

Interested in the JAS Program?

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Canada is one of the few countries in the world that annually offers resettlement places to thousands of refugees. Groups across Canada offer additional sponsorships above the government numbers to refugees who otherwise would not have the chance.

**Refugees in the JAS program
can only come to Canada if they
are matched with a sponsoring
group.**

Sponsorship under the JAS program means giving refugees that require special assistance a welcoming environment, helping them integrate, helping them access services for their needs and giving moral and emotional support.

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The Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) Program

The Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) program is a joint undertaking between sponsoring groups and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to sponsor refugees that need special assistance.

Refugees sponsored under the JAS program are identified as having special needs owing to personal circumstances that will likely result in a longer or more difficult period of integration.

Under the JAS program, Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) and their Constituent Groups (CGs) work together with IRCC and the Government of Canada. The government provides financial income support to the refugees while sponsoring groups provide emotional support and assistance to the refugees with accessing services.

If you are a CG, please contact your SAH first to confirm that they are willing and able to submit an application under the JAS program.

Sponsoring groups cannot designate or refer refugees to the JAS program; the refugees are identified by IRCC overseas from the GAR program or by RAP service providing organizations (SPOs) in-Canada.

FAQs

Who can sponsor refugees under the JAS program?

Only Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) and their Constituent Groups (CGs) can sponsor refugees under the JAS program.

Who qualifies for the JAS program?

In order to be selected for the JAS program, a refugee must:

Be a member of the Convention Refugee Abroad class or the Country of Asylum class; and, is expected to need a longer and/or have a more difficult resettlement period due to the serious nature of the problems they have faced, such as: trauma resulting from the refugee experience, violence or torture; physical or mental health disabilities; or, large family units or unusual family configurations.

How are refugees in the JAS program identified?

Refugees in the JAS program are identified in one of two ways:

- 1) Refugees in the GAR program are identified and referred as potential clients for the JAS program by the IRCC Officer overseas during the eligibility interview; or,
- 2) Refugees sponsored under the GAR program are identified and referred to IRCC in-Canada by RAP SPOs.

How long is the processing time?

Refugees under the JAS program who are still overseas arrive on average within 12 weeks of the sponsorship approval date.

How long do JAS refugees receive support for?

The sponsorship period is typically 24 months after arrival, or until the refugees become self-sufficient (whichever comes first), but could be extended up to 36 months in exceptional circumstances.

Who are the major actors in the JAS program?

As sponsorship under the JAS program is a joint endeavor, SAHs and their CGs must work closely with IRCC, RAP SPOs, settlement agencies and other community-based agencies to meet the needs of the newcomers.

What is the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)?

RAP has two main components: 1) financial income support provided to refugees sponsored under the GAR, JAS and BVOR programs; and, 2) assistance for a range of immediate and essential services delivered by RAP SPOs.

How can our group find a JAS refugee to sponsor?

Sponsoring groups can view and select the profiles of refugees currently in the JAS program on the RSTP website at the following link:
<http://www.rstp.ca/en/jas-profiles/>

We want to apply for a JAS case; what now?

Once you have selected a profile, submit an application package. The application package can be found at:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/application-refugee-sponsorship-joint-assistance-sponsorship.html>