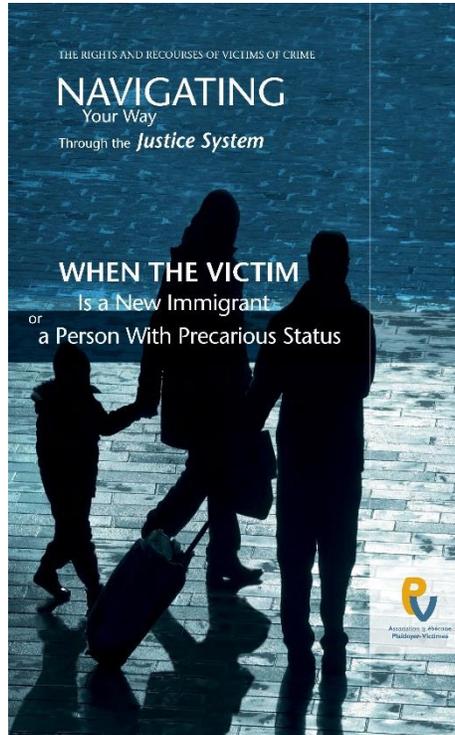




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EDITOR'S NOTE

This document highlights the major changes to the questions and answers of the guide "When the Victim Is a New Immigrant or a Person With Precarious Status" following legislative amendments and other provisions that came into force after its publication in April 2016.

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Repeal of conditional permanent residence

On April 18, 2017, the federal government abolished the measure that was adopted in 2012 which introduced a two-year conditional permanent residence for some sponsored spouses. As a result, this condition no longer applies to **new and existing permanent residence applications** for spouses, common-law partners, conjugal partners, accompanying dependent children and persons who have already received permanent residence with the condition.

p. 16 **Can I be compensated for any harm suffered?**

The answer to this question in the guide is correct. However, since April 1, 2016, proof of injury is also required to process the claim.

p. 148-149 **What information can I obtain from the Correctional Service of Canada and the Parole Board of Canada?**

Public Safety Canada launched on June 1st 2016 a new online and secure web portal that allows any registered victim of crime and/or their representative to have an easier access to information of the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) and the Parole Board of Canada (PBC). This secure online portal is available at <https://victimsportal-portailvictimes.csc-scc.gc.ca/Main/Home>

In addition, victims registered with the CSC or the PBC will now:

- have access to information about an offender's progress in relation to his or her correctional plan;
- have access to a current photo of the offender prior to certain releases;
- have access to a more meaningful participation in the corrections and conditional release system. Victims now have the ability to listen to an audio recording of a parole hearing if they do not attend it;
- be consulted by the PBC prior to removing or changing certain conditions that were placed on an offender's release to enhance their safety.