

Canadian Asylum System Overview

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Asylum Branch

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Canada

Canadian Refugee Protection System

The Canadian refugee protection system has two main programs: the In-Canada Asylum System and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

In-Canada Asylum System

The In-Canada Asylum System is for people submitting an asylum claim within Canada or at the border.

The asylum system works to provide refugee protection to people in Canada who:

- are not able to return to their country because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, political opinion, nationality or because they are part of a social group (Convention refugee - A96); or
- can't return to their home country safely because, if they return, they would be in danger of torture, risk to their life, or risk of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment (Person in need of Protection - A97).

Those found to be a Convention refugee or a Person In Need of Protection have Protected Person status.

Refugee Resettlement Program

IRCC's Refugee Resettlement Program is for people who need protection from outside of Canada.

Resettled Refugees may be referred, from abroad, by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, or another authorized referral organization, or by a private sponsor in Canada. A person cannot apply directly to Canada for resettlement.

IRCC assesses the eligibility for refugee protection under Refugee Convention grounds, as well as admissibility to Canada prior to their arrival to Canada. Once they arrive in Canada, resettled refugees are granted permanent residence.

Refugee Resettlement Program

Government-Assisted Refugees

The Government of Canada helps government-assisted refugees (GARs) when they first arrive in Canada by funding the provision of [income support and immediate and essential services](#) through the [Resettlement Assistance Program](#) (RAP) – normally for the first year.

This support is delivered by non-governmental agencies in Canada that IRCC funds, called service provider organizations.

Private Sponsorship of Refugees

Under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program, income support as well as immediate and essential settlement support are provided by private sponsors to any refugees they sponsor, rather than through the RAP program. Private sponsors' commitment is usually for one year after arrival.

More information on how to: [Sponsor a refugee](#).

Blended Visa-Office Referred refugees

Refugees resettled through the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) program is jointly supported by the federal government (through the RAP program) and private sponsors. The Government of Canada provides up to 6 months of income support through the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP), while private sponsors provide start-up costs, another 6 months of financial and 12 months of social and emotional support.

In-Canada Asylum – Key Partners

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), and the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) each have distinct but coordinated roles in the in-Canada Asylum System.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

IRCC is responsible for administering Canada's immigration system, which include:

- Temporary Resident Visas (including Work permits, Study Permits)
- The Interim Federal Health Program
- Permanent residence applications
- Refugee Resettlement and Settlement Programs
- Pre-removal Risk Assessment (PRRA)

IRCC will review the eligibility of asylum claims that are made in Canada to be referred to the IRB.

Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA)

CBSA is responsible for enforcing Canada's immigration laws, controlling Canada's borders and deciding who can enter Canada.

CBSA will review the eligibility of asylum claims that are made at the POE to be referred to the IRB.

Removals also operate fully within the mandate of the CBSA.

Immigration Refugee Board of Canada (IRB)

The IRB is an independent administrative quasi-judicial tribunal responsible for making decisions on immigration and refugee matters, including immigration and refugee appeals.

Decision maker for asylum claims determined to be eligible to be referred by IRCC or CBSA.

In-Canada Asylum - Process

A person becomes an asylum claimant (refugee claimant, asylum seeker) once they have their claim recorded by a CBSA-officer at a Port of Entry (POE) or after a claim is submitted, from within Canada, through the IRCC Portal.

Asylum claimants are recognized as a Protected Persons in Canada as a result of:

1. The approval of the claim by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB); or
2. The approval of an application for protection through IRCC's Pre-Removal Risk Assessment process.

01 Submission of a claim

Once a claim is submitted, the person will receive a removal order. The removal order will be unenforceable (stayed) until a decision is made on their claim.

The CBSA (for claims at POE) or IRCC (for claims inland) will then determine whether the claim is eligible to be referred to the IRB. The same verifications to determine eligibility are done whether it is the CBSA or IRCC who receives the claim, and an in-person appointment is required.

02 Refugee Determination

Eligible claims are then referred to IRB. The IRB will assess the merits of the claim, which includes scheduling and administering the hearing.

Those whose claims are **ineligible** to be referred to the IRB will have their removal order enforced. Most will be able to apply for PRRA once removal proceedings begin.

In-Canada Asylum - Eligibility

An asylum claim is ineligible to be referred to the IRB if the claimant is:

- A person who has been recognized as a Convention refugee by another country that they can return to.
- A person who made a refugee claim in another country, as confirmed through existing information-sharing agreements.
- A person who is inadmissible to Canada on security grounds, for violating human or international rights, for organized criminality or for serious criminality.
- A person who made a previous refugee claim in Canada, and
 - has received protected person status;
 - their claim was found ineligible to be referred, or was rejected by the IRB; or
 - their claim was determined to have been abandoned or withdrawn.
- A person who made a claim after entering Canada from the U.S.:
 - at a land border crossings; or
 - after crossing **between ports of entry** and making a claim **within 14 days**

As per the Safe Third Country Agreement, they will be returned to the U.S. unless they meet an [exception or exemption to the Agreement](#).
- ***New*** A person who made an asylum claim **more than one year** after they first entered Canada after June 24, 2020.
- ***New*** A person who made an asylum claim **more than 14 days** after entering Canada in between ports of entry along the Canada-United States land border.

In-Canada Asylum – New Eligibility Criteria – One Year Claiming Deadline

The one year claiming deadline applies to all temporary residents, including students and workers, regardless of whether they have exited and re-entered the country.

