



IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES & CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC), CHANGES

Changes to 2017 Parent and Grandparent Program Application Intake Process

For 2017, John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC), announced changes to how sponsorship applications will be submitted under the program. Rather than the January rush to submit applications by courier or mail, those wanting to bring their parents or grandparents to Canada will now have **30 days to fill out an online form** to indicate their interest. IRCC will then randomly choose 10,000 individuals from those who filled out the form, and those people will be invited to send in their complete application package. Online form will be available starting Jan 03, 2017. Sponsors then will have 30 days to submit the form.

Gov't takes early action to improve the Temporary Foreign Worker Program

In order to prevent unnecessary hardship and instability for both workers and employers, the four-year cumulative duration rule will **NOT** apply to temporary foreign workers in Canada, **effective immediately**. Cumulative duration rule, known as the "four-in, four-out" rule, was put in place in April 2011, limiting work for some temporary foreign workers in Canada to four years who then became ineligible to work in Canada for the next four years.

Pathways to Permanent Residency

For those temporary foreign workers who do **NOT** currently have access, the Government is committed to further developing **pathways to permanent residency** so that eligible applicants can more fully contribute to Canadian society. Work on this issue continues. See: <http://bit.ly/2gXJ3Up>

Senate Committee on Refugees See: <http://bit.ly/2hS2jps>

*"Finding Refuge in Canada: A Syrian Resettlement Story"*

Since mid-November, Canada has brought three government assisted refugees (GARs) to Canada for every one privately sponsored refugee, despite the fact that privately sponsored refugees have a much greater chance of success than GARs, especially in the first few years. Since October more than 50 per cent of privately sponsored Syrian refugees who arrived in Canada before March of this year already have jobs. By contrast, only 12 per cent of Government Sponsored Refugees who arrived in this period are currently working.



WE REMEMBER

SUSAN MORAN, OLM

who died December 18, 2016

& was prayer partner  
with †Janet Mukagatsinzi  
and with Azeb.

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