

General Resources - Canada

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1. Refugee Pathways – Canada (Special Programs):

Special Programs:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Im63eJiSichH8s0zIQqLnINlom_749RhCF-HiaETU4/edit?usp=sharing

Canada and other international pathways:

<https://asylex.bryter.io/s/MexubeXfRp-azMjchS52vA/afghanistan-evacuation-options-copy>

2. Sponsorship Pathways - Canada:

Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-outside-canada/private-sponsorship-program.html>

Refugee Sponsorship Training, <https://www.rstp.ca/>

Lifeline Afghanistan, <https://www.lifelineafghanistan.ca/>

Flowchart on the refugee and sponsorship pathways in English, Dari, and Pashto - TBA

3. Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan:

Find out what special measures apply to you,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/wizard.html>

Special Measures for Afghan applicants, updated September 10, 2021,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/afghans-canada.html>

Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan.html>

How to reach us: <https://twitter.com/CitImmCanada/status/1429994442388291588>

IRCC Figures of Afghans assisted, updated September 14, 2021,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/key-figures.html>

4. Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada's measures for processing refugee claims for Afghan nationals:

<https://irb.gc.ca/en/news/2021/Pages/measures-processing-files-afghan-nationals.aspx>

5. Updates on Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan:

September 29, 2021 - Canadian Council for Refugees,

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<https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/afghanistan-crisis-information.pdf>

September 3, 2021 - Federal Government,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2021/09/more-than-3000-evacuees-arrive-in-canada-from-afghanistan.html>

August 26, 2021 - Federal Government,

<https://www.cpac.ca/l-episode?id=d75a5524-79be-46df-bb4d-ecb673872065>

August 22, 2021 - Federal Government,

<https://www.cpac.ca/episode?id=8019a1b1-6de4-4b78-915c-ffa0d67ab1fe>

August 20, 2021 - Canadian Council for Refugees,

<https://ccrweb.ca/sites/ccrweb.ca/files/afghanistan-crisis-information-20-august.pdf>

6. Canada-specific pro bono clinics for Afghans in need:

British Columbia

- Immigration and refugee law assistance for low income people across British Columbia
 - Immigration and Refugee Law Clinic, <https://www.irlc.ca/>
 - Legal Aid BC, <https://lss.bc.ca/>

Nationwide Campaign

- TBD shortly

International Campaign

- PILNet Project TBD shortly - it is anticipated that an Afghan refugee will be able to seek pro bono assistance through a portal and PILNet will then refer the Afghan refugee to the appropriate pro bono service provider.
- If you are, or know, an Afghan national in Australia, Iran or Afghanistan needing support, please contact [Asia Pacific Network of Refugees'](#) Afghan Crisis Helpline on (+61) 1800 855 707. They can provide emergency support items, link you with mental health counsellors and refer you for pro bono legal support.
- US-specific - Referral to Project: Afghan Legal Assistance, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cHk1lEvsDk169FCG6HNEbpL0ZpbBUMXY1cVy16CBb3k/viewform?edit_requested=true

7. Webinars and Town Halls

October 23, 2021 at 5:00 – 8:00 PM PST, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85653733202?pwd=NWNKQWhWRTdqR2JvalIQQIJPREoxQT09>

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October 14, 2021 at 5:00 – 8:00 PM PST, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87259882159?pwd=aU5VaGNnRFFBc2pFU0Vvdm9Na2FRZz09>

October 7, 2021 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM PST, MOSAIC and Surrey Board of Trade, The Afghan Refugee Crisis: How Businesses Can Respond,

<https://business.businessinsurrey.com/events/details/october-7-2021-the-afghan-refugee-crisis-how-businesses-can-respond-11552>

October 6, 2021 at 1:00 – 4:00 PM PST, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87922050782?pwd=V1k3QkhJeFozUzBLaWthSW91UURUQT09>

