

DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY 2013 (DV-2013) RESULTS

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky has registered and notified the winners of the DV-2013 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 105,628 applicants have been registered. Applicants may check the status of their entry using the confirmation number through Entrant Status Check on the website www.dvlottery.state.gov. Entrants selected may 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-2013 numbers will be used during fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 until September 30, 2013).

Applicants registered for the DV-2013 program were selected at random from 7,941,400 qualified entries (12,577,463 with derivatives) received during the 30-day application period that ran from noon, Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, until noon, Eastern Daylight Time on Saturday, November 5, 2011. 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 provided on the website www.dvlottery.state.gov.

Registrants living legally in the United States who wish to apply for adjustment of their status must contact the USCIS for information on the requirements and procedures. Once the total *50,000 visa numbers have been used, the program for fiscal year 2013 will end. Selected applicants who do not receive visas by September 30, 2013 will derive no further benefit from their DV-2013 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2013 principal applicants are only entitled to derivative diversity visa status until September 30, 2013.

Dates for the DV-2014 program registration period will be widely publicized in the coming months. Those interested in entering the DV-2014 program should check the Department of State's Visa web page for more details in September.

** 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-2013 program:

AFRICA					
ALGERIA	2,161	ETHIOPIA	4,910	NIGER	53
ANGOLA	47	GABON	38	NIGERIA	6,218
BENIN	809	GAMBIA, THE	85	RWANDA	369
BOTSWANA	18	GHANA	5,105	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	0
BURKINA FASO	296	GUINEA	1,350	SENEGAL	394
BURUNDI	94	GUINEA-BISSAU	25	SEYCHELLES	0
CAMEROON	3,858	KENYA	4,410	SIERRA LEONE	2,516
CAPE VERDE	25	LESOTHO	6	SOMALIA	197
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.	18	LIBERIA	1,916	SOUTH AFRICA	956
CHAD	28	LIBYA	138	SOUTH SUDAN	5
COMOROS	8	MADAGASCAR	40	SUDAN	747
CONGO	156	MALAWI	29	SWAZILAND	3
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE	3,924	MALI	80	TANZANIA	150
COTE D'IVOIRE	805	MAURITANIA	31	TOGO	1,065
DJIBOUTI	79	MAURITIUS	67	TUNISIA	145
EGYPT	5,015	MOROCCO	2,068	UGANDA	513
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	19	MOZAMBIQUE	10	ZAMBIA	87
ERITREA	804	NAMIBIA	21	ZIMBABWE	169

ASIA					
AFGHANISTAN	128	JAPAN	440	QATAR	24
BAHRAIN	15	JORDAN	251	SAUDI ARABIA	287
BHUTAN	4	NORTH KOREA	0	SINGAPORE	31
BRUNEI	8	KUWAIT	137	SRI LANKA	802
BURMA	403	LAOS	1	SYRIA	170
CAMBODIA	986	LEBANON	269	TAIWAN	360
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMIN. REGION	92	MALAYSIA	67	THAILAND	75
INDONESIA	215	MALDIVES	0	TIMOR-LESTE	1
IRAN	6,029	MONGOLIA	167	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	98
IRAQ	164	NEPAL	4,370	YEMEN	266
ISRAEL	175	OMAN	10		

EUROPE					
ALBANIA	1,520	GERMANY	1,253	- Sint Maarten	2
ANDORRA	0	GREECE	99	NORTHERN IRELAND	45
ARMENIA	1,174	HUNGARY	246	NORWAY	50
AUSTRIA	108	ICELAND	38	POLAND	2,038
AZERBAIJAN	373	IRELAND	138	PORTUGAL	40
BELARUS	1,195	ITALY	396	- Macau	2
BELGIUM	79	KAZAKHSTAN	533	ROMANIA	711
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	54	KOSOVO	183	RUSSIA	2,846
BULGARIA	1,299	KYRGYZSTAN	237	SAN MARINO	0
CROATIA	75	LATVIA	140	SERBIA	303
CYPRUS	10	LIECHTENSTEIN	0	SLOVAKIA	100
CZECH REPUBLIC	73	LITHUANIA	248	SLOVENIA	5
DENMARK	77	LUXEMBOURG	4	SPAIN	196
- Faroe Islands	9	MACEDONIA	262	SWEDEN	162
ESTONIA	47	MALTA	4	SWITZERLAND	131
FINLAND	72	MOLDOVA	1,330	TAJKISTAN	330
FRANCE	549	MONACO	3	TURKEY	1,807
- French Polynesia	11	MONTENEGRO	11	TURKMENISTAN	94
- New Caledonia	0	NETHERLANDS	109	UKRAINE	6,424
- Saint Barthelemy	4	- Aruba	8	UZBEKISTAN	5,101
GEORGIA	723	- Curacao	7	VATICAN CITY	0

NORTH AMERICA

BAHAMAS, THE	16
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OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA	1,035	MICRONESIA, FEDERATES STATES OF	1	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	18
- Christmas Island	0	NAURU	14	SAMOA	0
- Cocos Islands	2	NEW ZEALAND	373	SOLOMON ISLANDS	0
- Norfolk Island	4	- Cook Islands	0	TONGA	91
FIJI	597	- Niue	7	TUVALU	3
KIRIBATI	5	- Tokelau	7	VANUATU	5
MARSHALL ISLANDS	0	PALAU	1	WESTERN SAMOA	30

SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN					
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	3	DOMINICA	17	SAINT LUCIA	19
ARGENTINA	117	GRENADA	18	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	14
BARBADOS	5	GUYANA	43	SURINAME	4
BELIZE	22	HONDURAS	90	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	137
BOLIVIA	74	NICARAGUA	65	URUGUAY	15
CHILE	42	PANAMA	31	VENEZUELA	924
COSTA RICA	63	PARAGUAY	8		
CUBA	490	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	5		

Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2013: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born, excluding Hong Kong S.A.R., Macau S.A.R., and Taiwan), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.