

<p>Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board</p>	<p>Policy Area</p> <p>CHILD CARE Fee Subsidy</p>
<p>IMMIGRANT APPLICANTS</p>	<p>Policy Number</p> <p>CC-6.8</p>

Preamble

As part of the responsibility for managing the delivery of Child Care services, the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) must administer the Fee Subsidy Program.

Immigrants to Canada are eligible to apply for fee subsidy.

Sponsored Immigrants are those immigrants that have permission to come to Canada, usually on the basis that a resident of Canada has undertaken to provide the immigrant with the necessities of life.

Landed Immigrants fall within various categories:

- a) *Independent Class* relates to immigrants admitted on earned points without sponsorship;
- b) *Sponsored Family Class and Assisted Relative* relates to a Canadian relative undertaking to support the immigrant for periods established by the Federal Government up to ten years; and
- c) *Refugee/Designated Group Class* relates to situations when the Federal Government admits the immigrant, without sponsorship or other support provisions.

Work Permits are held by individuals who are residing in Canada, under the terms of a *Ministerial Permit* or *Work Permit*.

Policy

Per the *Ontario Child Care Service Management (OCCSM) Guidelines*, recent immigrants who are defined as "people who were not residents of Canada in the previous year and had no Canadian income to report for income tax purposes" are not required to have filed an income tax return and their adjusted income will be considered "zero" in the first year, when determining eligibility for

fee subsidy.

Sponsored Immigrants

Should the *Sponsored Immigrant* be a recipient of social assistance, the Ontario Works Program has determined their eligibility for assistance.

If the sponsor is caring for the financial needs of the *Sponsored Immigrant*, the sponsor is assessed for Child Care fee subsidy. If the sponsor's intent or ability to take care of the *Sponsored Immigrant* changes once the agreement is signed, the *Sponsored Immigrant* must apply for fee subsidy.

Landed Immigrants

Independent Class Landed Immigrants must apply directly for fee subsidy.

The sponsor of *Sponsored Family Class & Assisted Relative* immigrants must apply for the fee subsidy.

A *Refugee/Designated Group Class* immigrant applies directly for fee subsidy, provided that he/she has made application for permanent residency. Verification of the same must be obtained.

Work Permits

Individuals on *Work Permits* can apply for fee subsidy, however, they must verify that the Work Permit is valid at the time of application.

Visitors to Canada

Visitors or Tourists to Canada are not eligible for Fee Subsidy.

Foreign (VISA) Students

Foreign Students are not eligible for fee subsidy, unless they are sponsored, in which case the sponsor would apply for fee subsidy. (Foreign [VISA] Students are identified by the first three digits of their Social Insurance Number, i.e. 900.)

ADOPTION & REVIEW GUIDELINES

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REFERENCES:	POLICY AREA	POLICY NAME AND NUMBER
	<i>Child Care</i>	<i>CC-6.1 Application Process</i>
	<i>Child Care</i>	<i>CC-6.2 Eligibility/Income Test</i>
	<i>Child Care</i>	<i>CC-6.7 Student Applicants</i>