October 5, 2021 at 7PM PST - Multi-Agency Partnership BC, “In Focus Lecture: Afghans in Search of a Home - Crisis Awareness and Welcoming Refugees to a Brighter Future”,

<https://mapbc.org/afghans-in-search-of-a-home-crisis-awareness-and-welcoming-refugees-to-a-brighter-future/>

September 29, 2021 at 1:00 - 2:00 PM PST, BC Refugee Hub and ISSofBC, “Afghan Refugee Resettlement”,

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_28e5gIJcTyek7mZG0aweA

September 27, 2021 at 6:00 – 9:00 PM PST, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81158929015?pwd=TIhwcFlwZFpnVi92bmF5eDBkZHhmUT09>

September 27, 2021 at 10AM PST - BC Refugee Hub, “Canada’s Private Sponsorship Program”,

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Osub2R1TQausW-CHqtxDTQ

September 18, 2021 at 12:00 - 3:00 PM PST, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84842931828?pwd=QWdscjJFUTRITCtRU3NZbTEzZFgxZz09>

September 13, 2021 at 8AM PST - Laheeb Akbarzad and Muska Stanakzai, Canadian Afghan Lawyers Association, “Live Q&A”, https://www.instagram.com/p/CTknuLPLu12/?utm_medium=copy_link

September 9, 2021 at 11AM PST - Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, “Webinar on Afghanistan: Refugee Protection and Pathways to Canada”,

<https://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails?ID=2054&EID=29559>

September 7, 2021 at 6-8PM PST - MOSAIC-CCR-VAST, “Virtual Information Sharing Session: Afghanistan Refugee Situation”, FARSI/DARI,

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<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-information-sharing-session-afghanistan-refugee-situation-tickets-169405445247>

September 5, 2021 at 11AM PST - Canadian Council for Refugees (members only), Virtual meeting to discuss the programs in place to respond to the Afghanistan crisis,

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlof--trzMuGtzXy0P3fatbjOS1MxdIGF-q>

September 1, 2021 at 6PM PST - MOSAIC-CCR-VAST, "Virtual Information Sharing Session: Afghanistan Refugee Situation", PASHTO,

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-information-sharing-session-afghanistan-refugee-situation-tickets-168632332847>

September 1, 2021 at 3PM PST - Canadian Muslim Legal Association and Canadian Afghan Lawyer Association, "The Afghan Crisis: Obtaining Refugee Status in Canada",

<https://www.cmla-acam.ca/events/the-afghan-crisis-obtaining-refugee-status-in-canada>

- Link to video of Zoom session: [Obtaining Refugee Status in Canada presented by MLSC and CALA - YouTube](#)
- Link to fact sheet: [Addressing the Afghan Crisis - FactSheet.docx](#)

August 31, 2021 at 6PM PST - MOSAIC-CCR-VAST, "Virtual Information Sharing Session: Afghanistan Refugee Situation", PASHTO,

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-information-sharing-session-afghanistan-refugee-situation-tickets-168473136687>

August 20, 2021 - Djawid Taheri, <https://we.tl/t-PoQfgJKJSI?src=dnI>

- Responses to questions from the community: [Q&A Taheri Aug 22 2021.docx](#)

8. If you are in Canada and want to write to the political leaders on the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan:

<https://canada4afghanistan.good.do/ccap/email/>

<https://cw4wafghan.ca/human-rights-2/>

9. Petition to support the people of Afghanistan:

<https://www.nccm.ca/afghanistan/?fbclid=IwAR3SpLFprCQu3O-yPPI6dk36jhSvglWHkdEJq-F7kmS9JbbLu7-cd4peZTI>

10. Calls to Action from various organizations based in Canada:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HtBaISFIWj3Ulg70y8-2ERtPreIJW5Tv?usp=sharing>

11. Volunteer:

BC-specific resettlement assistance: <https://linktr.ee/bc4afghans>

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<https://www.lifelineafghanistan.ca/joinourefforts/>

