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## 2009 United States Diversity Visa Lottery Program Registration

The U.S. Department of State is now accepting applications for the 2009 Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery program. The annual DV Lottery Program (also known as the “Green Card Lottery”) makes U.S. immigrant visas available to persons meeting simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. A computer-generated random lottery drawing chooses selectees for diversity visas. The diversity immigrant visas are distributed among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration. Nationals of countries who have sent more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States during the past five years are not eligible to participate in the DV lottery Program. Within each geographic region, no single country may receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in any one year. Madagascar is among the countries whose citizens are eligible to apply for the program.

Applications for the 2009 Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery will be accepted between noon Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), Wednesday, October 3, 2007 and noon Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT-5) Sunday, December 2, 2007. The Department of State will only accept completed Electronic Diversity Visa (E-DV) Entry Forms submitted electronically at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** during the registration period. Paper entries will not be accepted.

To enter the DV Lottery, you must meet education and/or work experience requirements. You must have either the equivalent of a high-school education (12-year course of elementary and secondary education) or two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. If you cannot meet these requirements, you should not submit an application for the DV program. You must also make sure you strictly follow the instructions on the Entry Forms.

It is important to note that no fee is charged for the electronic lottery entry in the annual DV program. If you are one of the lucky individuals who wins the DV lottery, however, you will be charged a fee, collected by the U.S. Embassy, to process your immigrant visa application. This fee will be determined by the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Government employs no outside consultants or private services to operate the DV program. Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare DV entries do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. Government. Use of any outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV entry is entirely at the entrant's discretion.

For additional information, please feel free to contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy at 22-212-57 or email [consantan@state.gov](mailto:consantan@state.gov).