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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2003) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on how to apply for the DV 2000 Program. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(2) which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)).

Entry Procedures for Immigrant Visas To Be Made Available in the DV Category During Fiscal Year 2003

Entries for DV-2003 *must be received* at one of the Kentucky Consular Center Mailing Addresses Listed in this Notice *between noon on Monday, October 1, 2001 and noon on Wednesday, October 31, 2001.* Entries received before or after these dates will be disqualified regardless of when they are postmarked. Entries mailed to any address other than the Kentucky Consular Center addresses listed in this notice will be disqualified.

How Are Visas Apportioned?

Visas are apportioned among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration, and no visas going to countries sending more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the past five years. Within each of the six regions, no one country may receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in one year. By law, the U.S. Diversity Visa Program makes available a maximum of 55,000 each year. However, the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) stipulates that beginning as early as DV-99 and for as long as necessary, 5,000 of the 55,000 annually-allocated diversity visas will be made available for use under the NACARA Program. This reduction began in DV-2000 and remains in effect for DV-2003.

For DV-2003, natives of the following are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply because they sent more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years:

CANADA
CHINA (mainland-born)
COLOMBIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
EL SALVADOR
HAITI
INDIA
JAMAICA
MEXICO
PAKISTAN
PHILIPPINES
SOUTH KOREA
UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories
VIETNAM
(Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Taiwan are eligible.)

What Are the Requirements To Apply for the DV-2003 Visas?

Chargeability

To enter, an applicant must be able to claim nativity in an eligible country, AND must meet either the education or training requirement of the DV program. Nativity in most cases is determined by the applicant's place of birth. However, if a person was born in an ineligible country but his/her spouse was born in an eligible country, such person can claim the spouse's country of birth rather than his/her own. Also, if a person was born in an ineligible country, but neither of his/her parents was born there or resided there at the time of the birth, such person may be able to claim nativity in one of the parents' country of birth.

Education or Training

To enter, an applicant MUST have EITHER a high school education or its equivalent, defined in the U.S. as successful completion of a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education; OR two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. U.S. Department of Labor definitions, as indicated in the O*Net OnLine database, will apply. If a person does not meet these requirements, he/she SHOULD NOT submit an entry to the DV program.

Submitting an Entry

Only ONE entry may be submitted by or for each applicant during the registration period. Submission of more than one entry will disqualify the person. The applicant must personally sign the entry, in his/her native alphabet. Failure of the applicant to personally sign his/her own entry will result in disqualification.

Completing the Entry

There is no specific form for the entry. *Failure to provide ALL of the*

information listed below will disqualify the applicant. Simply use a plain sheet of paper and type or clearly print in the English (Roman) alphabet (preferably in the order listed below):

1. FULL NAME, with the last (surname/family) name underlined
EXAMPLES: *Public*, Sara Jane (or) *Lopez*, Juan Antonio
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
Date: Day, Month, Year
EXAMPLE: 15 November 1961
Place: City/Town, District/County/Province, Country
EXAMPLE: Munich, Bavaria, Germany

The name of the country should be that which is currently in use for the place where the applicant was born (For example, Slovenia, rather than Yugoslavia; Kazakhstan rather than Soviet Union.)

3. The Applicant's Native Country if Different from Country of Birth

If the applicant is claiming nativity in a country other than his/her place of birth, this must be clearly indicated on the entry. This information must match with what is put on the upper left corner of the entry envelope. (See "MAILING THE ENTRY" below.) If an applicant is claiming nativity through spouse or parent, please indicate this on the entry. (See "Requirements" section for more information on this item.)

4. NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS ALL LEGALLY-ADOPTED CHILDREN AND STEPCHILDREN, WHO ARE UNMARRIED AND UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS. LIST DEPENDENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY RESIDE WITH YOU AND/OR WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL IMMIGRATE WITH YOU. (Failure to provide ALL of this information will disqualify the applicant.) Note: married children and children 21 years or older will not qualify for the DV Program.

5. FULL MAILING ADDRESS

This must be clear and complete, as any communications will be sent there. A telephone number is optional, but useful.

6. PHOTOGRAPHS. Attach a recent photograph, either black and white or in color, of the applicant, spouse and each child.

If photos do not conform to the following specifications, the entry will be disqualified:

The photo must be 2 inches (50 mm) square in size, with the name and date of birth printed on the back of the applicant's, spouse's or child's photo.

The person photographed must be directly facing the camera. The head should not be tilted up, down or to the

side and should cover about 50% of the area of the photo.

The person should be in front of a neutral, light-colored background.

The face must be in focus.

The person photographed may not wear a hat or dark glasses.

The photograph (not a photocopy) should be attached to the entry with clear tape—DO NOT use staples or paperclips, which can jam the mail processing equipment.

7. SIGNATURE: *The entry will be disqualified* if the entry is not personally signed by the applicant with the usual and customary signature in his/her native alphabet. Neither an initialed signature nor block printing of the applicant's name will be accepted.