<https://cdainstitute.ca/afghanrefugees/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/volunteer-donate.html>

12. Donate:

BC-specific resettlement assistance: <https://linktr.ee/bc4afghans>

Toronto-specific resettlement assistance: [Toronto Region Afghan Resettlement Fund \(City of Toronto, United Way Greater Toronto, Lifeline Afghanistan\)](#)

Humanitarian relief in Afghanistan: [Fundraiser by Children Without Borders : Urgent Crisis Relief for Afghanistan 2021 \(gofundme.com\)](#)

Resettlement assistance, humanitarian relief, and advocacy: [Donate: Afghan Women's Organization](#)

Resettlement assistance, humanitarian relief, and advocacy: [IDRF - People Helping People - Non-profit Canadian Charity](#)

Toronto-specific resettlement assistance: www.gofundme.com/f/afghan-refugee-resettlement-fund

13. Refugee-Specific Community Services

Ontario

- Brampton + York,
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6Ygb8A54VgcCPaR7NKPZ9nG5ckQ1Jd8/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109618314746828945098&rtpof=true&sd=true>

British Columbia

- List of programs and services for newcomers to British Columbia:
<https://newtobc.ca/settlement-information-for-newcomers/immigrant-and-refugee-programs-and-services/?type=programs-services&community=abbotsford>
- BC-specific community resource for Afghan newcomers, ISSofBC/BC Refugee Hub/BC4Afghans,
[BC-Specific Community Resources for Afghan Newcomers – BC Refugee Hub](#)

14. Interpreters

[DIVERSEcity Interpretation and Translation Services](#)

Email: interpretation@dcrs.ca (Harsh Thakkar)

[Mosaic BC – Interpretation and Translation Services](#)

Email: interpretationservices@mosaic.bc.org

[Options - Translation and Interpretation Services](#)

Email: translation@options.bc.ca (Lucas Ho)

[Society of Translators and Interpreters of British Columbia](#), dari and pashto

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The Provincial Language Services - Provincial Health Services Authority

Dari, Farsi, Pashto interpretation services provided to health care providers. Must be requested by a health care provider/professional.

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Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, <https://cw4wafghan.ca/human-rights-2/>

CCAP Afghanistan Resource Guide

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17SKZ7SdjGxlpTPgOzH1fet8S1UsVJCZu6P4sijz1BJU/edit#gid=813356973>

Supporting Afghans and Afghanistan Airtable document:

<https://airtable.com/shrCncwJhtNcPRtA0/tbl1nlpM1wXIBQ81z>

ISSofBC, Canada's Afghan Refugee Resettlement Program, Refugee Resources,

<https://issbc.org/our-resource/canadas-afghan-refugee-resettlement-program>

MOSAIC, Support for Afghan Refugees,

<https://www.mosaicbc.org/services/settlement/refugees/support-afghan-refugees/>

BC Refugee Hub, Resource Centre, <https://bcrefugeehub.ca/category/resource-centre/>

BC Refugee Hub, Canada's Afghan Refugee Resettlement Program,

<http://bcrefugeehub.ca/canadas-afghan-refugee-resettlement-program/>

Human Rights Watch, "What's next for the Afghans fleeing the Taliban?",

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/09/09/whats-next-afghans-fleeing-taliban?fbclid=IwAR0qHH1nALUjW1GVn1hHW1QgU4vjeKsyy5G3XBjfXMKsBTNyeE6g1xABm08>

Resources on the Afghan Evacuation,

<https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/resources-afghan-evacuation>

Afghanistan - Country of Origin depository,

https://www.asylos.eu/afghanistan?fbclid=IwAR3gcx0jMLf80n1-IFla3vxxtRKTxF8gs5KixXw-5LljZN1zln_eFI RHM5M

[National Documentation Packages - Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada \(irb-cisr.gc.ca\)](https://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/national-documentation-packages-immigration-and-refugee-board-of-canada)