

DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY 2012 (DV-2012) RESULTS

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky has registered and notified the winners of the DV-2012 diversity lottery. The diversity lottery was conducted under the terms of section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and makes available *50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Approximately 100,021 applicants have been registered and notified and may now make an application for an immigrant visa. Since it is likely that some of the first *50,000 persons registered will not pursue their cases to visa issuance, this larger figure should insure that all DV-2012 numbers will be used during fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011 until September 30, 2012).

Applicants registered for the DV-2012 program were selected at random from 14,768,658 qualified entries (19,672,268 with derivatives) received during the 30-day application period that ran from noon on October 5, 2010, until noon, November 3, 2010. The visas have been apportioned among six geographic regions with a maximum of seven percent available to persons born in any single country. During the visa interview, principal applicants must provide proof of a high school education or its equivalent, or show two years of work experience in an occupation that requires at least two years of training or experience within the past five years. Those selected will need to act on their immigrant visa applications quickly. Applicants should follow the instructions in their notification letter and must fully complete the information requested.

Registrants living legally in the United States who wish to apply for adjustment of their status must contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for information on the requirements and procedures. Once the total *50,000 visa numbers have been used, the program for fiscal year 2012 will end. Selected applicants who do not receive visas by September 30, 2012 will derive no further benefit from their DV-2012 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2012 principal applicants are only entitled to derivative diversity visa status until September 30, 2012.

Only participants in the DV-2012 program who were selected for further processing have been notified. Those who have not received notification were not selected. They may try for the upcoming DV-2013 lottery if they wish. The dates for the registration period for the DV-2013 lottery program are expected to be widely publicized at some point during the coming months.

** The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulated that up to 5,000 of the 55,000 annually-allocated diversity visas be made available for use under the NACARA program. The reduction of the limit of available visas to 50,000 began with DV-2000.*

The following is the statistical breakdown by foreign-state chargeability of those registered for the DV-2012 program:

AFRICA

ALGERIA 1,799	ETHIOPIA 4,902	NIGERIA 6,024
ANGOLA 42	GABON 48	RWANDA 333
BENIN 511	GAMBIA, THE 113	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE 0
BOTSWANA 7	GHANA 5,832	SENEGAL 270
BURKINA FASO 226	GUINEA 899	SEYCHELLES 6
BURUNDI 56	GUINEA-BISSAU 3	SIERRA LEONE 3,397
CAMEROON 3,374	KENYA 4,720	SOMALIA 175
CAPE VERDE 9	LESOTHO 8	SOUTH AFRICA 833
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 3	LIBERIA 2,101	SUDAN 757
CHAD 33	LIBYA 136	SWAZILAND 0
COMOROS 9	MADAGASCAR 17	TANZANIA 175
CONGO 105	MALAWI 16	TOGO 845
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE 3,445	MALI 76	TUNISIA 113
COTE D'IVOIRE 553	MAURITANIA 29	UGANDA 418
DJIBOUTI 38	MAURITIUS 59	ZAMBIA 79
EGYPT 4,664	MOROCCO 1,890	ZIMBABWE 123
EQUATORIAL GUINEA 4	MOZAMBIQUE 13	
ERITREA 670	NAMIBIA 10	
	NIGER 32	

ASIA

AFGHANISTAN 109	IRAQ 153	NEPAL 3,258
BAHRAIN 29	ISRAEL 175	OMAN 11
BANGLADESH 2,373	JAPAN 435	QATAR 19
BHUTAN 5	JORDAN 152	SAUDI ARABIA 217
BRUNEI 0	NORTH KOREA 0	SINGAPORE 45
BURMA 370	KUWAIT 108	SRI LANKA 708
CAMBODIA 596	LAOS 1	SYRIA 160
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMIN. REGION 54	LEBANON 274	TAIWAN 391
INDONESIA 256	MALAYSIA 118	THAILAND 73
IRAN 4,453	MALDIVES 0	TIMOR-LESTE 9
	MONGOLIA 209	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 92
		YEMEN 149

EUROPE

ALBANIA 1,508	HUNGARY 325	NORWAY 84
ANDORRA 1	ICELAND 56	PORTUGAL 66
ARMENIA 998	IRELAND 213	Macau 19
AUSTRIA 130	ITALY 529	ROMANIA 1,327
AZERBAIJAN 304	KAZAKHSTAN 434	RUSSIA 2,353
BELARUS 493	KOSOVO 137	SAN MARINO 1
BELGIUM 105	KYRGYZSTAN 321	SERBIA 298
BOSNIA &	LATVIA 83	SLOVAKIA 80
HERZEGOVINA 83	LIECHTENSTEIN 0	SLOVENIA 16
BULGARIA 883	LITHUANIA 258	SPAIN 232
CROATIA 107	LUXEMBOURG 8	SWEDEN 200
CYPRUS 26	MACEDONIA 160	SWITZERLAND 229
CZECH REPUBLIC 104	MALTA 20	TAJIKISTAN 270
DENMARK 73	MOLDOVA 1,238	TURKEY 3,077
ESTONIA 49	MONACO 3	TURKMENISTAN 143
FINLAND 91	MONTENEGRO 18	UKRAINE 5,799
FRANCE 574	NETHERLANDS 149	UZBEKISTAN 4,800
French Polynesia 7	Aruba 4	VATICAN CITY 0
New Caledonia 1	Curacao 19	
GEORGIA 620	St. Maarten 2	
GERMANY 1,709	NORTHERN	
GREECE 105	IRELAND 59	

NORTH AMERICA

BAHAMAS, THE 15

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA 900	NAURU 5	TONGA 93
Christmas Islands 3	NEW ZEALAND 309	TUVALU 0
Cocos Islands 1	Cook Islands 6	VANUATU 8
FIJI 628	Niue 14	WESTERN SAMOA 9
KIRIBATI 14	PALAU 5	
MARSHALL ISLANDS 4	PAPUA NEW	
MICRONESIA,	GUINEA 0	
FEDERATED	SAMOA 0	
STATES OF 2	SOLOMON	
	ISLANDS 0	

SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 9	DOMINICA 18	DOMINICA 18
ARGENTINA 101	GRENADA 24	GRENADA 24
BARBADOS 25	GUYANA 26	GUYANA 26
BELIZE 9	HONDURAS 80	HONDURAS 80
BOLIVIA 84	NICARAGUA 49	NICARAGUA 49
CHILE 43	PANAMA 21	PANAMA 21
COSTA RICA 43	PARAGUAY 17	PARAGUAY 17
CUBA 292	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 7	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 7

Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2012: Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born, excluding Hong Kong S.A.R. and Taiwan), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.