Examples of how this rule works

1. The person entered Canada in January 2020 as a student. They haven't left the country since. They claimed asylum in September 2025. The new rule **does not apply** because they did not enter Canada after June 24, 2020. Their asylum claim may be **eligible** to be referred to the IRB.
2. The person entered Canada in July 2020 with a visitor visa. They left Canada and went home in August 2020. They entered Canada again in September 2024 with a work permit. They claimed asylum in July 2025. The new rule **applies** because the person entered Canada after June 24, 2020, and their claim (July 2025) was made more than one year after that first entry after June 24, 2020 (July 2020). Their asylum claim would not be **eligible** to be referred to the IRB.
3. The person entered Canada in January 2025 as a student. They left Canada in June 2025 to visit family. They returned to Canada in September 2025. They claimed asylum in December 2025. The new rule **does not apply** because while they did enter Canada after June 24, 2020, they claimed asylum (December 2025) less than one year after that first entry (January 2025). Their asylum claim may be **eligible** to be referred to the IRB.

In-Canada Asylum – New Eligibility Criteria – 14-day Rule

The 14-day rule does not change the application of the [Safe Third Country Agreement](#) (STCA). Those whose claims are found ineligible under the new rules are not subject to the STCA and will not be returned to the US. People who make a claim within 14 days of their irregular entry continue to be subject to the STCA and are returned to the US unless they meet an exception or are exempt.

EXAMPLE

STCA AP applies to claimants entering on April 1st and claiming up to and including on April 14.

The **new ineligibility** applies to claimants entering on April 1st and claiming on April 15 and after.

April 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	Wed	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

In-Canada Asylum – New Eligibility Criteria – TPP for Unaccompanied Minors

On May 19, 2026, a [temporary public policy \(TPP\)](#) was signed by the Minister to exempt claims made by **persons under the age of 18 who do not have, in Canada, a parent or an adult legally responsible for them at the time of making their claim**, from being determined ineligible to be referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) under the two new ineligibilities introduced in the Strengthening Canada's Immigration System and Borders Act.

Unaccompanied minors are exempt from these new rules, given their lack of legal guardianship.

In-Canada Asylum - Key Information

1

Digitization of Asylum Claims Intake

An asylum claim cannot be made at an IRCC office. It needs to be submitted online. Prospective asylum claimants must [get an IRCC Portal account](#). If claimants wish to request an exemption to the online process for accessibility reasons, they can submit a request to:

IRCC.RefugeePortalExemption-ExemptionPortailRefugies.IRCC@cic.gc.ca.

If a claimant **made their claim to a CBSA officer** and the CBSA directed them to complete their claim online, they can refer to [guide 0192](#) for assistance in completing their claim online.

If a claimant is **already in Canada** and wishes to make a claim, they should refer to [guide 0174](#).

2

Legal Representation

An asylum claimant has the right to be represented by counsel (a lawyer or other professional representative) at their own expense during the process. If they cannot afford to pay for counsel, they can apply to a provincial or territorial legal aid office for assistance. The Government of Canada treats everyone equally, whether they use the services of counsel or not.

3

Updated Contact Information

It is important to ensure that claimants always have their most recent contact information (residential address & email) in their application.

If there is a change while completing an application, the information can be modified in the Portal. If the claimants move after the application is submitted, the information can be changed by completing the [IRCC Web form](#).

Refugee Protection Identity Document

As of March 25, 2025, IRCC and the CBSA **replaced** the Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD) with the Refugee Protection Identity Document (RPID).

Refugee Protection Identity Document (RPID)

The Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD) is replaced by the Refugee Protection Identity Document (RPID) to better reflect the purpose of the document as a **piece of identification**. The document:

- is valid for a period of 6 years
- is bilingual
- shows access to IFHP coverage, and can be used to access other services

*If a claimant with an **ineligible claim receives an RPID**, it means that based on the information available at that time of the eligibility decision, they would be eligible to apply for a pre-removal risk assessment as part of their removal proceedings.

Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD)

The Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD) is valid for a period of 4 or 6 years.

