

Welcome Orientation for Newcomers

Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto
(ORAT)



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Agenda

- About ORAT
- Source of Financial Support
- Newcomer Rights and Responsibilities
- Traveling Outside of Canada
- Sponsor Support
- Conflict
- Important Documents



About the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)

About ORAT

- ORAT is a department of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.
- We are not an NGO or government agency.

ORAT Funding

- How ORAT is funded?
 - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto
 - ShareLife agency
 - Donor support
 - No government funding

Where is your financial support coming from?

Family Linked Case

Your support comes from your sponsor, and/or other family members, and/or friends.

Non-Family Linked Case

Your support comes from the Catholic Church, through monies that have been donated from parishioners, or from community groups that have donated monies in support of your settlement

Funds for your settlement are not coming from the government or from other sources



Newcomer Rights

Permanent Resident

- Fully protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Restrictions

- Vote or run for political office;
- Apply for certain government jobs that require a high-level security clearance; and
- Obtain a Canadian passport

Settlement Support

- Your sponsor has committed to providing you with financial and settlement support



Newcomer Responsibilities

Integration

Take active steps towards integration to Canadian life

- Language Training;
- Employment Counselling; and
- Securing Employment.

Abide by the law & customs and traditions of the society

- Democratic system
- Freedom of religion
- Equality of women & gender roles
- Family dispute and treatment of children
- Sexual orientation

Committing serious offence and disobeying the law can lead to Deportation



Traveling Outside of Canada

- Newcomers can travel outside of Canada except to their home country and the country of asylum.
- Travel documents have to be complete before traveling. (e.g. visas).
- Make sure you have Permanent Resident Card (PR Card) before traveling.



What you should expect from your sponsor

Housing

- Temporary
- Permanent

Education

- Language classes
- School enrolment

Orientation

- Banking, public transportation, shopping, explaining the laws

Employment

- Job search services

Health Care

- OHIP, IFH
- Doctor, dentist & other health service

Settlement Services

- Needs & Language Assessment

Key Documents & Services

- SIN
- CCB, ODSP

Other

- Interpretation

Financial support

Sponsor

- Sponsors are responsible to provide financially for the newcomers in the first year or until the newcomer becomes self-sufficient
- Newcomers have no obligation to pay back to their co-sponsors, Constituent Groups, relatives or the Office for Refugees
- The total sponsorship costs may be reduced through the donation of "in-kind" goods, which may include lodging, furniture and clothing.

Government Programs

- Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Newcomer

- Personal Assets
- Employment Income

Social assistance cannot be obtained in the first year of sponsorship



Personal Asset Exemption

Personal assets are things that persons might own before arriving in Canada, or have in their possession when they arrive to Canada. Refugees receiving financial support are expected to provide information about their funds and assets as this may impact the level of financial support that is to be provided.

Family Composition	Personal Asset Exemption (CAD)
Single person	\$5,000
Couple	\$7,500
Single plus one dependant	\$7,500
Each additional dependant	\$2,500

Example:

The personal asset exemption for a family of 4 (mother father and 2 children) is \$12,500.

Earned Net Income

- Newcomers are permitted to earn up to 50% of their monthly basic RAP rate without incurring any reduction in the level of financial support from the sponsor in that month.
- If earned net income exceeds 50% of their monthly basic RAP, the sponsor may deduct dollar for dollar from their monthly support.

Family Size	Monthly RAP	50% of Monthly RAP	
1	\$750	\$375	
Scenario	Earned Income	Reduction in Sponsor Support	Monthly Support from Sponsor
Earning up to 50% of RAP	\$375	\$0	\$750
Earnings exceeds 50% of RAP	\$500	\$125	\$625

Exception

Where the employment income is earned by a refugee who is attending secondary school on a full-time basis, the income is not to be included in the total of the family earnings.



Conflict Resolution

Step 1

- Discuss conflicts initially with your Co-sponsor or CG.

Step 2

- If not resolved, inform ORAT immediately by
 - Email at oratoutreach@archtoronto.org;
 - Phone at 416-934-3400 x804

Step 3

- ORAT will investigate such incidents and may require necessary document from both sides.




Important Documents in Canada

- Confirmation of Permanent Residency
- Permanent Residency Card
- Social Insurance Number (S.I.N.)
- Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP Card)
- Interim Federal Health Insurance (IFH)
 - Medavie Blue Cross
 - www.cic.gc.ca/ifhp
- Travel Loan
- Driver's Licence
- Library card



Landing Paper (Sample)

- The landing paper is one of the most important documents that refugees obtain upon their arrival at the airport.
- It's as important as a birth certificate!

