

# PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS OF AFGHAN INTERPRETERS



The Government of Canada—Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), have introduced a new pathway to permanent residency for extended family members of Afghan interpreters who immigrated under the 2009 and 2012 public policies. This public policy will accept applications for up to 5,000 people. View [here](#)<sup>1</sup> more information on who can apply and how to apply for the program. Once applicants are approved and arrive to Canada, the following supports are available to these families by the Government of Canada, immigrant and refugee serving organizations, and the family members of the applicants.

## Post-Arrival: When you arrive in Canada

### Government of Canada will provide:

#### » Limited and temporary health care coverage through the **Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)**<sup>2</sup>, including:



- **Basic benefits**<sup>3</sup> (until you're eligible for provincial or territorial health care insurance outside the IFHP)



- Up to 12 months of **supplemental benefits**<sup>4</sup> and prescription drug coverage

#### » Financial help



- One-time payment equal to 3 months of income support through the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP). You don't need to apply for this, but you do need to give us your Canadian banking information for direct deposit. Your family member in Canada will have the email address where you can send your Canadian banking information.

#### » Access to **free newcomer services**<sup>5</sup> provided by immigrant and refugee serving organizations.

### Your family members in Canada will provide:

#### » In addition to the support the Government of Canada will provide, your family member in Canada will help you (and anyone coming with you) to settle in Canada. Including, but not limited to:



- Find temporary housing for you before you arrive.



- Pick you up at the airport when you arrive or arrange transportation from the airport



- Help you set up a bank account with a Canadian financial institution and send your banking information to the Government of Canada (for your one-time income support payment)



- Help you apply for provincial or territorial health care coverage, including your new health card



- Work with you to find permanent housing

For more information, refer to the policy information [page](#).<sup>1</sup>

### Immigrant and refugee serving organizations can provide:



- Learn about working in Canada and finding a job



- Learn English or French



- Sign up your children for school



- Find skills development and training opportunities



- Get services targeted to women, seniors, youth and LGBT2 people



- Find other supports available through the Settlement Program

This funding and access to supports provided by the Government of Canada, along with the support you'll get from your family in Canada, will help you and your family start your new life in Canada.

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2. [canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-within-canada/health-care/interim-federal-health-program/coverage-summary.html](https://canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-within-canada/health-care/interim-federal-health-program/coverage-summary.html)

3. [canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-within-canada/health-care/interim-federal-health-program/coverage-summary.html#basic-benefit](https://canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-within-canada/health-care/interim-federal-health-program/coverage-summary.html#basic-benefit)

4. [docs.medaviebc.ca/providers/benefit\\_grids/IFHP-Benefit-Grid-Supplemental-Coverage-2020-EN.pdf?mtime=20200715140307](https://docs.medaviebc.ca/providers/benefit_grids/IFHP-Benefit-Grid-Supplemental-Coverage-2020-EN.pdf?mtime=20200715140307)

5. [ircc.canada.ca/english/newcomers/services/index.asp](https://ircc.canada.ca/english/newcomers/services/index.asp)