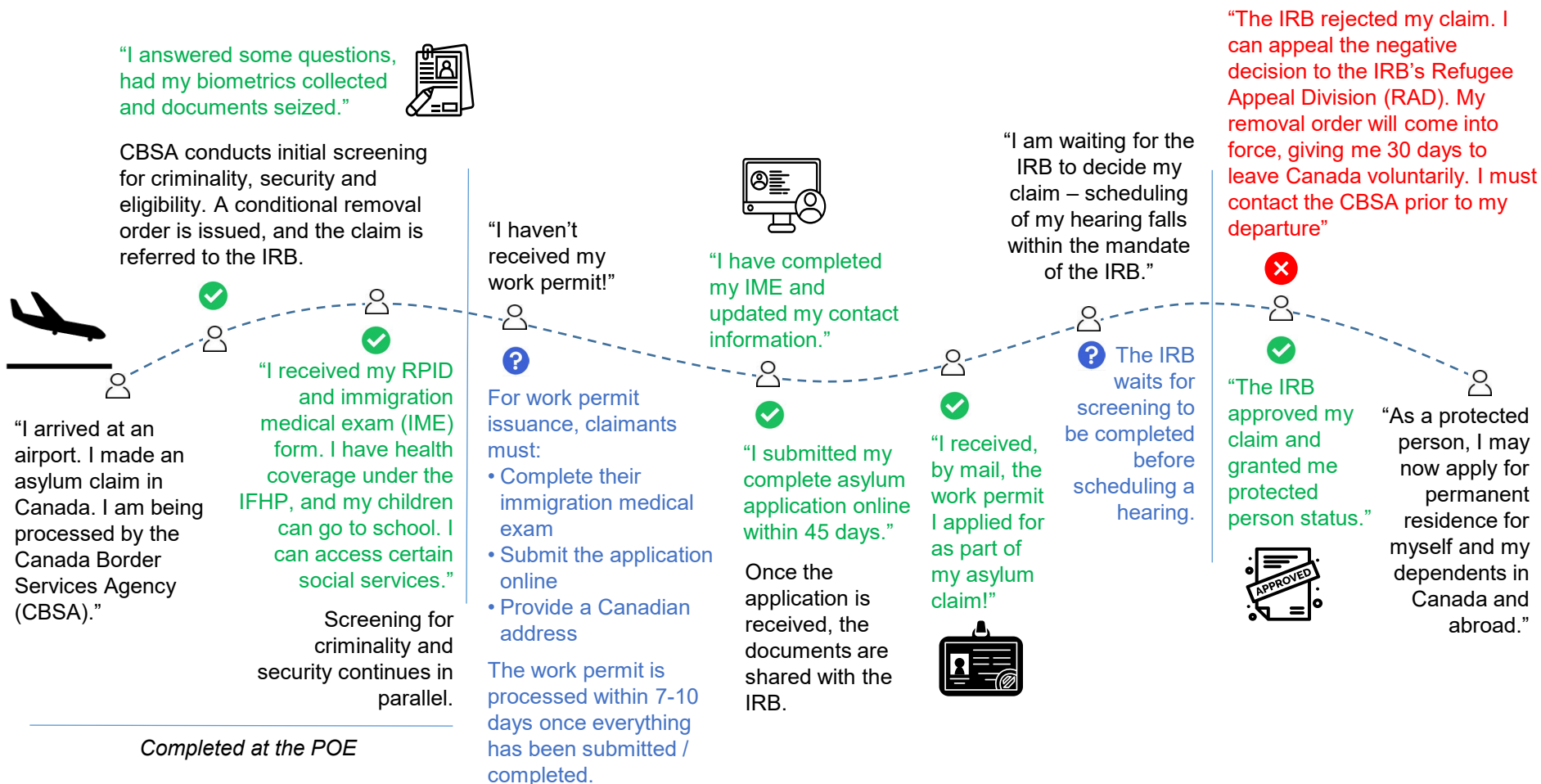
A person with a valid RPCD should not request a RPID as **their RPCD remains valid until expiry**.

If the RPCD expires and the person requests a renewal, they will be sent a RPID at that time if they are eligible.

Client Journey – Eligible Claims (POE)



Upon arrival, asylum claims made at a Port of Entry (POE) and **determined eligible to be referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB)** navigate a defined, step-by-step process towards an ultimate decision.

