

## Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery Program (DV-2012)

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The U.S. Department of State recently released information on how to apply for immigrant visas (green cards) to be issued during the fiscal year 2012 through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery Program ("DV 2012"). **The registration period is designated as noon on October 5, 2010 through noon on November 3, 2010.** For detailed information about entry requirements, along with frequently asked questions about the DV lottery, please see the instructions for the DV-2012 Diversity Visa lottery available at [http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types\\_1318.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1318.html).

Please note that natives of the following countries are **not** eligible to apply because these countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years:

**BRAZIL, CANADA, CHINA (mainland-born), COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, INDIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SOUTH KOREA, UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and VIETNAM.**

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Only one application may be submitted for each applicant during the registration period; applicants who submit multiple applications will be disqualified. Applications that are not correctly prepared or that are received outside the stated dates will not be considered. Applicants will be selected at random based on per country quotas from among all those who submit valid requests during the registration period.

Applicants may apply by completing the electronic Diversity Visa entry form (E-DV) at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> between noon on October 5, 2010 through noon on November 3, 2010.

Beginning on May 1, 2011, DV-2012 entrants will be able to use their unique confirmation number provided at registration to check online through Entry Status Check at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> to see if their entry was selected.

We would be pleased to answer any questions regarding the program and to assist applicants in preparing and submitting applications for this program.

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