Introduction to Resettlement

Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)

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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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- 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

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

ORAT Policies

- 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/Port of Entry

- Speak to an officer at a port of entry (border crossing or airport) to make a refugee claim.
- The officer may be from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) or Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).
- You can also make a claim at an IRCC office inside Canada.

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)* Paused
   - Community Sponsorship (CS)* Paused

Other Immigration Options

Non-Refugee Methods

- Express Entry
- Regional programs (PNP)
- Family Sponsorship
- Caregivers
- Medical Doctors
- Start-Up Visa*
- Self-Employed Persons*
- Students

Refugee Methods

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

Both streams require that the PA has a Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Certificate Paused*

"Find out how to come to Canada": Immigrate to Canada - Canada.ca

Who may be sponsored?

- Refugees have fled their country due to persecution, war or violence.
- They have a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or social group.
- Their life would be at risk if they returned, with no durable solution in their country of asylum.
- Link your refugee narrative to the 5 grounds of persecution
- More information: [Private sponsorship of refugees program - Canada.ca]

Family Definition

Principal Applicant

The Principal Applicant (PA) meets the refugee definition.

Family

Family members include the PA and:

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

Declaration

- **All** family members must be declared – whether accompanying or non-accompanying, missing or presumed dead without a death certificate
- End of Public policy for undeclared family members

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.
- 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

1. Attend the mandatory “Introduction to Resettlement” Info Session
   a) Cost Calculator: Calculate finances with the calculator. Click here.
   b) Multiple Cases: Request approval from the ORAT Director at oratcases@archtoronto.org with your reasons.
2. Submit completed Document Checklist forms to ORAT
   a) Email forms to oratcases@archtoronto.org within 10 business days. Click here for the checklist.
   b) Click here for form tutorials.

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

3. Deposit Funds with ORAT: ORAT schedules a deposit appointment.

4. Case Review: ORAT reviews the case and advises on edits.

5. Portal Access: ORAT Case Processing will enter Data into IRCC portal.

    a) Enter Generic (IMM0008) and Schedule A (IMM5669) data into the portal.

6. ORAT signs forms & uploads the rest to the Portal

7. ORAT submits the case to IRCC (ROC-O)

How to download the “Document Checklist”

1. Visit ORAT’s website at 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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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

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Document Checklist (Sample)

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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. 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 or the RSTP website at: 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.

Submission Instructions:

- Submit the completed and signed application to ORAT via email at oratcases@archtoronto.org. Whenever possible, send the complete application in one email. If file size constraints prevent this, send the documents in separate emails (maximum of 2-3 emails).
- In the subject line of each email, include the Principal Applicant's name and the number of emails sent (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).

Next Steps:

- After reviewing your application, a Case Processing Assistant from ORAT will contact you to explain to the process for submitting the filing fee and the cheque for the full settlement funds, both of which are required before finalizing your application forms.
- If your application forms are not corrected by the given deadline or your case is not approved for submission to Immigration Canada, the funds will be returned to you.
- The Sponsorship Cost Calculator is available to help you calculate the financial liability for your sponsored case(s). You may choose to complete it and submit it with your forms or retain it for your reference.

Joint Checklist for Constituent Groups (CG) and Cosponsors

Check When Completed

1. Read Guide 5413 - Sponsorship Agreement Holders to privately sponsor refugees before completing any forms: ☐
2. Complete and sign Undertaking Form (IMM 5373). **Tutorial** ☐

   In Section A, use the information below:

   SECTION A - SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name of Sponsorship Agreement Holder Organization: Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Toronto in Canada				
SAH Address (number and street): 830 Bathurst Street	Apt. - Unit: 104	City: Toronto	Province: ON	Postal code: M5R 3G1
SAH primary telephone number: (647) 494-5419	SAH primary e-mail address: oratsponsorship@archtoronto.org			
Name of SAH Signing Authority - Family name: Ovczak	Given name(s): Deacon Rudy			

   In Section D, ensure you select Plan A.
3. Pastor or CG Rep to complete and sign the Sponsor Assessment Form (IMM 5492). **Tutorial** ☐
4. Cosponsor to complete and sign the Sponsor Assessment Form (IMM 5492). **Tutorial** ☐
   (If there is no cosponsor, every member of the CG must complete and sign the Volunteer Kit for Constituent Group (CG) members
5. Provide a copy of the cosponsor's ID showing their legal status in Canada. ☐
6. Complete and sign the Settlement Plan (IMM 5440). **Tutorial** ☐
7. Sign the Memorandum of Understanding. ☐
8. Provide a certified cheque or bank draft for the filing fee of $525 at the ORAT Office. ☐
9. Provide a certified cheque or bank draft for the settlement funds ($) payable to ☐
   "Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)"; include a memo on the cheque:
   Resettlement for [Full name of Principal Applicant].
   To access the Financial Liability Table, click here.

