2012 Diversity Visa Lottery Program Registration Period

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The Department of State's **DV-2012 Diversity Visa lottery program** registration period will open on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Entries for the DV-2012 Diversity Visa (DV) lottery must be submitted electronically between noon on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 and noon on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4).

During this registration period, applicants may access the electronic Diversity Visa entry form (E-DV) at **www.dvlottery.state.gov**. Paper entries will not be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last week of the registration period to enter. Heavy demand may result in website delays. No entries will be accepted after noon, EDT, on November 3, 2010.

The U.S. Department of State invites press to a DV-2012 briefing at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 27th at the Washington Foreign Press Center in the National Press Building at 529 14th Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20045. For more information about this briefing, contact Andrea Corey at 202-504-6354.

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is administered annually by the Department of State. Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act makes up to 55,000 Diversity Visas (DV) available each fiscal year to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The Department of State implemented the electronic registration system beginning with DV-2005 in order to make the Diversity Visa process more efficient and secure. The Department utilizes special technology and other means to identify those who commit fraud for the purposes of illegal immigration or those who submit multiple entries.

Continuing this effort toward a more efficient and secure DV program, the Department of State is introducing an entirely online process to notify lottery entrants of their selection and to provide information about the immigrant visa application and interview. From 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. Successful entrants will receive instructions on how to apply for immigrant visas for themselves and their eligible family members. Confirmation of visa interview appointments will also be made through Entry Status Check.

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**.

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