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AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

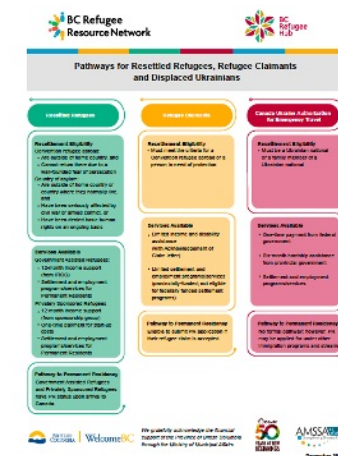
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Pathways for Resettled Refugees, Refugee Claimants and Displaced Ukrainians Info Sheet

To respond quickly to the crisis in Ukraine, the Canadian government took the unprecedented step of opening a temporary resident visa category to create the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET). While leaving a country at war, Ukrainian arrivals to Canada are not designated as refugees, and therefore are in a different situation than resettled refugees and refugee claimants. In contrast, Afghans arriving in Canada as part of Canada's Afghan mission arrive as resettled refugees.

AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network initiative has developed the [Pathways for Resettled Refugees, Refugee Claimants and Displaced Ukrainians Info Sheet](#) to support understanding of these three categories in comparison to one another. The Pathways Info Sheet summarizes the key differences between CUAET, resettled refugees and refugee claimants, including entry to Canada, supports available upon arrival and how each gain permanent residency in Canada. This resource is intended to be a quick reference for anyone supporting newcomers arriving in Canada, with a stand-alone one-page summary that can be used on its own.

To download the Pathways Info Sheet, click here:



AMSSA would like your feedback on this Pathways infosheet for possible updates as the situation changes and the development of future resources. Please take the

IRCC Settlement Program Services for CUAET holders extended to March 31, 2024

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has recently announced that Settlement Program services, which are typically only available to permanent residents, will be extended until March 31, 2024, for temporary residents in Canada eligible under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET). Examples of services that will continue to be available to Ukrainians as they settle into their new communities include:

- language training
- information about and orientation to life in Canada, such as help with enrolling children in school
- information and services to help access the labour market, including mentoring, networking, counselling, skills development and training
- activities that promote connections with communities
- assessments of other needs Ukrainians may have and referrals to appropriate agencies
- services targeted to the needs of women, seniors, youth and LGBTQ2+ persons
- other settlement supports available through the Settlement Program

As list of organizations providing settlement services through IRCC can be found on [Welcome to Canada: Connecting to settlement services and community supports and programs - Canada.ca](#)

Settlement Practitioner Introductory Training Workshop

March 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST

AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network initiative was created to support the coordination of resources and information flow to support all refugees influenced by the humanitarian crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine. Consultations with service providers across B.C. indicated that an introductory foundational functional training would aid in the orientation of new practitioners coming into the field.

The Settlement Practitioner Introductory Training will provide practical training on common settlement work tasks that are not agency specific within B.C.

Among the topics this training webinar covers are:

- Immigration categories and funding sources
- The role of a settlement practitioner
- The framework of settlement work
- Case management of clients

Target Audience: this webinar is targeted for people who have not received formalized training in the basics of settlement work, and are new to settlement work.

Please note that this workshop will be available as an E-learning course. If you have any questions, please contact Jenya Avramenko at javramenko@amssa.org.

Presenter: Mona Hassannia – Mona has over 15-years of front-line and

management experience in the BC settlement and integration sector working with various populations including government-assisted refugees (GARs), refugee claimants, migrants, and immigrants. She is also a Registered Clinical Counsellor, bringing this experience into her work both as a service provider and accomplished trainer, developing toolkits, training and curriculum to strengthen the field.

To register for the *Settlement Practitioner Introductory Training Workshop*, please use [this link](#).



Afghans who have arrived in Canada since August 2021 as of March 2023:

28,610



Ukrainian nationals who have arrived in Canada since January 2022 as of February 2023:

177,958

Source: [Government of Canada - #WelcomeAfghans: Key Figures](#),
[Government of Canada - Ukraine Immigration Measures: Key Figures](#)

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

Please take the time to fill out the feedback survey so AMSSA can make Seeking Refuge more relevant to your needs

[Survey](#)



AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network is an initiative to strengthen community capacity to support resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians through education, information dissemination, research and training. The Seeking Refuge bulletin has been created to keep service providers up-to-date on news, resources, and to provide information on frequently asked about topics related to recent migrations of displaced Ukrainians and resettled refugees. If you know someone who would like to receive this bulletin, please share this [link](#).

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