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Diversity Visa Lottery Closed for DV-2012

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The registration period to apply for a lottery award of a 2012 Diversity Visa (a permanent residence visa solely for persons from countries with low rates of U.S. immigration) expired on November 3.

Diversity Visa lottery entrants can check the status of their lottery entry on or after May 1, 2011 at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>.

If you were not a lottery winner, it is not too early to think about preparing for the lottery process for 2013 Diversity Visas, which will likely commence next fall. The English version of the DV-2012 Lottery Instructions remain available in PDF format at the State Department Website for those who want to review them now.

The annual lottery program grants 55,000 permanent residence visas to persons from one of six geographic regions having low rates of U.S. immigration. No person is eligible who is applying from a country that has sent more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the past five years, and no single country can receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in any year.

Among the countries of origin that were not accepted in this year's lottery were: Brazil; Canada; China; Ecuador; Guatemala; Haiti; India; Jamaica; Mexico; Pakistan; Peru; Poland; and Viet Nam.

If you are an individual seeking a permanent residence visa or a naturalization certificate, please do not hesitate to give our office a call at (847)564-0712 and/or check out the pertinent section of [our Website](#).