

Abstract of proposed collection: The Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) is responsible for coordinating and managing the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). PRM coordinates within the Department of State, as well as with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (DHS/USCIS), in carrying out this responsibility. A critical part of the State Department's responsibility is determining which individuals, from among millions of refugees worldwide, will have access to U.S. resettlement consideration. PRM and DHS/USCIS are expanding an in-country program to provide a means for certain persons who are lawfully present in the United States to claim a relationship with child(ren) in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala and to assist the U.S. Department of State in determining whether those child(ren) and certain derivative beneficiaries are qualified to apply for access to the USRAP for family reunification purposes. This form also assists DHS/USCIS to verify parent-child relationships during refugee case adjudication. The main purpose of the DS-7699 is for the U.S.-based parent to provide biographical information about his/her child(ren) in the qualifying countries who may subsequently seek access to the USRAP for verification by the U.S. government.

Methodology: This information collection currently involves use of electronic techniques. Parents (respondents) in the United States will work closely with a resettlement agency during the completion of the AOR to ensure that the information is accurate. Parents may visit any resettlement agency located in a U.S. community to complete an AOR. Sometimes respondents do not have strong English-language skills and benefit from having a face-to-face meeting with resettlement agency staff. The DS-7699 form will be completed electronically. Completed AORs will be printed out for ink signature by the respondents. The electronic copy will then be submitted electronically to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) and downloaded into the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS). The signed paper copy will remain with PRM's Reception and Placement Agency partners.

Dated: September 6, 2016.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9720]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Advisory Opinion

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public until November 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Internet:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2016-0062" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* DDTCPublicComments@state.gov, ATTN: Advisory Opinion Form.

- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State; 2401 E St. NW., Suite H1205, Washington, DC 20522. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Steve Derscheid, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, who may be reached at DerscheidSA@state.gov (please include subject line "ATTN: Advisory Opinion Form").

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Advisory Opinion.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0174.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* T/PM/DDTC.

- *Form Number:* DS-7786.

- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies engaged in the business of exporting or temporarily importing defense articles or defense services.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 250.

- *Average Time Per Response:* 2 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 500 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), located in the Political-Military Affairs Bureau of the Department of State, has the principal mission of licensing the export and temporary import of defense articles or defense services as enumerated in the United States Munitions List (USML), and to ensure that the sale, transfer, or brokering of such items are in the interest of United States national security and foreign policy.

Sections 126.9 and 129.9 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR, 22 CFR 120-130) may be used by entities and individuals involved in the brokering, manufacture, export, and temporary import of defense articles and defense services to request an advisory opinion as to whether DDTC would be likely to grant a license or other approval for the export of a particular defense article or defense service to a particular country; for

general or regulatory guidance; or whether certain activity constitutes brokering under the meaning of the ITAR. Except for determinations made with reference to ITAR § 129.9(b), advisory opinions are not binding on the Department of State and may not be used in future matters before the Department.

DDTC has recently acquired an electronic case management system to update its business processes and how it receives and handles information from industry. This system, once deployed, will allow users to electronically submit requests for advisory opinions to DDTC; users will be able to retrieve responses using the same system. DDTC staff members have defined the data fields which are most relevant and necessary for requests for advisory opinions and developed the means to accept this information from the industry in a secure system. The revision of this information collection is meant to conform the current OMB-approved data collection to DDTC's new case management system. DDTC is therefore requesting industry comments on the new advisory opinion form, which will be mirrored in the case management system once deployed. A copy of the draft form may be requested from DDTC using the contact information in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above, and a copy of the draft form will also be placed for viewing on the DDTC Web site at pmdt.state.gov.

Methodology: This information will be collected by electronic submission to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls.

Dated: August 22, 2016.

Lisa Aguirre,

Managing Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9629]

Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2018) Visa Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This public notice provides information on how to apply for the DV-2018 Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Overview

The Department of State administers the Congressionally-mandated Diversity

Immigrant Visa Program annually. Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) provides for a class of immigrants known as "diversity immigrants," from countries with historically low rates of immigration to the United States. For fiscal year 2018, 50,000 diversity visas (DVs) will be available. There is no cost to register for the DV Program.

Applicants who are selected in the lottery ("selectees") must meet simple, but strict, eligibility requirements to qualify for a diversity visa. The Department of State determines selectees through a randomized computer drawing. Diversity visa numbers are distributed among six geographic regions and no single country may receive more than seven percent of the available DVs in any one year.

For DV-2018, natives of the following countries are not eligible to apply, because more than 50,000 natives of these countries immigrated to the United States in the previous five years:

Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.

Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan are eligible.

Changes in eligibility this year: Ecuador is eligible for DV 2018.

Eligibility

Requirement #1: Individuals born in countries whose natives qualify may be eligible to enter.

If you were not born in an eligible country, there are two other ways you might be able to qualify.

- Was your spouse born in a country whose natives are eligible? If yes, you can claim your spouse's country of birth—provided that both you and your spouse are named on the selected entry, are found eligible for and issued diversity visas, and enter the United States simultaneously.

- Were you born in a country whose natives are ineligible, but in which neither of your parents were born or legally resident at the time of your birth? If yes, you may claim the country of birth of one of your parents if it is a country whose natives are eligible for the DV-2018 program. For more details on what this means, see the Frequently Asked Questions.

Requirement #2: Each applicant must meet the education/work experience requirement of the DV program by having either:

- At least a high school education or its equivalent, defined as successful completion of a 12-year course of formal elementary and secondary education; OR

- two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation that requires at least two years of training or experience to perform. The Department of State will use the U.S. Department of Labor's O*Net Online database to determine qualifying work experience. For more information about qualifying work experience for the principal DV applicant, see the Frequently Asked Questions.

Do not submit an entry to the DV program unless you meet both of these requirements.

Entry Period

Applicants must submit entries for the DV-2018 DV program electronically at dvlottery.state.gov between noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), Tuesday, October 4, 2016, and noon, Eastern Standard Time (EST) (GMT-5), Monday, November 7, 2016. Do not wait until the last week of the registration period to enter, as heavy demand may result in Web site delays. No late entries or paper entries will be accepted. The law allows only one entry by or for each person during each registration period. The Department of State uses sophisticated technology to detect multiple entries. Individuals with more than one entry will be disqualified.

Completing Your Electronic Entry for the DV-2018 Program

Submit your Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form (E-DV Entry Form or DS-5501), online at dvlottery.state.gov. We will not accept incomplete entries. There is no cost to register for the DV Program.

We strongly encourage you to complete the entry form yourself, without a "visa consultant," "visa agent," or other facilitator who offers to help. If someone else helps you, you should be present when your entry is prepared so that you can provide the correct answers to the questions and retain the confirmation page and your unique confirmation number.

After you submit a complete entry, you will see a confirmation screen that contains your name and a unique confirmation number. Print this confirmation screen for your records. It is extremely important that you retain your confirmation page and unique confirmation number. Without this information, you will not be able to access the online system that will inform you of the status of your entry.