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Visa Lottery Must Be Redone

Posted: May 25th, 2011

On May 13, the State Department posted a notice that, due to a computer programming problem, the results of the 2012 Diversity Lottery that were previously posted on its website have been voided. The results were not valid because they did not represent a fair, random selection of entrants, as required by U.S. law.

Pursuant to the U.S. Immigration Act of 1990, the State Department may grant the issuance of up to 50,000 permanent residence visas (aka "Green Cards") each year to persons from specified countries with low rates of immigration to the U.S.

If you checked the Department of State Website during the first week in May and found a notice that you had been selected for further processing or a notice that you had not been selected, that notice has been rescinded and is no longer valid.

A new selection process will be conducted based on the original entries for the 2012 program.

If you submitted a qualified entry from October 5, 2010 to November 3, 2010, your entry should still be on file electronically, according to the State Department, and thus, it should be included in the new selection lottery. Your confirmation number to check results on the State Department Website should also still be valid.

The results of the new selection process are expected to be available on or about July 15, 2011 at <http://dvlottery.state.gov/>.

If you need assistance with a permanent residence application, or for more information about our immigration practice representing individuals and families seeking legal status, please visit the pertinent section of [our Website](#) or call our office at (847)564-0712.