

Introduction to Resettlement

Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto
(ORAT)



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Archdiocese of Toronto

Agenda

- ORAT Services and Policies
- Different Immigration Streams
- ORAT Steps
- Financial Requirements

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



ORAT Services

- Facilitating resettlement
- Advocating for refugees
- Referrals to service providers
- Networking
- Selection Missions (Catholics Without Borders)



ORAT Policies

- Services provided to everyone in need
- Funding for ORAT provided by the Archdiocese and ShareLife
- Confidentiality
- Transparency
- Accountability



Refugee Streams

Inland/At Port Refugee Claimants

Claimant initiates a refugee claim at port of entry (POE) or at an inland office (IRCC)

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)

Who can be resettled?

Definition

- A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country 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.
- Refugees whose lives would be at risk upon return to their country of origin and have no other durable solution in their country of asylum.



IRCC Criteria

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.

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.



How to sponsor through ORAT

1. Cosponsor attends the “Introduction to Resettlement” Session
2. Cosponsor completes the “Document Checklist” which includes Immigration Forms
3. Cosponsor submits forms to Case Processing Assistant
4. ORAT prepares the file for Archdiocese of Toronto’s approval
5. ORAT submits case to Immigration Canada (IRCC)

Attend all Information Sessions

www.orat.Eventbrite.ca

1. IRCC Processing Time
2. General Integration Training
3. Budgeting and Finance
4. Pre-Arrival
5. Welcome Orientation (with newcomers)



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How to download the “Document checklist”

1. Visit ORAT’s website <https://www.archtoronto.org/refugee>
2. Go to the “Forms” tab
3. Click on the “Document checklist”





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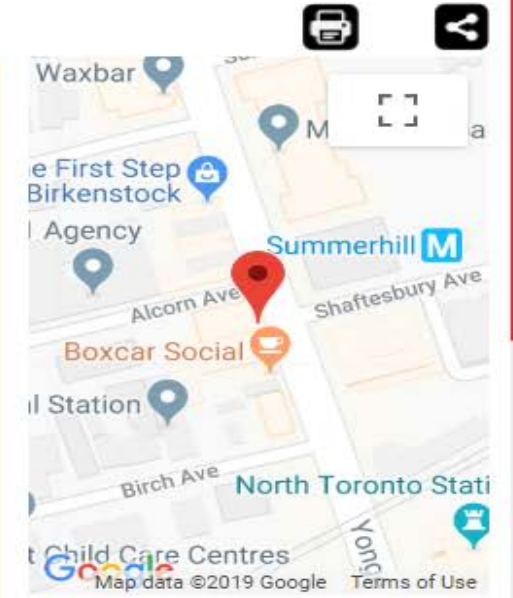
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This page provides a list of the Office for Refugees forms, which are needed for civic resettlement (private sponsorship) private sponsorship applications:

A. Getting started

- [1. Sponsorship Steps at ORAT](#)
- [2. Document Checklist](#)
- [3. Pastor Sponsor Assessment](#)
- [4. Cosponsor Sponsor Assessment](#)
- [5. Volunteer Kit for Constituent Group \(CG\) Members](#)
- [6. Settlement Plan](#)
- [7. Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [8. Generic Application Form for Canada](#)
- [9. Additional Dependents/ Declaration](#)
- [10. Schedule A Background/ Declaration](#)
- [11. Schedule 2](#)
- [12. Financial Guidelines 2020](#)
- [13. Confidentiality Declaration - CG Volunteers](#)
- [14. Request for Refugee Profile at ORAT](#)



Document Checklist

Issued by: _____ on (DD-MMM-YY) _____
 Cosponsor Name: _____ Constituent Group (CG): _____
 Refugee Name: _____ + family; all together _____ person(s)
 Deadline: _____ 15 business days from the day you receive this checklist.

