

- Have 100% of the necessary funds to cover the cost of sponsorship;
- Be prepared to cover any medical costs that are not covered by IFH or OHIP; and
- Complete all immigration forms in a timely manner.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

# For more info....

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- [ORAT Newsletter](#) (attendees to be included on mailing list)
- [Facebook](#)
- ORAT website: [www.orat.ca](http://www.orat.ca)
- Information Sessions: Click [here](#) to watch pre-recorded info sessions
- [Refugee Sponsorship Training Program \(RSTP\)](#): Click here to register for RSTP webinars
- Immigration Canada: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)