

Diversity Visa 2020 and 2021 Updates

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The Department of State is aware of the various court orders regarding the reservation and adjudication of DV-2020 and DV-2021 diversity visas, which are briefly summarized below. We will publish public guidance on this website regarding the Department's plan for complying with these orders as it becomes available.

On August 17, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in *Gomez v. Biden* ordered the Department to "process DV-2020 applications in random order until all 9,905 diversity visas have been granted." On October 13, 2021, the Court ordered the Department to "commence processing the 9,905 DV-2020 visas as soon as is feasible and to conclude such processing no later than the end of the 2022 Fiscal Year, or September 30, 2022." (Note the Court's prior orders instructed the Department to reserve only 9,095 DV-2020 visas for future processing.)

On September 27, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in *Rai v. Biden* ordered the Department of State to "reserve 966 diversity visa numbers of applicants awaiting adjudication at the twenty-seven embassies and posts previously subject to Proclamations 9984 and 10143 and Defendants' regional No-Visa Policy."

On September 30, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the *Goodluck v. Biden*-related matters ordered the Department of State to "reserve 6,914 diversity visas for adjudication pending final judgment in the Goodluck-related matters."

On September 30, 2021, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the *Goh v. Biden* ordered the Department of State to "to make 481 diversity visas available for adjudication" and to "adjudicate those diversity visas by the close of Fiscal Year 2022."