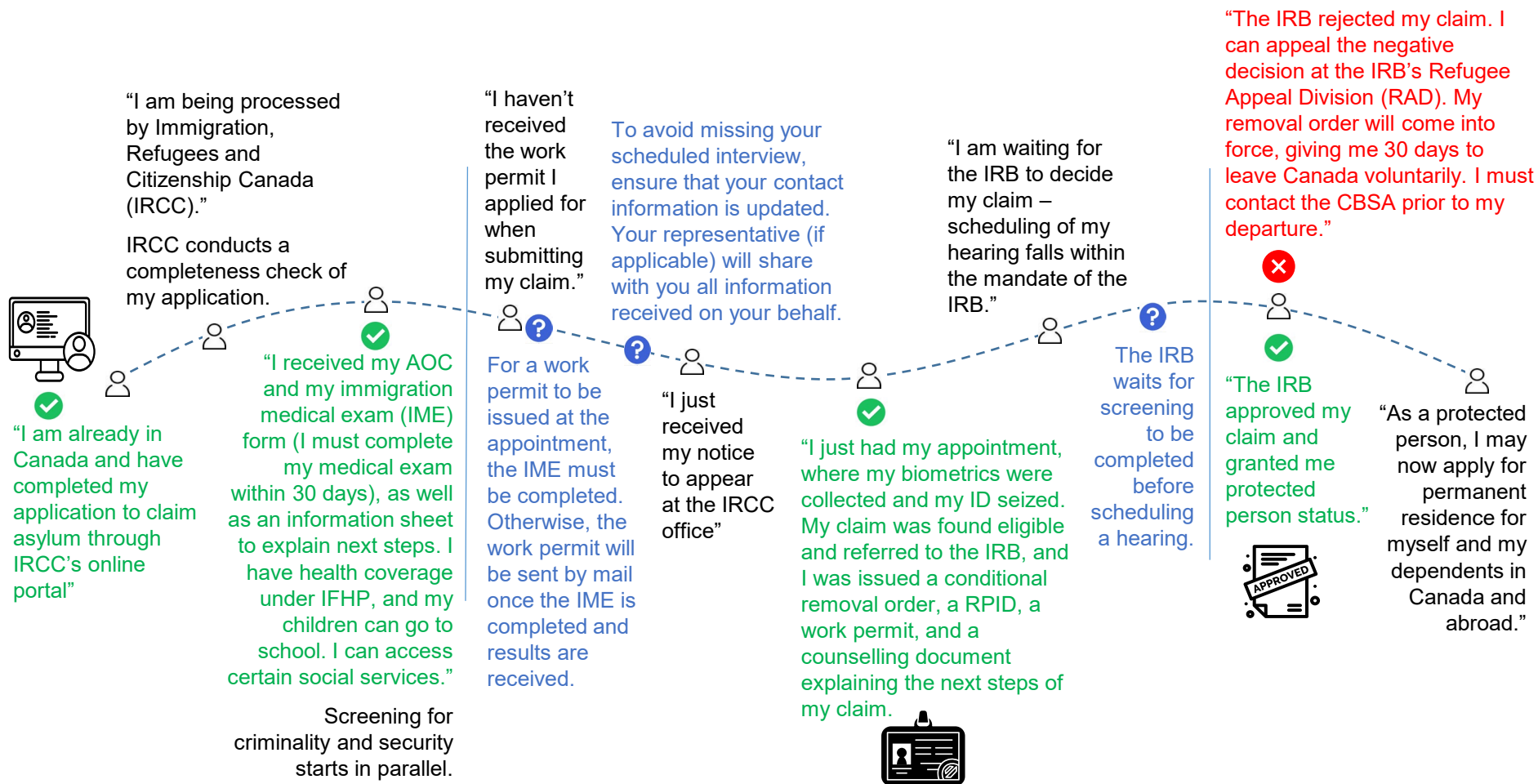


Important: This provides a high-level overview of the process and should be read in conjunction with the full deck, as additional details and process-specific nuances may apply.

Client Journey – Eligible Claims (Inland)



Upon submission of an application, asylum claims made inland and **determined eligible to be referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB)** navigate a defined, step-by-step process toward an ultimate decision.

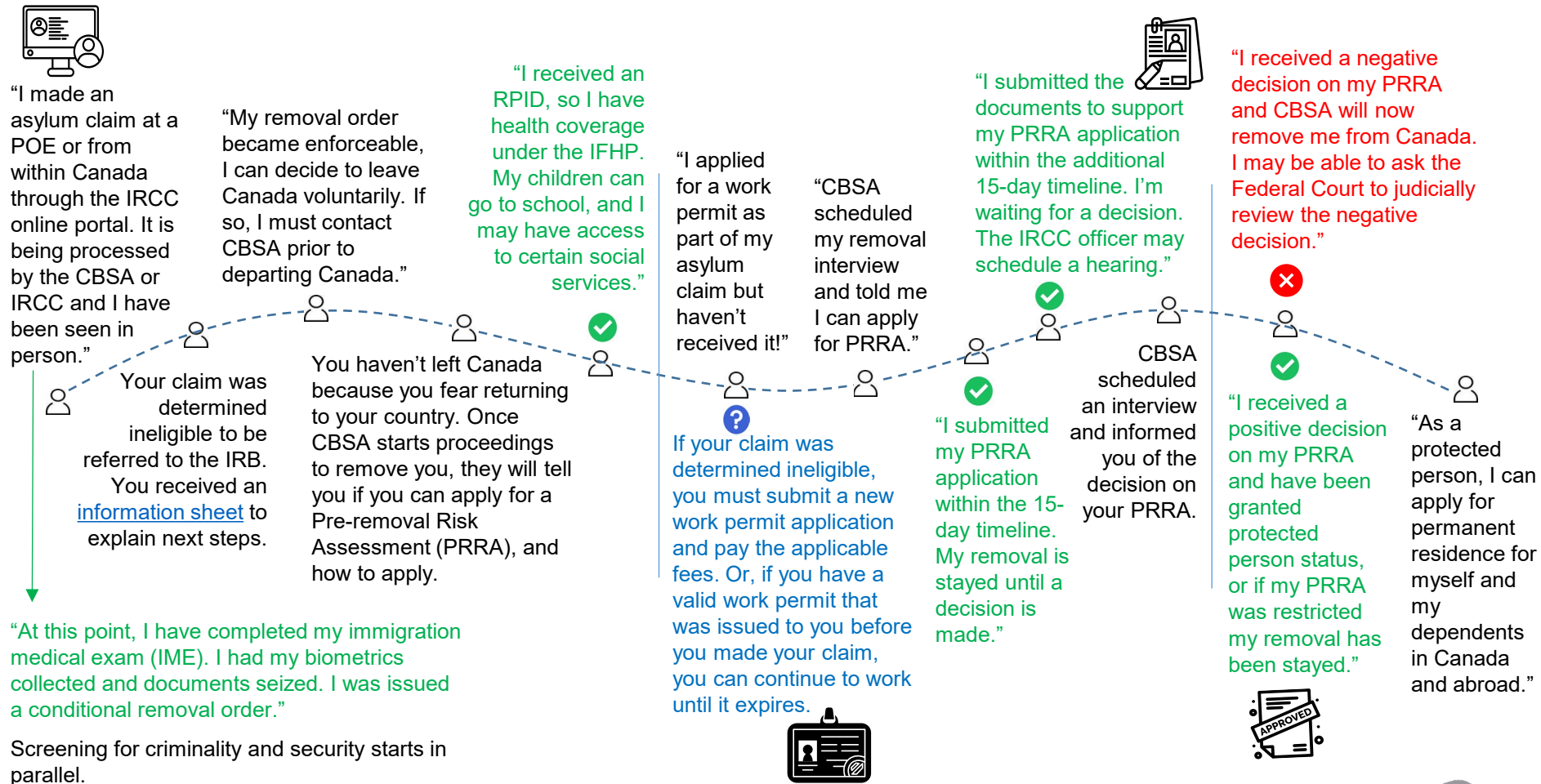


Important: This provides a high-level overview of the process and should be read in conjunction with the full deck, as additional details and process-specific nuances may apply.

