# RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs

#### Additional Information on How to Apply for a Social Insurance Number

As noted in the <u>September 11, 2020</u> edition of the bulletin, sponsored refugees may need to <u>apply for their Social Insurance Number (SIN) online</u> if it is not issued to them on arrival in Canada at the airport.

The documents required to apply for a SIN <u>online</u> varies depending on whether a newcomer is applying for themselves or on behalf of someone else, such as their child.

If a newcomer is applying for a SIN <u>online</u>, the digital copies of all the required documents must be clear and legible.

If a newcomer wishes to have the confirmation of SIN letter mailed to an address other than their own, they must <u>apply by mail</u>.

#### If a newcomer is applying for themselves:

If applying online, a newcomer must submit:

- A digital copy of an original valid <u>primary document</u> (both sides of the document if there is identity information on each side);
- A digital copy of an original valid secondary document;
- A digital copy of a proof of address; and,
- A digital copy of an original valid <u>supporting document</u> (only applicable if the name on the <u>primary document</u> is different from the name on the <u>secondary document</u> or than the name on the online SIN application form).

These requirements also apply to newcomers over the age of 12 but under the age of majority that are applying for themselves online. If a newcomer child cannot provide copies of the required documents, a representative must apply on their behalf.

#### If a newcomer is applying on behalf of a minor:

If applying online, they must submit:

- A digital copy of the child's original valid <u>primary</u> <u>document</u> (both sides of the document if there is identity information on each side);
- A digital copy of the child's original valid <u>supporting</u> <u>document</u> (only applicable if the name on the child's primary document is different from the one on the online SIN application);

- Parent or legal guardian: a digital copy of their original valid <u>primary document</u> (both sides of the document if there is identity information on each side);
- Parent or legal guardian: 1) A digital copy of their original valid <u>secondary document</u>; 2) A digital copy of their <u>proof of address</u>; and, 3) A digital copy of their original valid <u>supporting document</u> (only applicable if the name on their <u>primary document</u> is different from the one on their <u>secondary document</u> or from the parent's or legal guardian's name on the online SIN application form); and,
- Legal guardian only: a digital copy of an original or certified copy of a document that confirms legal guardianship, issued by a provincial or territorial authority.

For further information on applying for a SIN on behalf of someone else, including as a legal representative on behalf of a newcomer adult or minor child, please <u>click here</u>.

Which of the sponsored newcomers' documents will be accepted a primary and secondary document and proof of address?

The Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR) document that is issued to permanent residents, including sponsored refugees, qualifies as a **valid primary document**.

A Single Journey Travel Document or a foreign passport can count as a **valid secondary document**.

A letter from a representative of the Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH), Group of Five or Community Sponsor will be accepted as **proof of address** if:

- The letter attests to the mailing address of the applicant; and,
- The letter is signed by **both** the sponsoring group and the applicant to confirm the mailing address.

The mailing address cannot be changed after submitting the application (unless a new application is submitted).

Therefore, if a temporary accommodation address was submitted as the mailing address, this is where the newcomer will receive their SIN (typically within 20 business days).

For further information on applying for a SIN online or by mail, please click here.

### UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

# Formations à venir pour souligner la Semaine nationale de l'immigration francophone (du 1er au 7 novembre 2020)!

#### Séance d'introduction au parrainage privé des réfugiés

Cette séance répondra aux questions suivantes:

- Qui peut être parrainé?
- Qui peut parrainer?
- Quelles sont les responsabilités d'un groupe de parrainage?
- Quelles sont les étapes d'une demande de parrainage?
- Ouelles ressources sont à la disposition des groupes de parrainage?

Date et heure: Jeudi 5 novembre 2020, de 15 h à 17 h 30 (heure du Pacifique)

**Inscription:** https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUud-vorjMrHNIlbU-Yw7C54iCcVvk9e ZN

#### Le parrainage privé des réfugiés : Synthèse des mises à jour relatives au traitement des demandes et aux arrivées durant la Covid-19

Participez à cette séance pour découvrir:

- les dernières mises à jour concernant le dépôt et le traitement des
- des renseignements concernant l'arrivée des réfugiés sur le sol canadien,
- ce que vous devez savoir pour préparer au mieux leur accueil

Date et heure: Samedi 7 novembre 2020, de 13 h à 14 h 30 (heure de l'Atlantique)

**Inscription:** <a href="https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJold-">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJold-</a> mgrj8iG9FS4kIAxBUPorhzcrgLhKBQ

#### Recevoir des réfugiés parrainés pendant la pandémie : séance d'information pour les groupes de parrainage

Cette séance d'information portera sur la reprise des voyages de réinstallation des réfugiés et sur les conditions d'entrée au Canada pendant la pandémie de la COVID-19.

La séance présentera notamment des ressources pour aider les groupes de parrainage à préparer un plan de quarantaine et à en partager les détails avec les réfugiés parrainés.

La séance est ouverte à tous les groupes de parrainage francophones qui s'attendent à recevoir des réfugiés dans les prochains mois.

Date et heure: Mardi 10 novembre 2020, de 14 h à 16 h (heure de l'Est)

**Inscription:** https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcoce6rqDojHNo2vnWsiiJd2iH **OfmiORHY**a

# **Online Workshop** for CGs and Co-**Sponsors of SAHs**

Date: Saturday October 24, 2020 **Time:** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT

**Registration:** 

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/t

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# October 2020 **Monthly Webinars**

#### **Preparing and Transitioning to** Month 13

Date: Tuesday October 27, 2020 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDT

Registration:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/re gister/2443628718719419918

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