SAMPLE ENTRY

There is no specific format for the DV entry. The following is a sample entry, but other formats may be used. Failure to include all of the required information will disqualify the applicant.

1. FULL NAME:

LAST (surname/family) FIRST

2. DATE OF BIRTH

Day, Month, Year

PLACE OF BIRTH

City/Town, District/County/Province, Country

3. APPLICANT'S NATIVE COUNTRY, IF DIFFERENT FROM COUNTRY OF BIRTH

(See requirements above)

4. NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

Name Date of birth (day, month, year)
Place of birth

Name Date of birth (day, month, year)
Place of birth

Name Date of birth (day, month, year)
Place of birth

Attach information on additional children as necessary.

Use the back of the page if there is insufficient space.

5. FULL MAILING ADDRESS:

6. PHOTOGRAPH: Attach recent photograph of the applicant, the applicant's spouse and all children. Individual separate photographs must be attached for the spouse and all children. Print the name and date of birth of each family member on the back of each photograph. Photos may

be attached to the back of the entry if there is not enough room on the front

7. SIGNATURE:

Failure to personally sign the entry will disqualify the applicant.

Mailing the Entry

Submit the entry by regular or airmail to the address matching the region of the applicant's country of nativity. Entries sent by express or priority mail, second day airmail, fax, hand, messenger, or any means requiring receipts or special handling *will not be processed*.

- The envelope must be between 6 and 10 inches (15 to 25 cm) long and 3½ and 4½ inches (9 to 11 cm) wide.

- Postcards are NOT acceptable.

- Envelopes inside express or oversized mail packets are NOT acceptable.

- In the upper left-hand corner* of the envelope the applicant must write his/her country of nativity, followed by the applicant's name and full return address, even if both are the same.

Failure to provide this information will disqualify the entry.

Mailing address: The mailing addresses for the six regions are as follows:

AFRICA	(includes all countries on the African continent and adjacent islands):	DV-2003 Program, Kentucky Consular Center, 1001 Visa Crest, Migrate, KY 41901-1000, USA.
ASIA	(extends from Israel to the northern Pacific islands, and includes Indonesia):	DV-2003 Program, Kentucky Consular Center, 2002 Visa Crest, Migrate, KY 41902-2000, USA.
EUROPE	(extends from Greenland to Russia, and includes all countries of the former USSR).	DV-2003 Program, Kentucky Consular Center, 3003 Visa Crest, Migrate, KY 41903-3000, USA.
SOUTH AMERICA/CENTRAL AMERICA/CARIBBEAN.	(extends from Central America (Guatemala) and the Caribbean nations to Chile).	DV-2003 Program, Kentucky Consular Center, 4004 Visa Crest, Migrate, KY 41904-4000, USA.
OCEANIA	(includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and all countries and islands of the South Pacific).	DV-2003 Program, Kentucky Consular Center, 5005 Visa Crest, Migrate, KY 41905-5000, USA.
NORTH AMERICA:	(includes the Bahamas)	DV-2003 Program, Kentucky Consular Center, 6006 Visa Crest, Migrate, KY 41906-6000, USA.

EXAMPLE: An applicant who was born in Australia and now lives in France may submit one entry to the appropriate address for Oceania; the envelope should look like this:

6" - 10" or 15 cm - 25 cm

Australia

Applicant's Full Name

Street Address

City, Province, Postal Code

France

DV-2003 Program

Kentucky Consular Center

5005 Visa Crest

Migrate, KY 41905-5000, U.S.A.

3 1/2 - 4 1/2"

or

9 cm - 11 cm

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Applicants must meet *ALL* eligibility requirements under the U.S. law in order to be issued visas. *Processing of applications and issuance of diversity visas to successful applicants and their eligible family members MUST occur by September 30, 2003.* Family members may not obtain diversity visas to follow to join the applicant in the U.S. after this date. There is NO initial fee, other than postage required to enter the DV-2003 program. The use of an outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV-2003 entry is entirely at the applicant's discretion. Qualified entries received directly from applicants or through intermediaries have equal chances of being selected by computer. There is no advantage to mailing early, or mailing from any particular locale. Every application received during the mail-in period will have an equal random chance of being selected within its region. However, *more than one application per person will disqualify the person from registration.*

Selection of Winners

The selection of winners is made at random and no outside service can legitimately improve an applicant's chances of being chosen or guarantee that an entry will win. Any service that claims it can improve an applicant's odds is promising something it cannot lawfully deliver.