Client Journey – Ineligible claims (POE and Inland)



Step-by-step process for claimants whose claim is **determined ineligible to be referred to the IRB** by IRCC or CBSA. This applies to both claims made at a POE and Inland.



Important: This provides a high-level overview of the process and should be read in conjunction with the full deck, as additional details and process-specific nuances may apply.

In-Canada Asylum - Process

03 Decision

Positive Decision: Those whose cases are approved by the IRB become protected persons and may apply for [permanent resident status](#) and eventually, [citizenship](#).

Proof of Protected Person status

- A Notice of Decision from the Immigration and Refugee Board; or
- The Verification of Status (VOS) document
 - If a person received a positive decision from the IRB, they can [apply online for a VOS](#). There is no fee for this application if the individual is not yet a permanent resident or Canadian citizen.
 - If a person becomes a Protected Person through IRCC's Pre-Removal Risk Assessment (PRRA), they will receive a VOS as proof of Protected Person status.

Negative decision: If an asylum claimant receives a negative decision by the IRB, they are subject to removal from Canada, but may be able to:

- [appeal](#) at the Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) of the IRB;
- [Seek leave for judicial review with the Federal Court](#) if they are barred from access to the RAD or after the right of appeal under the IRPA has been exhausted; or
- submit a [Pre-removal risk assessment](#) (PRRA) if after 12 months have passed from their negative IRB decision they are still in Canada and subject to an enforceable removal order, and they are invited to apply by the CBSA. The PRRA is a process embedded in the removal process and used to ensure that individuals are not removed to a country where they would be at risk of persecution, torture, risk to life or of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment.

Work Permit

Asylum claimants need a valid work permit to work in Canada.

REQUESTING

Asylum claimants can **apply for a work permit as part of their asylum claim***.

The work permit will be issued automatically, once the claim is submitted, provided that:

1. the claim has been **determined eligible** to be referred to the IRB and;
2. the medicals and biometrics are completed.

A recent [temporary public policy](#) facilitates access to open work permits for people whose asylum claims are **determined ineligible** to be referred to the IRB, meaning that:

1. for anyone who already has a valid work permit, it will not be cancelled and will remain valid until its expiry
2. for anyone who does not have one, they may be eligible for one if based on the information available at the time of the ineligibility decision they would later be eligible for a PRRA. To apply, they must **submit a new work permit application** and **pay the applicable fees**.

RECEIVING

A work permit can't be uploaded in the client's portal as it must be printed on secure paper.

Once the work permit is issued, a claimant can [obtain their Social Insurance Number](#) (SIN).

Service Canada center requires all applicants to provide **2 valid original documents (no photocopy)** proving identity.

Documents accepted include:

- a valid work permit; **and**
- the Acknowledgement of Claim (AOC), the Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD), or the Refugee Protection Identity Document (RPID).

* Do you want to apply for a work permit? (required)

Choose Yes if you want to request a work permit. You don't need to submit a separate application or pay extra fees. Requesting a work permit doesn't mean you'll get one. You must still be eligible for a work permit. If you are eligible and we approve your permit, we'll mail it to you after you complete your medical exam.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Work Permit (extend or change conditions)

EXTEND / CHANGE

Persons who have made an asylum claim and whose claim was determined either eligible or ineligible to be referred to the IRB can extend their work permit online: [Extend or change the conditions on your work permit](#). If a person applies to extend or change the conditions of their work permit **before it expires**, they will be able to continue working while the application is being processed.

Even so, during this time, a person can't apply for a SIN **or** update the expiry date of their current SIN. They can, however, keep working under the **same conditions** as those on their initial work permit.

After an **online application** for work permit renewal is submitted, if eligible, IRCC will send a letter in the applicant's online account. That letter can be used as **proof that they're authorized to keep working**. The letter is valid for 365 days or until a decision is made on their application for extension.

If the application is submitted **on paper**, no letter will be sent since IRCC needs to make sure that the application is complete, and the person meets the requirements to work.

In those cases, valid forms of proof include:

- a copy of the work permit application, and
- a copy of postal or courier tracking information.

Study Permit

Adult

A study permit is **required for studies** that are **more than 6 months**.

Asylum claimants can apply after they have made their claim. If the claimant already has a valid study permit, they can continue studying under that study permit until it expires, unless their removal order has become enforceable and the study permit has been cancelled (for example, if their asylum claim was determined ineligible).

An acceptance letter from a Designated Learning Institution (DLI) **is always required**. Asylum claimants however **do not need** a Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter.

For more information: [Study in Canada](#)

Minor

Minor children already in Canada are authorized to study without a study permit at the pre-school, primary or secondary under [certain conditions](#). For more information: [Studying in Canada as a minor](#)

When minor children reach the age of majority, they must apply for a study permit if they want to keep studying.

