

DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY 2009 (DV-2010) RESULTS

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky has registered and notified the winners of the DV-2010 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 102,800 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-2010 numbers will be used during fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2009 until September 30, 2010).

Applicants registered for the DV-2010 program were selected at random from **over 13.6 million qualified** entries received during the 60 day application period that ran from noon on October 2, 2008, until noon, December 1, 2008. 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 the Bureau of 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 2010 will end. Selected applicants who do not receive visas by September 30, 2010 will derive no further benefit from their DV-2010 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2010 principal applicants are only entitled to derivative diversity visa status until September 30, 2010.

Only participants in the DV-2010 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-2011 lottery if they wish. The dates for the registration period for the DV-2011 lottery program will be widely publicized during August 2009.

** 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-2010 program:

AFRICA		
ALGERIA 1,957	ETHIOPIA 5,200	NIGER 56
ANGOLA 46	GABON 19	NIGERIA 6,006
BENIN 369	GAMBIA, THE 108	RWANDA 178
BOTSWANA 23	GHANA 8,752	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE 0
BURKINA FASO 184	GUINEA 737	SENEGAL 520
BURUNDI 83	GUINEA-BISSAU 8	SEYCHELLES 4
CAMEROON 3,719	KENYA 4,619	SIERRA LEONE 3,898
CAPE VERDE 6	LESOTHO 2	SOMALIA 229
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 20	LIBERIA 2,172	SOUTH AFRICA 863
CHAD 27	LIBYA 152	SUDAN 1,084
COMOROS 9	MADAGASCAR 31	SWAZILAND 11
CONGO 92	MALAWI 50	TANZANIA 221
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE 1,817	MALI 129	TOGO 827
COTE D'IVOIRE 658	MAURITANIA 20	TUNISIA 164
DJIBOUTI 33	MAURITIUS 78	UGANDA 396
EGYPT 4,201	MOROCCO 3,124	WESTERN SAHARA 0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA 15	MOZAMBIQUE 8	ZAMBIA 93
ERITREA 799	NAMIBIA 16	ZIMBABWE 170

ASIA		
AFGHANISTAN 345	ISRAEL 99	OMAN 2
BAHRAIN 15	JAPAN 302	QATAR 13
BANGLADESH 6,001	JORDAN 143	SAUDI ARABIA 104
BHUTAN 2	NORTH KOREA 3	SINGAPORE 37
BRUNEI 0	KUWAIT 70	SRI LANKA 650
BURMA 473	LAOS 3	SYRIA 98
CAMBODIA 359	LEBANON 181	TAIWAN 368
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMIN. REGION 49	MALAYSIA 60	THAILAND 54
INDONESIA 277	MALDIVES 0	TIMOR-LESTE 0
IRAN 2,773	MONGOLIA 144	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 30
IRAQ 142	NEPAL 2,132	YEMEN 72

EUROPE		
ALBANIA 2,311	GREECE 48	NORWAY 60
ANDORRA 6	HUNGARY 192	PORTUGAL 51 Macau Special Admin Region 17
ARMENIA 1,332	ICELAND 36	ROMANIA 674
AUSTRIA 181	IRELAND 167	RUSSIA 1,912
AZERBAIJAN 324	ITALY 470	SAN MARINO 0
BELARUS 1,178	KAZAKHSTAN 343	SERBIA 367
BELGIUM 117	KYRGYZSTAN 205	SLOVAKIA 108
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 72	LATVIA 90	SLOVENIA 19
BULGARIA 842	LIECHTENSTEIN 0	SPAIN 169
CROATIA 74	LITHUANIA 195	SWEDEN 163
CYPRUS 23	LUXEMBOURG 2	SWITZERLAND 185
CZECH REPUBLIC 116	MACEDONIA, FORMER YUGOSLAV REP. OF 272	TAJIKISTAN 178
DENMARK 75 Greenland 2	MALTA 7	TURKEY 2,826
ESTONIA 66	MOLDOVA 724	TURKMENISTAN 108
FINLAND 83	MONACO 0	UKRAINE 5,499
FRANCE 703 French Guiana 4 French Polynesia 8 French Southern & Antarctic Lands 0 Guadeloupe 13 Martinique 4 New Caledonia 0 Reunion 5 St. Pierre & Miquelon 0	MONTENEGRO 13	UZBEKISTAN 4,059
GEORGIA 648	NETHERLANDS 200 Aruba 16 Netherlands Antilles 22	VATICAN CITY 0
GERMANY 2,188	NORTHERN IRELAND 31	

NORTH AMERICA		
BAHAMAS, THE 18		

OCEANIA		
AUSTRALIA 705 Christmas Islands 2 Coco Island 0	NAURU 3	SOLOMON ISLANDS 3
FIJI 674	NEW ZEALAND 258 Cook Islands 0 Niue 16	TONGA 80
KIRIBATI 1	PALAU 12	TUVALU 1
MARSHALL ISLANDS 0	PAPUA NEW GUINEA 15	VANUATU 7
MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF 0	SAMOA 0	WESTERN SAMOA 26

SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN		
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 9	DOMINICA 18	SAINT LUCIA 19
ARGENTINA 188	GRENADA 9	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES 9
BARBADOS 29	GUYANA 41	SURINAME 10
BELIZE 10	HONDURAS 82	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 226
BOLIVIA 142	NICARAGUA 50	URUGUAY 17
CHILE 53	PANAMA 39	VENEZUELA 624
COSTA RICA 74	PARAGUAY 29	
CUBA 298	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 6	

Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2010: 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.