

# ACCELERATED PROCESS FOR WELCOMING GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED SYRIAN REFUGEES TO CANADA

Resettlement for these refugees is entirely supported by the Government of Canada or by the province of Quebec for up to one year.

## Identification



Syrian refugees are identified by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and contacted.



Resettlement eligibility and interest in going to Canada is assessed.

Identity is confirmed by an iris scan.



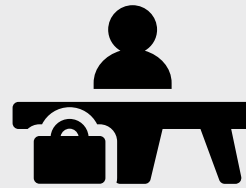
UNHCR refers Syrian refugees to Canada.

## Immigration Interview

Refugees complete their application for resettlement.

Identity is confirmed and refugees are interviewed by Canadian immigration officials.

Protection and special needs are determined.



## Thorough Security Screening



Interviews



Biometric and biographic collection



Database checks

Work begins to find the right welcoming community in Canada.



## Transportation

Officials from the International Organization for Migration secure exit permits from host governments and finalize all remaining paperwork for the flight to Canada.



Refugees prepare and pack for their flight.

## Comprehensive Immigration Medical Exam



Medical history



Health exam



Lab tests for some communicable diseases



X-rays to check for tuberculosis



Complete medical file is reviewed and finalized by immigration health officials



Final processing is completed and visa is issued by Canadian officials.



Canadian officials complete final security screening.

Refugees go through airport security screening and begin their journey to Canada.



## Welcome!

Syrian refugees arrive in Canada and become permanent residents upon arrival. Government-assisted refugees are met at the airport by a service provider organization funded by the federal government or the province of Quebec.



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