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CONFIRMATION OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Family name: _____
 Given name(s): _____
 Date of birth: _____ UCI: _____
 Sex: _____
 Citizenship: _____ App. no.: _____
Document no.: _____

PERSONAL DETAILS - PA

Marital status: _____ Place of birth: _____ COB: _____
 Height (cm): _____ Eye color: _____ COR: _____
 Last entry at: _____ Last entry date: _____ Orig. entry date: _____
 Became P.R. at: _____ Became P.R. on: _____ Undertaking (nos): _____
 Travel doc. no.: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Expiry date: _____
 Country of issue: CANADA

APPLICATION DETAILS

Issued at: _____ Issued date: _____ Valid to: _____
 Category: _____ Prov. of dest.: _____ City of dest.: _____
 Special program: _____ Trans. loan no.: _____ Flight no.: _____
 CSQ no.: _____ ESDC no.: _____ PNC: _____

Conditions: _____
 Charged/convicted of a crime or offence in any country, refused admission to Canada or required to leave Canada?

MEDICAL DETAILS

IME no.: _____ Surveillance code: 1 Valid to: 2015/01/29

SPONSOR INFORMATION

UCI: _____ Name: Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Toronto in Cana
 DOB: _____ Relationship: _____
 Address: A-371 Old Kingston Road, Scarborough ON, M1C 3P2

DEPENDANTS INFORMATION


Have you any dependants other than those listed below?

REMARKS

Immigration Officer: _____ Date (YYYYMMDD): _____
 I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct and that I fully understand the conditions imposed.

_____ Date (YYYYMMDD): _____
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Permanent Resident Card (Sample)

- Permanent Resident (PR) card is proof of your a legal status in Canada.



Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) (Sample)

Key Documents
in Canada

- You will be asked to show your valid health card each time you visit a doctor, hospital, or health care clinic.
- For more information about OHIP, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/what-ohip-covers>



Interim Federal Health Certificate (IFH) (Sample)

Key Documents
in Canada

- IFH is a program that provides limited, temporary coverage of health-care benefits to landed refugees (newcomers).
- It does not replace OHIP
- Detailed information about IFH coverage is available on www.cic.cg.ca/ifhp



The image shows a sample of an Interim Federal Health Certificate of Eligibility (IFHC) form. The form is titled "INTERIM FEDERAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY" and includes fields for "Family name", "Given name(s)", "Date of birth", "Sex", "Citizenship", and "Applicant's ID". Below these fields, there is a section for "Coverage" with "Coverage Dates" and "Valid Until". The form also contains several paragraphs of text, including a "I, the undersigned" section with checkboxes for "I declare that I require coverage" and "I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the coverage terms and amounts meet my needs". At the bottom, there is a "Check ID #:" section with fields for "Family name", "Given name(s)", and "Date of birth". The form is marked with a large "SPECIMEN" watermark and the "Canada" logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Social Insurance Number (SIN)

- The Social Insurance Number (SIN) is a nine-digit number that you need in order to work in Canada, or to have access to government programs and benefits.
- The most common uses of your SIN are:
 - For employment
 - For income tax filings
 - For financial institutions (e.g., banks, credit unions)
 - To obtain Child Tax Benefits (CCB)
 - To obtain Canada Student Loans

Other key documents

- **Driver's Licence**
 - Ontario has a graduated driver's license process
- **Public Library Card**
 - Free membership at public libraries

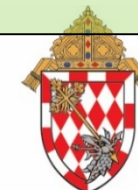
Recent changes to Travel Loan

- Repayment begins 1 year after arrival in Canada.
- New loans are interest free.
- The repayment period has been extended by 2 years.

Questions?

- **Toll free:** 1-800-667-7301 Fax: 819-934-3884
- **Email, fax or mail**
Email: collection@cic.gc.ca
Mailing address: 365 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa Ontario, K1A 1L1

Sponsoring groups are not responsible for covering the cost of the refugees Immigration Loan



Emergency & Fraud

Emergency

- In case of emergency, you can call 911:
 - Fire;
 - Medical emergency;
 - Police emergency
 - Witnessing violence or criminal acts

Fraud

- Be aware of fraud
 - If you suspect that you are a victim of fraud, report this incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.
 - Toll Free (1-888-495-8501)



Inquiries

Welcome to Canada and we wish you all the best!

If you have any further questions, you can reach ORAT at

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