Extension

Asylum claimants can extend their study permit online: [Extend your study permit](#). If a person applies to extend or change the conditions of their study permit **before it expires**, they will be able to continue studying while the application is being processed.

Interim Federal Health Program

The IFHP provides temporary coverage for **basic health benefits**, such as hospital and physician care, and **limited supplemental health benefits**, including **prescription medication**, urgent dental and vision care, counselling, and other services - such as assistive devices and medical supplies. IFHP beneficiaries can get [health-care services](#) anywhere in Canada from [IFHP-registered providers](#).

What is changing?

Co-payments will apply to all IFHP supplemental health benefits as of **May 1, 2026**. Basic health benefit and IMEs are unchanged (free-of-charge).

What is a Co-payment?

The portion of the cost that beneficiaries pay directly to health-care providers when receiving supplemental health benefits. The remainder of the cost is covered by the IFHP.

Who does it apply to?

All IFHP beneficiaries, except immigration detainees located in CBSA facilities.

Immigration Medical Exam (IME)

In-Canada coverage includes the cost of one IME and any necessary IME-related diagnostic tests
The IME is to be completed by an [IRCC approved Panel Physician](#)

Registered health-care providers are able to confirm that an asylum claimant is covered by IFHP once they show either their:

- Acknowledgement of Claim (AOC)
- Refugee Protection Identity Document (RPID) or Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD)
- Temporary Document for Lost/Stolen RPID or RPCD

Asylum claimants granted **Protected Persons** status will continue to be **eligible for IFHP for 90 days or until they qualify for provincial coverage**.

Supports Available

- Support**
- While awaiting their IRB decision, claimants have access to:
- Interim Federal Health Program and a work permit at the **federal** level;
 - Social program (financial assistance), primary and secondary education as well as legal aid at the **provincial/territorial** level; and
 - Emergency shelter / low-income housing at the **municipal** level.
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- Housing**
- The **Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP)** is a grant program that provides funding to provinces, territories, and municipalities (on a cost-sharing basis) so that they may address the housing needs of asylum claimants while they await determination of their claim.
- IHAP gives communities flexibility in their support to asylum claimants. The renewed IHAP can support a wider range of activities, such as:
- Supporting temporary/interim costs for housing stays;
 - Housing-related supports and services for asylum claimants;
 - Advancing coordination within and across jurisdictions; and
 - Developing/acquiring/renovating for additional housing capacity, such as reception centres or transitional housing locations.

Note that asylum claimants cannot apply for IHAP directly.

Supports Available

Job bank

The [Job Bank](#) is a national employment service platform available as a website and mobile application which operates in English and French. Asylum claimants with a work permit and SIN are encouraged to [register](#) and upgrade from a Standard to a Plus account*, which provides additional benefits, such as the ability to be matched to jobs and to submit applications directly through the Job Bank.

*Both accounts are free and require an email address. The Plus account also requires a [Social Insurance Number](#).

Settlement Program

Asylum claimants are not eligible for federally-funded settlement services while their claim is in process. However, claimants who receive a positive decision from the IRB become Protected Persons in Canada. It is at this stage that they will become eligible to [settlement services \(federal\)](#) – the IRB notice of decision serves as proof of status.

IRCC's Settlement Program uses a third-party service delivery model and funds a network of over 550 settlement provider organizations across the country, who in turn provide services to newcomers who have been accepted to permanently settle in Canada.

Acknowledgment of Claim

 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

Date: _____

UCI: _____

Application Number : _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLAIM AND NOTICE TO RETURN FOR INTERVIEW

Family Name: _____

Given Name: _____

Date of Birth: YYYY/MM/DD _____

This notice acknowledges that the Government of Canada received your refugee claim on YYYY/MM/DD.

You are now eligible for health care coverage under the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP). You are required to undergo an Immigration Medical Examination as part of your refugee claim. The IFHP will cover the cost of this examination. Please present this notice and your IMM 1017 form to the panel physician at your appointment.

You are required to return for an interview with respect to your refugee claim. The details are as follows:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Address: _____

You must bring the following with you:

- This original appointment letter
- 4 original passport-sized photographs

If you are under 18 years of age, you must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if he or she resides in Canada.

IMPORTANT:
If you do not appear for your interview, your IFHP coverage may be terminated. In addition, your refugee claim may subsequently be determined to have been abandoned in which case you will be subject to removal from Canada.

Note – If you pay for any medical services or products, you will not be reimbursed.

Health care providers in Canada MUST verify the eligibility of the individual with the IFHP claims administrator, Medavie Blue Cross, before providing services. Medavie Blue Cross may be contacted by telephone at 1-888-614-1880, by facsimile at 506-867-4651 or through their website at <https://www.medaviebc.ca/en/health-professionals>



An Acknowledgement of Claim (AOC) is given to claimants to confirm that they have made a claim and that they will have to return for an interview in order to complete their application.

This letter will help claimants get access to the [Interim Federal Health Program](#) and [other services in Canada](#).

IMPORTANT: Note that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, IRCC and CBSA stopped scheduling a date and time for the interview. As a result, this portion may not be populated. An interview letter will later be sent.

Immigration Medical Examination form

 **Government of Canada** / **Gouvernement du Canada**

**MEDICAL REPORT
CLIENT BIODATA AND SUMMARY**

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Required for all clients.
Must be taken within six months
of the medical examination.