- Please use the latest version of the immigration (IMM) forms. Use links provided in the checklist or go to the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's ("IRCC") website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/application-refugee-sponsorship.html>.
- Use the spelling of the cosponsor's and refugee's name that is provided on their passport (if available).
- Save all your completed immigration forms and scanned documents on a USB flash drive and email them to yourself and your cosponsor/CG for safe keeping, and for preparing the refugee(s) for the interview with the Visa Office.
- Every child that is age 22 or older must have a separate file as a Principal Applicant.
- Please read the [principal applicant's instruction guide \(IMM6000\)](#) and [the sponsor's instruction guide \(IMM5413\)](#). You may consult IRCC's website at: www.cic.gc.ca or the RSTP website at: www.rstp.ca (416.290.1700).
- Make sure forms are completed electronically (typed) as handwritten forms will not be accepted.
- Ensure all family members (i.e., spouse, dependent children) are included in the application regardless of their current country of residence.
**Full disclosure is absolutely necessary. In the event that full disclosure is not provided at the time that the application is submitted to ORAT, your case will be rejected/withdrawn.*
- Submit the completed and signed application to ORAT by email at oratcases@archtoronto.org. After reviewing your application, a Resettlement Assistant from ORAT will arrange to meet with you, where you will be asked to submit the filing fee and the cheque for the full settlement funds.

Jointly from the Constituent Group (CG) and cosponsor:

Check when completed

1. Before completing any forms please read [the sponsor's instruction guide \(IMM5413\)](#).
2. Complete and sign [Undertaking Form \(IMM 5373\)](#).
3. Pastor or CG Rep to complete and sign the [Sponsor Assessment Form \(IMM 5492\)](#).

Important Notes

ORAT Funding

The Archdiocese, because of its care and concern for refugees, funds 100% of the cost of operating ORAT.

Acceptable Funds

Aside from the \$250 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 you to obtain the services of an Immigration Lawyer/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 amounts	for cases submitted in 2020 (Expected 2022 Arrival)
1	\$18,300	<p><u>Financial Deposit:</u> For cases that have dependent children 16 years of age or older but under the age of 22 at the time of submission to IRCC, each dependent child will be treated as an individual rather than as part of a family unit. <u>\$18,300</u> is required for each dependent child. Please adjust the financial requirement for the <u>remaining</u> members of the family accordingly.</p>
2	\$27,500	
3	\$29,600	
4	\$31,800	
5	\$34,000	
6	\$35,500	
7 or more, for each additional member, add	\$1,500	<p><u>Immigration Forms:</u> Any family with dependent children 16 years of age or older but under the age of 22 will be treated as one case.</p>

*By the time of arrival, if the financial liabilities are higher than the current numbers, it is the responsibility of cosponsors to provide any additional funds.

** If you are sponsoring seniors (age 60 or older) you may be requested to deposit additional funds given the higher RAP Rates .

***Please be aware that it is illegal to cover the financial liability by funds from refugees.



Covering medical needs for refugees

- While newcomers to Canada receive health care coverage from federal and provincial programs, like IFH and OHIP, cosponsors are responsible to cover any medical costs not covered by the 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.



Moral Sponsorship and Constituent Groups (CG)

What is a CG?

- A group of volunteers (5 or more individuals) who form a refugee committee and are part of a church within the Archdiocese of Toronto. Members are able to dedicate the time and resources necessary to undertake this work.

Why is a CG required?

- To assist the cosponsor with the logistical elements of resettlement (e.g. housing, setting up a bank account, in arranging for a family doctor etc.)
- To intervene when sponsorship breakdown is inevitable.



Increased Monitoring by IRCC

- IRCC has increased its monitoring of refugee cases to ensure that all stakeholders are fulfilling their obligations and responsibilities. As part of IRCC's monitoring efforts, IRCC has been arranging to interview newcomers.
- They are doing this without notifying the SAH, CG or cosponsor.
- All parties should take increased care to ensure that IRCC's updated rules are being followed.
- Principal Applicants have the right to either accept or decline the interview.



Other immigration options to help refugees

Non-Refugee Methods

- Family Sponsorship
- Skilled Immigrants
- Provincial Nominee
- Start-Up Visa
- Self Employed Options
- Referral

Refugee Methods

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

Both methods have special criteria that must be satisfied.

“Find out how to come to Canada”: www.cic.gc.ca



Conclusion

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

Then cosponsors must...

- Have the required funds;
- Guarantee to cover any medical costs that are not covered by IFH or OHIP; and
- Complete all immigration forms

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

For more info....

- ORAT Newsletter by email
- Facebook
- ORAT website: www.archtoronto.org/refugee
- Eventbrite: www.orat.eventbrite.ca
- Immigration Canada: www.cic.gc.ca
- Refugee Sponsorship Training Program: www.rstp.ca