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AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

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British Columbia Cancels International Student Health Fee for Ukrainians Arriving under CUAET

In December 2022, the Government enacted the [Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel \(CUAET\) International Student Health Fee Remission Regulation](#). The International Student Health Fee (ISHF) is a monthly \$75 fee for anyone 5 years and older enrolled in MSP with a study permit issued by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada. This regulation aims to assist Ukrainians who have recently arrived in Canada and are facing financial barriers and may be unable to work for some time.

Retroactive to March 1, 2022, this regulation builds on several other financial and health supports and allows for the remission of debt for the International Student Health Fee for students enrolled in the Medical Services Plan (MSP) under a study permit issued under CUAET. Since the summer of 2022, the Ministry of Finance has been holding the bills for those who qualify. For those who have already paid the ISHF prior to December 19, 2022, the Ministry of Finance will be in contact and refund the payments. If you or someone you know is a newcomer to Canada from Ukraine and is facing financial challenges related to the ISHF, please know that support is available through this regulation.

To learn more about the supports available to individuals arriving from Ukraine and how you can support them, please visit the [Government of British Columbia's website](#). You can also contact the Service BC toll-free phone line at 1 800 663-7867 for more information.

Human Trafficking and Exploitation – What Newcomers Need to Know – Webinar on February 9, 2023

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the CBSA.

Event Details

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Date: February 9, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. PST

Location: Online

Presenters

Farid Salji, Analyst, Bank of Canada's Regional Office for British Columbia and the Yukon

Cpl Vinh Ngo, Subject Matter Resource, 'E' Division Federal Policing Prevention and Engagement, RCMP

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Scams and Fraud – What Newcomers Need to Know – Webinar on February 13, 2023

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Afghans who have
arrived in Canada
since August 2021

Ukrainian nationals who
have arrived in Canada
since January 2022



as of February 2023:

27,870



as of February 2023:

153,810

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

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

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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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