

OCTOBER 7, 2015 BULLETIN TO ALL IMMIGRATION CLIENTS

Department of State Opened DV-2017 Diversity Visa Lottery Registration Period on October 1, 2015

The Department of State's **DV-2017 Diversity Visa lottery program** registration period opened on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Entries for the DV-2017 Diversity Visa (DV) lottery must be submitted electronically by Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 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. **Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last week of the registration period to enter.** Please note that heavy demand may result in website delays.

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is administered annually by the Department of State and, for fiscal year 2017, there will be 50,000 Diversity Visas (DV) available to people from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The Department of State will only accept completed DV entry forms submitted electronically during the registration period (paper entries will not be accepted). From May 3, 2016, entrants will be able to use their unique confirmation number provided at registration to check the status of their DV-2017 entry online by returning to www.dvlottery.state.gov, selecting "Entrant Status Check," and entering their unique confirmation number and personal information. Entrant Status Check will be the sole means of informing entrants of their selection for DV-2017, and will also provide instructions on how to proceed with applications as well as notify entrants of appointments for immigrant visa interviews. For detailed information about entry requirements, along with frequently asked questions about the DV lottery, please see the [instructions](#) for the DV-2017 Diversity Visa lottery.

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