

Do you want to participate in the next annual Green Card Lottery?

The State Department has announced the dates when it will accept registrations for the Diversity Visa (DV-2013) lottery (the “Green Card Lottery”). Registration begins at Noon EST on October 4, 2011, and ends at Noon EST on November 5, 2011.

The annual DV lottery makes diversity immigrant visas available to persons meeting the simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. A computer-generated random lottery drawing chooses selectees for diversity visas. The visas are distributed among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration, and with no visas going to nationals of countries sending more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. over the period of the past five years. Within each region, no one country may receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in any one year.

For DV-2013, natives of the following countries are **not eligible** to apply because they sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. over the period of the previous five years:

Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Peru, 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.

For DV-2013, natives of South Sudan and Poland are now eligible for selection, while Bangladesh natives are now ineligible.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

FIRST, you must be a native of a country that is **not** included in the list above. In most cases this means the country in which you were born. However, there are two other ways you may be able to qualify. First, if you were born in a country whose natives are ineligible but your spouse was born in a country whose natives are eligible, then you can claim your spouse’s country of birth provided both you and your spouse are on the selected entry, are issued visas and enter the U.S. simultaneously. Second, if you were born in a country whose natives are ineligible, but neither of your parents was born there or resided there at the time of your birth, you may claim nativity in one of your parents’ country of birth if it is a country whose natives qualify for the DV program.

SECOND, you must meet either the education or work experience requirement of the DV program. Specifically, you must have EITHER a high school education or its equivalent, defined 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.

If you have any questions about whether you satisfy either of these requirements, please email us at info@VisaAmerica.com.

The Department of State will only accept completed Electronic Diversity Visa (E-DV) Entry Forms submitted correctly during the registration period.

All entries by an individual will be disqualified if more than ONE entry for that individual is received, regardless of who submitted the entry.

Your entry will be disqualified if all required photographs are not submitted. Recent photographs of the following people must be submitted electronically with the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form: you, your spouse, each unmarried child under 21 years of age, including all natural children as well as all legally-adopted children and stepchildren, even if a child no longer resides with you or you do not intend for a child to immigrate under the DV program. You do not need to submit a photo for a child who is already a U.S. citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident. Group or family photographs will not be accepted; there must be a separate photograph for each family member. More information about submitting photographs is provided below.

After we successfully register your entry, we will print the display of a confirmation screen containing your name, date of birth, country of chargeability, and a date/time stamp. We will forward this confirmation screen to you for your records.

To register for the Green Card Lottery through Jaensch Immigration Law Firm, please follow this link to [our lottery registration page](#).