

COA AT A GLANCE

The Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA) programme is a global initiative funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and implemented worldwide by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), since 1998.

PROGRAMME FEATURES

- » Refugees 13 years old and above
- » 15 hours over 2-3 days
- » Additional hours for youth (ages 13-19)
- » In-person sessions with groups of approximately 25 participants
- » Mobile training sessions to distant and regional locations
- » Support services available (childminding, interpretation, transportation and lodging grant)
- » 13 permanent training sites
- » 40+ countries
- » 60+ locations each year

LOCATIONS



COA PERMANENT TRAINING SITES ●

Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda. (Many with regional coverage).

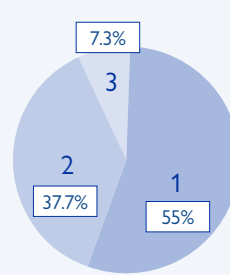
COA MANAGEMENT SITES ●

Canada, Philippines and Switzerland.



To check our **COA Participant Workbook**, visit the IOM Publications website:
<https://publications.iom.int/books/canadian-orientation-abroad-participant-workbook>

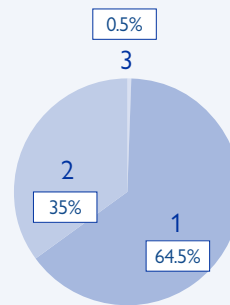
Numbers trained from 1998 up to 03/2021



268,239 clients trained

COA Clients by Immigration Category		
1	REFUGEES	148,909
2	IMMIGRANTS	99,686
3	LABOUR MIGRANTS	19,644

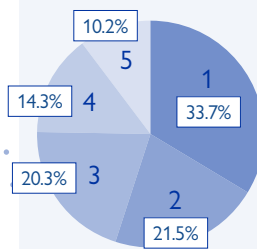
Numbers trained in project year 2019-2020



14,263 clients trained (refugees)

COA Clients by Refugee Category			
1	PSR	Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program	9,205
2	GAR	Government-Assisted Refugees Program	4,993
3	BVOR	Blended Visa Office-Referred Program	65
TOTAL			14,263

COA Top 5 Country of Birth 2019-2020



1	SYRIA	3,377
2	ERITREA	2,151
3	IRAQ	2,036
4	AFGHANISTAN	1,429
5	SOMALIA	1,025

IOM Migrant Training Activities

IOM provides migrant training support to over 40,000 migrants each year; for various receiving countries, including Canada, Australia, the U.S., the UK, and over 12 Member States in the European Economic Area and multiple Member States in Latin America.

For more information on **IOM** and the **COA** programme, visit our website: <https://www.iom.int/coa>