Determining 2003 DV Countries

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) determines the DV regional limits for each year according to a formula specified in section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The following countries are eligible for the 2003 DV Program:

AFRICA

ALGERIA
ANGOLA
BENIN
BOTSWANA
BURKINA FASO
BURUNDI
CAMEROON
CAPE VERDE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CHAD
COMOROS
CONGO
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE
COTE D'IVOIRE (IVORY COST)
DJIBOUTI
EGYPT
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
ERITREA
ETHIOPIA
GABON
GAMBIA, THE
GHANA
GUINEA
GUINEA-BISSAU
KENYA
LESOTHO
LIBERIA
LIBYA
MADAGASCAR
MALAWI
MALI
MAURITANIA

MAURITIUS
MOROCCO
MOZAMBIQUE
NAMIBIA
NIGER
NIGERIA
RWANDA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SENEGAL SEYCHELLES
SIERRA LEONE
SOMALIA
SOUTH AFRICA
SUDAN
SWAZILAND
TANZANIA
TOGO
TUNISIA
UGANDA
ZAMBIA
ZIMBABWE

ASIA

AFGHANISTAN
BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH
BHUTAN
BRUNEI
BURMA
CAMBODIA
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE
REGION
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
ISRAEL
JAPAN
JORDAN
KUWAIT
LAOS
LEBANON
MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE
REGION
MALAYSIA
MONGOLIA

NEPAL
NORTH KOREA
OMAN
QATAR
SAUDI ARABIA
SINGAPORE
SRI LANKA
SYRIA
TAIWAN
THAILAND
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
YEMEN

Asia countries that do not qualify for this year's diversity program: China (mainland-born), India, Pakistan, South Korea, Philippines, and Vietnam.

EUROPE

ALBANIA
ANDORRA
ARMENIA
AUSTRIA
AZERBAIJAN
BELARUS
BELGIUM
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BULGARIA
CROATIA
CYPRUS
CZECH REPUBLIC
DENMARK (including components and dependent areas overseas)
ESTONIA
FINLAND
FRANCE (including components and dependent areas overseas)
GEORGIA
GERMANY
GREECE
HUNGARY
ICELAND
IRELAND
ITALY
KAZAKHSTAN
KYRGYZSTAN
LATVIA
LIECHTENSTEIN
LITHUANIA
LUXEMBOURG
MACEDONIA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF
MALTA
MOLDOVA
MONACO
MONTENEGRO
NETHERLANDS (including components and dependent areas overseas)
NORTHERN IRELAND*
NORWAY
POLAND
PORTUGAL
ROMANIA
RUSSIA
SAN MARINO
SLOVAKIA
SLOVENIA
SPAIN
SWEDEN
SWITZERLAND
TAJIKISTAN
TURKEY
TURKMENISTAN
UKRAINE
UZBEKISTAN
VATICAN CITY

YUGOSLAVIA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF

European countries that do not qualify for this year's diversity program: Great Britain (including Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands.

* **Note:** For the purposes of the diversity program only, Northern Ireland is treated separately and DOES qualify for this year's program.

NORTH AMERICA

BAHAMAS, THE

In North American, CANADA does not qualify for this year's diversity program.

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA (including components and dependent areas overseas)

FIJI

KIRIBATI

MARSHALL ISLANDS\

MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF NAURU

NEW ZEALAND (including components and dependent areas overseas)

PALAU

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SAMOA

SOLOMON ISLANDS

TONGA

TUVALU

VANUATU

SOUTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN, AND THE CARIBBEAN

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

ARGENTINA

BARBADOS

BELIZE

BOLIVIA

BRAZIL

CHILE

COSTA RICA

CUBA

DOMINICA

ECUADOR

GRENADA

GUATEMALA

GUYANA

HONDURAS

NICARAGUA

PANAMA

PARAGUAY

PERU

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

ST. LUCIA

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

SURINAME

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

URUGUAY

VENEZUELA

Countries in this region that do NOT qualify for this year's diversity program: Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica and Mexico.

Notifying Winners

Only successful entrants will be notified. They will be notified by mail between April and July of 2002 at the address listed on their entry. Winners will also be sent instructions on how to apply for an immigrant visa, including

information on the fee for immigrant visas and a separate visa lottery surcharge.

Successful entrants must complete the immigrant visa application process and meet all eligibility requirements under U.S. law to be issued a visa. Being selected as a winner in the DV Lottery does not automatically guarantee issuance of a visa, even if the applicant is qualified, because the number of entries selected and registered is greater than the number of immigrant visas available. Those selected will, therefore, need to complete and file their immigrant visa applications quickly. *Once all the diversity visas have been issued or on September 30, 2003, whichever is sooner, the DV Program for Fiscal Year 2003 will end.*

Obtaining Instructions on Entering the DV Lottery

Interested persons may call (202) 331-7199, which describes the various means to obtain further details on entering the DV-2003 program. Applicants overseas may contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for instructions on the DV lottery. DV information is also available in the *Visa Bulletin*, on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov> or via the Consular Affairs automated fax at (202) 647-3000 (code 1103). Calls to the automated fax service must be made from a fax machine using the receiver or voice option of the caller's fax equipment.

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Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2001, in Room 6319, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This meeting will discuss the upcoming 44TH Session of the Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which will be held on September 17-21, 2001, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Items of discussion will include the following: