

RSTP Bulletin

October 6th, 2017

Dependents vs. De Facto Dependents

We have received inquiries regarding dependents and de facto dependents. Here's a brief summary, looking at the definition, the required forms, how to include them in a PSR application and why it's important to include them:

Dependent

A spouse, common-law partner or dependent child of the Principal Applicant (PA).

A Dependent Child is:

- under 19 years old, does not have a spouse or partner, and depends on their parent for financial and other support; or
- 19 years old and over, and has depended largely on the parent's financial support since before the age of 19 because of a physical or mental condition.

Quick Reminder

The new age limit of “**under 22**” will come into effect this fall, on **October 24, 2017**, raising it from the current “under 19” requirement.

Please note: Any dependent children in applications sent before October 24, 2017 should meet the ‘under 19’ requirement.

De Facto Dependents

A person considered by the refugee family to be an integral member of the family unit, but who does not meet IRCC's definition of a family member.

Some Examples:

- Elderly relatives who have lived with the principal applicant or who are solely, or for the most part, dependent on the applicant for care, shelter, etc.
- Nieces and nephews whose parents have been killed or are missing.
- Parents of any age living with the principal applicant and without other children with whom they could reside or without means of support other than the principal applicant.

Application Forms for Dependents

Sponsors

- Sponsors don't have to submit a separate undertaking for dependents –they must be included with the PA's sponsorship undertaking

Refugees

- Dependents do not have to complete a separate generic application form- the PA must ensure all forms for their dependents are submitted with the application package (including a Separate Schedule A and Schedule 2 for dependents 18 years of age and older).
- **Dependents do not have to meet the eligibility criteria** (either Convention Refugee Abroad class or Country of Asylum class)
- However the dependents will have to pass medical, security and criminality checks

Application Forms for De Facto Dependents

Sponsors

- Sponsors must submit a separate sponsorship undertaking for de facto dependents. However the PA's application can be linked with the name and date of birth of the principal applicant in the Multiple Undertakings section to ensure that de facto dependents and the rest of the family unit are processed concurrently.

Refugees

- De facto dependents must also complete separate applications.
- **De facto dependents must be refugees in their own right and meet all statutory requirements**
- If the de facto dependents do not meet the eligibility criteria, they may be considered for humanitarian and compassionate grounds in order to keep the family together.

* De facto dependents are not eligible under the OYW as they do not meet the not meet IRCC's definition of a family member *

IRCC Update Changes to Citizenship Requirements

As of October 11, 2017:

Resettled refugees are now able to apply for citizenship if they have been in Canada **for 1, 095 days** (3 years) out of 5 years before applying. The changes will also include filing taxes for three out of five years, which will match the new physical presence requirement. Only applicants between the ages of 18 and 54 will need to meet the language and knowledge requirements for citizenship. The language requirement includes a Canadian Language Benchmark Level 4 certificate from an IRCC approved institution or a High School diploma, transcripts or a post-secondary degree or diploma.



For more information click here: [Changes to Citizenship Act as a Result of Bill C-6](#)

Available BVOR Profiles

BVOR PROFILE #: 0642-09-17

Recommended destination: (Cousin, Brampton, ON)

Iraqi family of four. The PA and his family cannot return to their home country as they fear persecution based on their religion, ethnicity and imputed political opinion. The PA is seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0643-09-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The PA's cousin lives in Windsor, ON.

XREF: BVOR 0644-09-17; BVOR 0645-09-17

The PA is married with one child. He has five years of education in hotel management and has experience as a cook. His spouse has 15 years of education, with a degree Family Education and Technical Occupations. All members of the family speak English. There are two X-ref cases, BVOR# 0644-09-17 and 0645-09-17. All should be resettled together in Windsor, ON, where a cousin lives. In their home country, they were persecuted based on religion. This family will benefit from sponsorship.



Photo: UNHCR

BVOR PROFILE #: 0650-09-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother in Mississauga

XREF: 0651-09-17 - Brother

Iraqi family of five. The PA and his family cannot return to their home country for fear of persecution based on their religion. The PA is seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0683-09-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Husband's siblings live in Mississauga, ON.

XREF: BVOR # 0684-09-17

The PA is a single Pakistani mother of three, eldest child x-ref BVOR # 0684-09-17. She has 10 years of education, and her daughters have nine years and five years. The PA's husband is missing, but his family is living in Mississauga, ON. For that reason, it is recommended that the family resettle in Ontario.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0627-08-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PA's parents in Ottawa, ON

Syrian family with one child. The PA and her family cannot return to their home country due to ongoing insecurity and instability. The PA and spouse speak only a little English and would benefit from the support of a sponsor upon resettlement to Canada. The PA's parents are in Ottawa and they would like to be close to them.

BVOR PROFILE #: 0664-09-17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Cousin- Fort McMurray, AB

An Eritrean 43-year-old married man with three children, with experience working as a farmer. The PA cannot return to his home country as he fears for his safety and persecution based on ongoing ethnic conflicts. The PA has a cousin who resides in Alberta. The family would appreciate the assistance of the sponsor.

In addition to these, we have 16 more available BVOR cases!

If you are interested in these profiles:

- use your username and password to login in to RSTP matching database:
cathcrosscultural.sharepoint.com/rstp

For more information on the BVOR Program please click this link:

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

Available JAS Profiles

In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 0630-08-17

Winnipeg, MB

Family composition: The family has three children.

Medical needs: Two of the children are disabled and require full time care from both parents. Both parents must accompany them to medical appointments.

Language: Both parents are learning English but constrained by full-time childcare. A third child needs to be accompanied to and from school. They would like to learn English at home.

Support needed:

- Help with daily activities like shopping
- Transportation of both children in wheelchairs
- Learning English at home
- Moral support
- Social interaction

In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 0595-08-17

Toronto, ON.

Family composition: The PA is a 41- year- old Syrian male accompanied by his spouse and six children (ages 4 to 17).

Medical needs: Three of their children have developmental disabilities. These include global developmental delay, hearing impairment, and lack of or delayed speech. Two of the children with disabilities require full-time care.

Language and employment needs: The parents would like to attend language classes and find work, but childcare precludes this.

Support needed to:

- Manage their mail and scheduling appointments
- Attend medical appointments
- Apply to funding organizations for children with disabilities
- Find childcare
- Find appropriate education

Additional support needed: Emotional support and life skills coaching



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For more information on these JAS profiles, contact our Refugee Resettlement Project Worker at: bvor@rstp.ca

Upcoming RSTP Workshops & Webinars

Workshops

Ontario

Transitioning to Month 13 and "Post-Sponsorship": Workshop and Discussion

Date: Tuesday October 17, 2017

Time: 12:15 PM-2:30 PM EDT

Where: Room 519, 5th Floor, Kaneff Tower
York University Keele Campus, Toronto

Registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezfgQOHRnxTZFmpEqr9Db2DjZjuHMPTWX8YInQEXBMnUKIBg/viewform>

Private Sponsorship of Refugees In English and Arabic

Date: Tuesday October 24, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM EDT

Where: Catholic Crosscultural Services Scarborough
55 Town Centre Court, Suite 401, Toronto, ON M1P 4X4

Registration link: <http://bit.ly/2yvpbqHb>

Alberta

Private Refugee Sponsorship: Group of Five & Community Sponsors

Date: Saturday October 7, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM MDT

Where: Calgary Central Library, 5th Floor - 616
Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, AB T2G 2M2

Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/refugee-sponsorship-training-program-15220447515>



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Webinars

Information on the Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) program and the Iraqi refugees

Date: Tuesday October 10, 2017

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5064423510931192577>

Calculation matters! Are you calculating your G5 sponsorship costs right?

Date: Monday October 16 2017

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Registration link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8730535027117275905>

Private Sponsorship of Refugees: Group of Five and Community Sponsor

Date: Thursday October 19, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1625199517627256322>

Common mistakes in G5 sponsorship applications

Date: Monday October 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Registration link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8730535027117275905>

Private Sponsorship of Refugees: Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Wednesday October 25, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4532361038025257218>

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