

LIST OF COUNTRIES/AREAS BY REGION WHOSE NATIVES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR

DV-2026

The list below shows the countries and areas whose natives are eligible for DV-2026, grouped by geographic region. Dependent areas overseas are included within the region of the governing country. DHS identified the countries whose natives are not eligible for the DV-2026 program according to the formula in Section 203(c) of the INA. The countries whose natives are not eligible for the DV program (because they are the principal source countries of Family-Sponsored and Employment-Based immigration or “high-admission” countries) are noted after the respective regional lists.

AFRICA

- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Cabo Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo
- Congo, Democratic Republic of the
- Cote D’Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
- Djibouti
- Egypt*
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Note: In Africa natives of Nigeria are **not** eligible for this year's Diversity Visa program.

ASIA

- Afghanistan
- Bahrain
- Bhutan
- Brunei
- Burma
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel*
- Japan***
- Jordan*
- Kuwait
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- North Korea
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Syria*
- Taiwan**
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

*Persons born in the areas administered prior to June 1967 by Israel Jordan Syria and Egypt are chargeable respectively to Israel Jordan Syria and Egypt. Persons born in the Gaza Strip are chargeable to Egypt; persons born in the West Bank are chargeable to Jordan; persons born in the Golan Heights are chargeable to Syria.

** Macau S.A.R. (Europe region chargeable to Portugal) and Taiwan (Asia region) **do qualify** and are listed. For the purposes of the diversity program only persons born in Macau S.A.R. derive eligibility from Portugal.

***Persons born in the Habomai Islands, Shikotan, Kunashiri, and Etorofu are chargeable to Japan. Persons born in Southern Sakhalin are chargeable to Russia.

38. Natives of the following Asia Region countries are **not** eligible for this year's

Diversity Visa program:

- Bangladesh
- China (including Hong Kong)
- India
- Pakistan
- South Korea
- Philippines

- Vietnam

EUROPE

- Albania (including overseas)
- Andorra (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Armenia (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Estonia
- Finland
- France (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Georgia
- Germany
- Great Britain (United Kingdom)
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau Special Administrative Region**
- North Macedonia
- Malta
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Northern Ireland***
- Norway (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Poland
- Portugal (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Romania
- Russia****
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tajikistan
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
- Vatican City

** Macau S.A.R. **does qualify** and is listed above and for the purposes of the diversity program only; persons born in Macau S.A.R. derive eligibility from Portugal.

***For purposes of the diversity program only Northern Ireland is treated separately. **Northern Ireland does qualify and is listed among the qualifying areas.**

**** Persons born in the Habomai Islands, Shikotan, Kunashiri, and Etorofu are chargeable to Japan. Persons born in Southern Sakhalin are chargeable to Russia.

NORTHAMERICA

- The Bahamas

In North America, natives of Canada and Mexico are **not** eligible for this year's DV program.

OCEANIA

- Australia (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- Federated States of Nauru
- New Zealand (including components and dependent areas overseas)
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu

SOUTH AMERICA CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- Ecuador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay

Countries in South America Central America and the Caribbean region whose natives are not eligible for this year's DV program:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Venezuela