CLIENT INFORMATION		
Family name	Given name(s)	
Date of Birth YYYY-MM-DD	Country of Birth	Gender
Address		
E-mail Address	Telephone no.	
IMMIGRATION DETAILS		
IMM Type:	IME no:	
UCI:		
Application no.:		
IMMIGRATION MEDICAL EXAMINATION GRADING		
☐ A. No significant abnormal history or abnormal findings present.		
☐ B. Significant abnormal history and/or significant abnormal findings present.		
Comments:		
PANEL PHYSICIAN DECLARATION		
Valid identity document (passport/national ID) signed?		Do you have identity concerns?
☐ No ☐ Yes		☐ No ☐ Yes
		If YES, please provide details:
I confirm that this immigration medical examination and report is a true and accurate record of my findings.		
Panel Physician name	Panel Physician signature	
Panel Physician no.	Date of IME submission YYYY MM DD	

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Instructions to complete the medical examination will be given to claimants with the medical report form.

Claimants are required to undergo the immigration medical examination (IME) within 30 days of receiving the form.

The immigration medical examination (IME) must be performed by a doctor from the IRCC list of [authorized Panel Physicians](#).

For more information: [Immigration Medical Exam \(IME\) - Canada.ca](#).

Refugee Protection Identity Document

 **Citizenship Canada** **Citoyenneté Canada**

 **CANADA** EX000 000 000
0123456789

REFUGEE PROTECTION IDENTITY DOCUMENT /
DOCUMENT D'IDENTITÉ DU DEMANDEUR D'ASILE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PERSON HEREIN HAS MADE A CLAIM FOR REFUGEE PROTECTION WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT / CECI EST POUR CERTIFIER QUE LA PERSONNE CI-DESSOUS A FAIT UNE DEMANDE DE PROTECTION DES RÉFUGIÉS AU SENS DE LA LOI SUR L'IMMIGRATION ET LA PROTECTION DES RÉFUGIÉS

Application No. / Demande : _____ UCI / IUC : _____

CLIENT INFORMATION / INFORMATION DU CLIENT

Family Name / Nom de Famille : _____
Given Name(s) / Prénom(s) : _____
Date of Birth / Date de naissance : _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)
Country of Birth / Pays de naissance : _____
Country of Citizenship / Citoyen de : _____
Date Issued / Délivré le : _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)
Expiry Date / Date d'expiration : _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

As of _____, the above-named individual is eligible for the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP). Eligibility can be cancelled without notice if the individual's immigration status changes. Health-care providers must verify with the IFHP administrator before providing services.

I, the undersigned:

- declare that I require coverage under the IFHP. I will notify IRCC immediately of any changes to my immigration status, or if I become eligible for or receive other health insurance;
- understand that my medical and personal information will be shared with IRCC, IFHP claims administration and other appropriate third-parties for the administration of the IFHP and that my personal information may be shared with other government institutions and other third-parties in accordance with the *Privacy Act* and the *Department of Citizenship and Immigration Act*.

À partir du _____, la personne susmentionnée est admissible au Programme fédéral de santé intermédiaire (PFSI). L'admissibilité peut être annulée sans préavis si le statut d'immigration de la personne change. Les fournisseurs de soins de santé doivent vérifier l'admissibilité auprès de l'administrateur du PFSI avant de fournir des services.

Je, soussigné(e) :

- déclare que j'ai besoin de la couverture en vertu du PFSI. J'informerai immédiatement IRCC de tout changement quant à mon statut d'immigré ou si je deviens admissible ou adhère à un autre régime d'assurance-santé;
- comprends que mes renseignements de nature médicale et personnelle seront communiqués à IRCC, à l'administrateur des demandes de règlement du PFSI et aux tierces parties appropriées aux fins de l'administration du PFSI, et que mes renseignements personnels pourraient être communiqués à d'autres institutions gouvernementales ou tierces parties en conformité avec la *Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels* et la *Loi sur le ministère de la citoyenneté et de l'immigration*.

School age children do not need student authorization to attend primary or secondary schools. / Les enfants d'âge scolaire n'ont pas besoin d'une autorisation d'étude pour fréquenter une école primaire ou secondaire.

Signature of person concerned or guardian /
Signature du titulaire ou tuteur/tutrice

Immigration Official /
Agent(e) d'immigration

*****NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL / NON VALIDE POUR VOYAGER*****

THIS FORM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA. - THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
CE FORMULAIRE ÉTABLI PAR LE MINISTRE DE L'IMMIGRATION, RÉFUGIÉS ET CITOYENNETÉ CANADA - LE PRÉSENT DOCUMENT EST LA PROPRIÉTÉ DU GOUVERNEMENT DU CANADA



We issue Refugee Protection Identity Documents (RPID) to asylum claimants after we refer their claims to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) or if their claim is ineligible to be referred, but based on the information available at that time, they would be eligible to apply for a Pre-Referral Risk Assessment (PRRA) as part of their removal proceedings.

A RPID confirms the holder made an asylum claim and provides proof of eligibility for IFHP coverage.

A RPID does not provide the authorized period of stay and does not include details on health coverage.

What if the asylum claimant lost their RPID?