FROM the PRINCIPAL APPLICANT

10. Do you or any family members have any medical and/or psychological conditions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
    If you answered "Yes", please email oratcases@archtoronto.org with details bout the condition and any current or required treatments in Canada. Include the PA name (LAST, First, Other) in the subject line of your email.
11. Read the Guide for Convention Refugees and Humanitarian-Protected Persons Abroad (IMM 6000) before completing any forms. ☐
12. Complete and sign the Consent and Declaration Form. ☐
13. Complete and sign the Generic Application Form (IMM 0008). **Tutorial** ☐
14. If there are more than five (5) dependents listed on the IMM 0008 form, complete and sign the Additional Dependents/Declaration Form (IMM 0008DEP). ☐
15. Complete and sign Schedule A: Background/Declaration Form (IMM 5669). **Tutorial** ☐
16. Complete and sign Schedule 2: Refugees Outside Canada Form (IMM0008/Schedule 2). **Tutorial** ☐
    To help answer questions regarding your experiences as a refugee and prepare for your interview at the Canadian Visa Office, consult the Narrative Guide.

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Funding Requirements

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.

Sponsorship Cost Table

Family Size	Sponsorship Cost Assumes a 4-Year Average Processing Time Between Submission and Arrival	
1	$ 23,000	**Dependent Children:** Although dependent children under 22 must be included in the family application, those who turn 18 before or during settlement require additional financial support. Given IRCC's average processing time of three years, ORAT requires additional funds for unmarried dependent children aged 14 or older at submission. **How to Calculate Cost of Sponsorship (Example)** Father, mother, children aged 12 and 14: • Base cost (family of 3): $34,400 (includes child aged 12) • Additional adult amount: $23,000 • Total: $57,400 (not the family-of-4 rate of $36,700) **Note:** If, at or before arrival, IRCC's financial requirements (RAP Rates) exceed our estimates, cosponsors must deposit the difference with ORAT.
2	$ 32,100	
3	$ 34,400	
4	$ 36,700	
5	$ 39,000	
6	$ 41,700	
7 or more, for each additional member	$1,500	

It is prohibited by Law to cover Sponsorship Costs with funds obtained from refugees

Sponsorship Cost Table (Senior Supplement)

Additional Funds Required for Seniors (Age 61 and Older)

Single Senior *(Without Dependents)*	**Single Senior** *(With Dependents)*	**Couple (1 Senior)** *(With or Without Dependents)*	**Couple (2 Seniors)** *(With or Without Dependents)*
$ 8,400	$ 9,900	$ 13,000	$ 18,700
If the family includes one or more seniors aged 61 or older at the time of submission, the applicable senior supplement must be added to the base sponsorship cost for the family size shown in the main table.			

Covering Medical Needs for Refugees

- While newcomers to Canada receive health care coverage from federal and provincial programs, like the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) 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.
- Cosponsors are also responsible for essential Dental Care costs not covered by IFHP or the Canada Dental Care Plan Program.

Constituent Groups (CG)

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 checks that sponsors meet financial and non-financial duties, including settlement agency registration (e.g., CCS, YMCA).
- IRCC interviews newcomers by email survey and phone, with translators.
- SAHs, CGs and cosponsors are told only if a support gap is found.
- Follow IRCC's rules carefully.
- Principal Applicants may accept or decline the interview.
- Document all settlement support. Avoid cash disbursements.

Conclusion

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 ready to pay for medical costs that IFHP or OHIP do not cover, and for essential dental care that IFHP or the Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP) do not cover.
- Complete all immigration forms in a timely manner.

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

For more info….

- ORAT Website: www.orat.ca
- ORAT Facebook page: Facebook
- ORAT Newsletter (attendees to be included on mailing list)
- Information Sessions: Click here to watch pre-recorded info sessions
- Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP): Webinar Registration
- Immigration Canada: www.cic.gc.ca