[Replace your refugee protection identity document](#)

Refugee Protection Claimant Document

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED / PROTÉGÉ LORSQU'IL EST REMPLI - B

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REFUGEE PROTECTION CLAIMANT DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PERSON HEREIN IS A REFUGEE PROTECTION CLAIMANT WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT

Application No: _____

UCI: _____

CLIENT INFORMATION

Family Name: _____

Given Name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Sex: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Date Issued: _____

Expiry Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Subsection 100(1) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, this refugee protection claim has been determined to be eligible for a decision by the Refugee Protection Division. Consequently, pursuant to subsection 100(3), the refugee protection claim is referred to the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration Refugee Board.

As of _____ the above-named individual is eligible for coverage of health-care costs under the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP). This coverage can be cancelled without notice if the individual's immigration status changes. Therefore, health-care providers must verify the eligibility of the individual with the IFHP administrator before providing services. I, the undersigned:

- declare that I require coverage under the IFHP. I will notify IRCC immediately of any changes to my immigration status, or if I become eligible for or receive other health insurance;
- understand that my medical and personal information will be shared with IRCC, IFHP claims administration and other appropriate third-parties for the administration of the IFHP and that my personal information may be shared with other government institutions and other third-parties in accordance with the *Privacy Act* and the *Department of Citizenship and Immigration Act*.

School age children do not need student authorization to attend primary or secondary schools.

Name, relationship and signature of accompanying adult (if applicable): _____

Signature of person concerned: _____

Minister: _____

NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL

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Effective March 25, 2025, the Refugee Protection Claimant Document (RPCD) is no longer issued to asylum claimants. The Refugee Protection Identity Document (RPID) is issued instead. RPCDs issued to claimants before March 25, 2025, remain valid until their expiry.

We issued RPCDs to asylum claimants after we referred their claims to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) or if their claim was ineligible to be referred, but they were eligible to apply for a Pre-Referral Risk Assessment (PRRA) as part of their removal proceedings.

A RPCD confirms the holder made an asylum claim and provides proof of eligibility for IFHP coverage.

A RPCD does not provide the authorized period of stay and does not include details on health coverage.

Work Permit

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CLIENT INFORMATION/INFORMATION DU CLIENT

Family Name/Nom de Famille: [redacted]
Given Name/Prénom(s): [redacted]
Date of Birth/Date de naissance: [redacted] (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)
Sex/Sexe: [redacted]
Country of Birth/Pays de naissance: [redacted]
Country of Citizenship/Citoyen de: [redacted]
Travel Doc No./N° du document de voyage: [redacted] Person

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Date issued/Émis le: [redacted] (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)
Expiry Date/Date d'expiration: [redacted] (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)
Class Type/Genre de visa: [redacted]
LMA or Exempt No./N° de l'EMPT: [redacted]
Employer/Employeur: [redacted]
Employment Location/Lieu de travail: [redacted]
Occupation/Profession: [redacted]
In Force From/En vigueur le: [redacted] (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/dd)

Conditions:
Conditions:

Remarks/Observations:
Remarques:

THIS DOES NOT AUTHORIZE RE-ENTRY/CECI N'AUTORISE PAS LA RÉ-ENTRÉE

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Most foreign nationals [need a work permit](#) to legally work in Canada.

A work permit might specify restrictions around which employer the holder can work for, what type of work they can do, and for how long they can work.

Learn more about [work permits](#), including

- [open work permits](#)
- [employer-specific work permits](#)

What if you've lost your Work Permit?

[How do I get a copy of a lost, stolen or destroyed work permit?](#)

Key Resources

1. [Refugee protection in Canada - Canada.ca](#)
2. [Information for Refugee Claimants - Canada.ca](#)
3. [Find out if your representative is authorized - Canada.ca](#)
4. [Types of immigration documents - Canada.ca](#)
5. [Check current IRCC processing times - Canada.ca](#)
6. [Change of Address - Canada.ca](#)
7. [Information Sheet – Ineligible Asylum Claims](#)
8. [IRCC Web form - Canada.ca](#)
9. [Work in Canada - Canada.ca](#)
10. [Extend or change the conditions on your work permit - Canada.ca](#)
11. [Interim Federal Health Program - Canada.ca](#)
12. [Interim Federal Health Program - Find a Panel Physician - Canada.ca](#)
13. [Interim Federal Health Program - Providers Search - Canada.ca](#)
14. [Interim Federal Health Program - Benefit Grids](#)
15. [Help Centre - IFHP](#)
16. [Pre-removal risk assessment - Canada.ca](#)

Acronyms

AOC: Acknowledgement of Claim

BOC: Basis of Claim

BVOR: Blended Visa-Office Referred Refugees

CBSA: Canada Border Services Agency

DLI: Designated Learning Institute

GAR: Government Assisted Refugees

IAD: Immigration Appeals Division of the IRB

IFHP: Interim Federal Health Program

IME: Immigration Medical Exam

IRB: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

IRCC: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

IRPA: Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

IRPR: Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations

MDD: Minister's Due Diligence

MDR: Minister's Delegate Review

PPiC: Protected Person in Canada

POE: Port of Entry

PRRA: Pre-Removal Risk Assessment

PSR: Privately Sponsored Refugees

RPCD: Refugee Protection Claimant Document

RPID: Refugee Protection Identity Document

RAD: Refugee Appeals Division of the IRB

RAP: Resettlement Assistance Program

RPD: Refugee Protection Division of the IRB

SP: Study Permit

STCA AP: Safe Third Country Agreement Additional Protocol

WP: Work Permit

UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees