APPENDIX B
NATURALIZATION CHARTS

AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP UNDER CHILD CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 2000

Effective Date of Act*	Eligibility Requirements**	Age Limit	Date of Automatic Acquisition	Law Applicable
2/27/01	At least one parent is U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization. Child residing in U.S. in the legal and physical custody of citizen parent pursuant to a lawful admission for permanent residence.	Under 18	Date last condition fulfilled	INA §320, as amended by P.L. 106-395

* Law is not retroactive, *i.e.*, acquisition can only occur on or after 2/27/01 and only for children under 18 after 2/27/01.
**Applies to adopted child if child has met requirements applicable to adopted children under INA §101(b)(1)(E) or (F).

EXPEDITED NATURALIZATION OF CHILDREN

Effective Date of Act*	Eligibility Requirements	Age Limit	Date of Automatic Acquisition	Law Applicable
2/27/01	At least one parent is U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization at time of filing. N-600 or N-643. Prior to filing, citizen parent has been physically present in U.S. for at least 5 years, at least 2 after age 14, or citizen parent has a citizen parent who has been physically present in U.S. for 5 years, at least 2 after age 14. Child is currently residing outside U.S. in legal and physical custody of citizen parent. Child is temporarily present in U.S. pursuant to a lawful admission and maintaining lawful status.	Under 18	Date of Issuance of Certificate	INA §322, as amended by P.L. 106-395

*Applies to adopted children under 18 if child has met requirements applicable to adopted children under INA §101(b)(1)(E) or (F)

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AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION OF PARENT(S)

Date Parent(s) Naturalized	Who Naturalized	*Age Limit	Date of Automatic Acquisition		Law Applicable
			If Residing in U.S.	If Residing Abroad	
Prior to 3/2/07	Either parent	Under 21	Date of naturalization of parent	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	§2172, R.S. (Act 4/14/1802)
3/2/07 to noon EST, 5/24/34	Either parent	Under 21	Date of naturalization of parent	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	§2172, R.S. Sec. 5, Act 3/2/07
noon EST, 5/24/34, to 1/13/41	One parent, other remaining alien	Under 21 when admitted U.S.	Upon completion 5 yrs. residence in U.S. including residence completed after age 21 and after 1/13/41		§5, Act 3/2/07, as amended by Sec. 2 Act 5/24/34
	Alien parent (other being citizen); surviving parent; or parent having custody in divorce	Under 21	Date of naturalization of parent	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	§2172, R.S.
1/13/41 to 12/24/52	Alien parent other being citizen from child's birth	Under 18	Date of naturalization of parent	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	§313, 1940 Act
	Both parents; surviving parent; or parent having custody in legal separation	Under 18	Date of naturalization of parent	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	§314, 1940 Act
Subsequent to 12/24/52 but before 2/27/01	**Alien parent, other being citizen from child's birth	Under 18	Date last condition fulfilled	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	INA §320, as amended by P.L. 95-417. Repealed by P.L. 106-395
	**Both parents; surviving parent; parent having custody in legal separation; or mother of child out of wedlock	Under 18	Date last condition fulfilled	Date child lawfully admitted U.S. for permanent residence	INA §321, as amended by P.L. 95-417. Repealed by P.L. 106-395

*The date of the parent(s) naturalization and the date of the lawful admittance of the child must occur before the age shown in the age limit column.

**Applies to an adopted child if the child is residing in the U.S. at the time of naturalization of such adopted parent or parents, in the custody of his adoptive parent or parents, pursuant to a lawful admission for permanent residence.

DETERMINING WHEN TO USE "NEW" SECTION 309(a) AND "OLD" SECTION 309(a) INA IN ADJUDICATING CITIZENSHIP BASED ON BIRTH OUT OF WEDLOCK TO A U.S. FATHER

DATE OF BIRTH	APPLICABLE STATUTE	AGE BEFORE WHICH "LEGITIMATION" MUST OCCUR	DATE BEFORE WHICH "LEGITIMATION" MUST OCCUR	STATEMENT OF SUPPORT REQUIRED
Before 11/14/68	Old Section 309(a)	21	11/14/89	No
On or After 11/14/68 and Before 11/14/71	Old Section 309(a)	21	11/14/92	No
	New Section 309(a)	18	11/14/89	Yes
On or After 11/14/71 and Before 11/14/86	Old Section 309(a)	15	11/14/86	No
	New Section 309(a)	18	11/14/04	Yes
On or After 11/14/86	New Section 309(a)	18	None	Yes

TABLES OF TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS OVER TIME FOR CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS BORN ABROAD

(Source: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; as of March 20, 1995. Note—These tables are intended for use only as a useful generalized reference guide, and *not* to make determinations or to be cited in any case.)

BIRTH ABROAD TO U.S. CITIZEN PARENT AND ALIEN PARENT

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
Before noon EST 5/24/34	Either U.S. citizen father or mother could transmit. U.S. citizen parent resided in U.S. before child's birth.	§ 1993, Revised Statutes (RS); 7 FAM 1135; § 301(h) INA; P.L. 103-416.	None	
Noon EST 5/24/34 and prior to 1/31/41	Either U.S. citizen father or mother could transmit. U.S. citizen parent resided in U.S. before child's birth.	§ 1993, RS as Amended in 1934; 7 FAM 1135.1, 11.35.2.	Persons failing to fulfill below requirements may have citizenship restored upon taking oath of allegiance. (1) 5 years residence between the ages 13-21 if begun before 12/24/52; or (2) 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28,* or (3) 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28 if begun before 10/27/72.** (4) None if parent employed certain occupation.***	§ 324(d)(1) Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (INA), § 101 P.L. 103-416; 7 FAM 1133.5-15. (1) § 301(g) and (h) Nationality Act of 1940 (NA), 54 Stat. 1137; 7 FAM 1134.6-3 (2) Former § 301(h), (c) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 5-8 (3) Former § 301(h), (d) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-2, 1133.5-9 (4) § 201(g) INA; 7 FAM 1134.6-2

[1] Absences of less than 60 days in aggregate during 2 year period do not break continuity.

[2] Absences of less than one year in aggregate during 5 year period do not break continuity.

[3] U.S. Government, American education, scientific, philanthropic, religious, commercial, or financial organization or an International Agency in which the U.S. takes part. Note: residence or physical presence of parent must take place *before* child's birth.

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
Noon (est) 5/24/34 and prior to 1/31/41 (cont.)			(5) None if alien parent naturalized and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18.	(5) Former § 301(h) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-11
1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52	Citizen parent resided in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after the age of 16.	201(g) NA; 7 FAM 1134.2, 1134.3	Persons failing to fulfill below requirements may have citizenship restored upon taking oath of allegiance. (1) 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28;* or (2) 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28 if begun before 10/27/72;** (3) None if parent employed in certain occupation*** (4) None if child born on or after 10/10/52; (5) None if alien parent naturalized and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18.	Sec. 324(d)(1) INA, § 101 P.L. 103-416; 7 FAM 1133.5-15 (1) Former § 301(b), (c) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 5-8 (2) Former § 301(h), (d) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-2, 1133.5-9 (3) 201(g) NA; 7 FAM 1134.6-2 (4) P.L. 95-432; 7 FAM 1133.5-13 (5) Former § 301(h) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-11
	Citizen parent in U.S. military 12/7/41-12/31/46 and resided in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after age 12.	201(i) NA; 7 FAM 1134.2, 1134.4	Persons failing to fulfill below requirements may have citizenship restored upon taking oath of allegiance. (1) 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28;* or (2) 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28 if begun before 10/27/72.**	§ 324(d)(1) INA, § 101 P.L. 103-416; 7 FAM 1133.5-15 (1) Former § 301(b) INA; 7 FAM 1134.4e, 1133.5 (2) Former § 301(b), (d) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-2, 1133.5-9

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52 (cont'd)			(3) None if child born on or after 10/10/52 (4) None if alien parent naturalized and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18.	(3) P.L. 95-432; 7 FAM 1133.5-15 (4) Former § 301(b) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-11
	Citizen parent in U.S. military 1/1/47-12/24/52 and physically present in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after age 14, and who did not qualify under either provision above.	§ 301(a)(7), now 301(g) INA; 7 FAM 1134.4f	Persons failing to fulfill below requirements may have citizenship restored upon taking oath of allegiance (1) 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28; * or (2) 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28 if begun before 10/27/72.** (3) None if child born on or after 10/10/52. (4) None if alien parent naturalized and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18.	§ 324(d)(1) INA; P.L. 103-416; 7 FAM 1133.5-15 (1) Former § 301(b) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 5-8 (2) Former § 301(b), (d) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-2, 1133.5-9 (3) P.L. 95-432; 7 FAM 1133.5-13 (4) Former § 301(b) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-11
12/24/52 and prior to 11/14/86	Citizen parent physically present in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after age 14. Honorable U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or inter-governmental international organization, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment, may be included.	§ 301(a)(7), now 301(g) INA; 7 FAM 1133.2-2, 1133.3-3	None	
On or after 11/14/86	Citizen parent physically present in U.S. or possession 5 years prior to child's birth, two of which after age 14.	301(g) INA; P.L. 99-653, P.L. 100-525; 7 FAM 1133.2-1	None	[illegible]

BIRTH ABROAD TO TWO U.S. CITIZEN PARENTS

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements (Parents' Residence)	Applicable Laws	Reference
Before noon (EST) 5/24/34	One parent resided in the U.S.	§ 1993, Revised Statutes (RS); § 301(b) INA; § 101 P.L. 103-416	7 FAM 1135.1
Noon (EST) 5/24/34 and prior to 1/13/41	One parent resided in the U.S.	§ 1993, RS as amended by Act of 5/24/34	7 FAM 1135.6-1
1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52	One parent resided in the U.S. or possession.	§ 201(e) NA	7 FAM 1134.2, 1134.3-1, 1134.3-2
On or after 12/24/52	One parent resided in the U.S. or possession.	§ 301(a)(3), now 301(e) INA	7 FAM 1133.2-1a, 1133.3-1a

Notes: (1) In all cases, residence must take place prior to the child's birth; (2) the law does not define how long residence must be; and (3) children born in two U.S. citizen parents never had retention requirements.

CHILD BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK TO U.S. CITIZEN MOTHER

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements (Parents' Residence)	Applicable Laws	Reference
Before noon (EST) 5/24/34	Mother resided in the U.S. or possession prior to child's birth; child not legitimated by alien father before 1/13/41.	§ 205, paragraph 2, NA	7 FAM 1135.3-2
Noon (EST) 5/24/34 and prior to 1/13/41	Mother resided in U.S. or possession prior to child's birth.	§ 1993, RS as amended by Act of 5/24/34; § 205, paragraph 2, NA	7 FAM 1135.7-2
1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52	Mother resided in U.S. or possession prior to child's birth.	§ 205, paragraph 2, NA	7 FAM 1134.5-4
On or after 12/24/52	Mother physically present in U.S. or possession continuously 12 months prior to child's birth.	§ 309(c), INA	7 FAM 1133.4-3

Note: Children born out of wedlock to a U.S. citizen mother never had retention requirements.

CHILD BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK TO U.S. CITIZEN FATHER AND ALIEN MOTHER

Date of Birth	Transmission and Legal Relationship Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
Before noon (EST) 5/24/34	Legitimated under law of father's U.S. or foreign domicile. Father resided in U.S. before child's birth.	§ 1993, RS; 7 FAM 1135.3-1	None	
Noon (EST) 5/24/34 and prior to 1/13/41	Legitimated under law of father's U.S. or foreign domicile. Father resided in U.S. before child's birth.	§ 1993, RS as amended in 1934; 7 FAM 1135.7-1	Persons failing to fulfill below requirements may have citizenship restored upon taking oath of allegiance.	§ 324(d)(1) INA; § 101 P.L. 103-416 1133.5-15
			(1) 5 years residence between ages 13-21 if begun before 12/24/52; or	(1) § 201(g) and (h) NA; 7 FAM 1133.6-3
			(2) 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28;* or	(2) Former § 301(b), (c) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-8
			(3) 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28 if begun before 10/27/72.**	(3) Former § 301(b), (d) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-2, 1133.5-9
			(4) None if parent employed certain occupation.***	§ 201(g) NA; 7 FAM 1134.6-2
			(5) None if alien parent naturalized and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18.	(5) Former § 301(b) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-11

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** Absences of less than one year in aggregate during 5 year period does not break continuity.

*** U.S. Government, American educational, scientific, philanthropic, religious, commercial, or financial organization or an international agency in which the U.S. takes part. Note: residence or physical presences of parent must take place before child's birth. Section 301(b) of INA took effect Oct. 25, 1994. Section 324(d) of INA took effect March 1, 1995.

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52	(1a) Father physically present in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, 5 of which after the age of 14. Honor-able U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or intergovern- mental international organization, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment may be included; and	§ 301(a)(7) INA; 7 FAM 1133.3-3	Persons failing to fulfill below requirements may have citizenship restored upon taking oath of allegiance.	§ 324(d)(1) INA; § 101 P.L. 103-416; 7 FAM 1133.5-15
			(1) 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-18;*	(1) Former § 301(b), (c) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 5-8
	(1b) Paternity established fore age 21 by the legitimation law of father's or child's residence/domicile; or	§ 309(b) INA	(2) 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14-28 if begun before 10/27/72.**	(2) Former § 301(b), (d) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-2, 1133.5-9
	(2a) Father resided in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after the age of 16 years; and	§ 201(g) NA	(3) None if parent employed in certain occupation.***	(3) 201(g) NA; 7 Fam 1134.6-2
	(2b) Paternity established during minority by legitimation or court adjudication before 12/24/52.	§ 205 NA; 7 FAM 1134.5-2	(4) None if child born on or after 10/10/52	(4) P.L. 95-432; 7 FAM 1133.5-13
			(5) None if alien parent naturalized and child began to reside perma-nently in U.S. while under age 18.	(5) Former § 301(b) INA; 7 FAM 1133.5-7, 1133.5-11
12/24/52 through 11/14/68	(1) Father physically present in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after age 14. Honorable U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or intergovernmental international organization, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment, may be included; and	§ 301(a)(7) INA	None	
	(2) Paternity established under age 21 by legitimation law of father's or child's residence/domicile.	§ 309(a) INA as originally enacted		

Note: INA § 301(b) took effect 10/25/94. INA § 324(d) took effect 3/1/95.

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
After 11/14/68 through 11/14/71	(1) Father physically present in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after age 14. Honorable U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or intergovernmental international organization, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment, may be included; and	§ 301(a)(7) INA	None	
	(2a) Blood relationship established between father and child, father a U.S. citizen at time of child's birth, father (unless deceased) agrees in writing to support child until 18 years, and while child is under 18 years: (i) child is legitimated, (ii) father acknowledges paternity, or (iii) paternity established by court adjudication, or	§ 309(a) INA as amended 11/14/86, 102 Stat. 2619; 7 FAM 1133.4-2		
	(2b) Paternity is established under age 21 by the legitimation law of father's or child's residence/domicile.	§ 309(a) INA, as originally enacted		
After 11/14/71 and prior to 11/14/86	(1) Father physically present in U.S. or possession 10 years prior to child's birth, five of which after age 14. Honorable U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or intergovernmental international organization, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment, may be included, and	§ 301(a)(7) INA	None	
	(2) Blood relationship established between father and child, father a U.S. citizen at time of child's birth, father (unless deceased) agrees in writing to support child until 18 years, and while child is	§ 309(a) INA, as amended 11/14/86; 102 Stat. 2619; 7 FAM 1133.4-2		

Date of Birth	Transmission Requirements	Reference	Retention Requirements	Reference
After 11/14/71 and prior to 11/14/86 (con't)	under 18 years (i) child is legitimated, (ii) father acknowledges paternity, or (iii) paternity established by court adjudication.			
On or after 11/14/86	(1) Father physically present in U.S. or possession five years prior to child's birth, two of which after age 14. Honorable U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or intergovernmental international organization, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment, may be included; and	§ 301(g) INA; 7 FAM 1133.3-3		
	(2) Blood relationship established between father and child, father a U.S. citizen at time of child's birth, father (unless deceased) agrees in writing to support child until 18 years, and while child is under 18 years: (i) child is legitimated, (ii) father acknowledges paternity, or (iii) paternity established by court adjudication.	§ 309(a) INA as amended 11/14/86; 102 Stat. 2619; 7 FAM 1133.4-2		

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IMMIGRANT NUMBERS FOR DECEMBER 2003

A. STATUTORY NUMBERS

This bulletin summarizes the availability of immigrant numbers during **December**. Consular officers are required to report to the Department of State documentarily qualified applicants for numerically limited visas; the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security reports applicants for adjustment of status. Allocations were made, to the extent possible under the numerical limitations, for the demand received by November **7th** in the chronological order of the reported priority dates. If the demand could not be satisfied within the statutory or regulatory limits, the category or foreign state in which demand was excessive was deemed oversubscribed. The cut-off date for an oversubscribed category is the priority date of the first applicant who could not be reached within the numerical limits. Only applicants who have a priority date **earlier than** the cut-off date may be allotted a number. Immediately that it becomes necessary during the monthly allocation process to retrogress a cut-off date, supplemental requests for numbers will be honored only if the priority date falls within the new cut-off date.

2. Section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sets an annual minimum family-sponsored preference limit of 226,000. The worldwide level for annual employment-based preference immigrants is at least 140,000. Section 202 prescribes that the per-country limit for preference immigrants is set at 7% of the total annual family-sponsored and employment-based preference limits, i.e., 25,620. The dependent area limit is set at 2%, or 7,320.

3. Section 203 of the INA prescribes preference classes for allotment of immigrant visas as follows:

FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCES

First: Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Citizens: 23,400 plus any numbers not required for fourth preference.

Second: Spouses and Children, and Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents: 114,200, plus the number (if any) by which the worldwide family preference level exceeds 226,000, and any unused first preference numbers:

A. Spouses and Children: 77% of the overall second preference limitation, of which 75% are exempt from the per-country limit;

B. Unmarried Sons and Daughters (21 years of age or older): 23% of the overall second preference limitation.

Third: Married Sons and Daughters of Citizens: 23,400, plus any numbers not required by first and second preferences.

Fourth: Brothers and Sisters of Adult Citizens: 65,000, plus any numbers not required by first three preferences.

EMPLOYMENT-BASED PREFERENCES

First: Priority Workers: 28.6% of the worldwide employment-based preference level, plus any numbers not required for fourth and fifth preferences.

Second: Members of the Professions Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability: 28.6% of the worldwide employment-based preference level, plus any numbers not required by first preference.

Third: Skilled Workers, Professionals, and Other Workers: 28.6% of the worldwide level, plus any numbers not required by first and second preferences, not more than 10,000 of which to "Other Workers."

Fourth: Certain Special Immigrants: 7.1% of the worldwide level.

Fifth: Employment Creation: 7.1% of the worldwide level, not less than 3,000 of which reserved for investors in a targeted rural or high-unemployment area, and 3,000 set aside for investors in regional centers by Sec. 610 of P.L. 102-395.

4. INA Section 203(e) provides that family-sponsored and employment-based preference visas be issued to eligible immigrants in the order in which a petition in behalf of each has been filed. Section 203(d) provides that spouses and children of preference immigrants are entitled to the same status, and the same order of consideration, if accompanying or following to join the principal. The visa prorating provisions of Section 202(e) apply to allocations for a foreign state or dependent area when visa demand exceeds the per-country limit. These provisions apply at present to the following oversubscribed chargeability areas: MEXICO, INDIA and PHILIPPINES.

5. On the chart below, the listing of a date for any class indicates that the class is oversubscribed (see paragraph 1); "C" means current, i.e., numbers are available for all qualified applicants; and "U" means unavailable, i.e., no numbers are available. (NOTE: Numbers are available only for applicants whose priority date is **earlier** than the cut-off date listed below.)

Priority Dates for Family Based Immigrant Visas

	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
Family				
1st	15JUL00	15JUL00	15OCT94	15SEP89
2A*	15NOV98	15NOV98	08APR96	15NOV98
2B	01MAY95	01MAY95	01DEC91	01MAY95
3rd	15AUG97	15AUG97	15NOV94	22MAY89
4th	01FEB92	01OCT90	01FEB92	15OCT81

*NOTE: For December, 2A numbers **EXEMPT from per-country limit** are available to applicants from all countries with priority dates **earlier** than 08APR96. 2A numbers **SUBJECT to per-country limit** are available to applicants chargeable to all countries **EXCEPT MEXICO** with priority dates beginning 08APR96 and earlier than 15NOV98. (All 2A numbers provided for MEXICO are exempt from the per-country limit; there are no 2A numbers for MEXICO subject to per-country limit.)

Priority Dates for Employment-Based Immigrant Visas

	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES

Employment-Based				
1st	C	C	C	C
2nd	C	C	C	C
3rd	C	C	C	C
Other Workers	C	C	C	C
4th	C	C	C	C
Cetain Religiuos Workers	C	C	C	C
5th	C	C	C	C
Targeted Employment Areas/Regional Centers	C	C	C	C

The Department of State has available a recorded message with visa availability information which can be heard at: (202) 663-1541. This recording will be updated in the middle of each month with information on cut-off dates for the following month.

B. DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT (DV) CATEGORY

Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act provides a maximum of up to 55,000 immigrant visas each fiscal year to permit immigration opportunities for persons from countries other than the principal sources of current immigration to the United States. The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulates that beginning with DV-99, and for as long as necessary, up to 5,000 of the 55,000 annually-allocated diversity visas will be made available for use under the NACARA program. **This reduction has resulted in the DV-2004 annual limit being reduced to 50,000.** DV visas are divided among six geographic regions. No one country can receive more than seven percent of the available diversity visas in any one year.

For **December,** immigrant numbers in the DV category are available to qualified DV-2004 applicants chargeable to all regions/eligible countries as follows. When an allocation cut-off number is shown, visas are available only for applicants with DV regional lottery rank numbers **BELOW** the specified allocation cut-off number:

All DV Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed Separately

Region

AFRICA: AF 14,450 Except: Ethiopia 12,400
ASIA: AS 7,000 Except: Bangladesh 4,100
EUROPE: EU 13,900 Except: Albania 10,100
NORTH AMERICA (BAHAMAS): 5
OCEANIA: OC 500
SOUTH AMERICA, and the CARIBBEAN: 1,075

Entitlement to immigrant status in the DV category lasts only through the end of the fiscal (visa) year for which the applicant is selected in the lottery. The year of entitlement for all applicants registered for the DV-2004 program ends as of September 30, 2004. DV visas may not be issued to DV-2004 applicants after that date. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2004 principals are only entitled to derivative DV status until September 30, 2004. DV visa availability through the very end of FY-2004 cannot be taken for granted. Numbers could be exhausted prior to September 30. **Once all numbers provided by law for the DV-2004 program have been used, no further issuances will be possible.**

C. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE DIVERSITY (DV) IMMIGRANT CATEGORY RANK CUT-OFFS WHICH WILL APPLY IN OCTOBER

For **January**, immigrant numbers in the DV category are available to qualified DV-2004 applicants chargeable to all regions/eligible countries as follows. When an allocation cut-off number is shown, visas are available only for applicants with DV regional lottery rank numbers **BELOW** the specified allocation cut-off number:

All DV Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed Separately

Region

AFRICA: AF 17,700 Except: Ethiopia 15,600, Nigeria 15,400
ASIA: AS 8,150 Except: Bangladesh 4,900
EUROPE: EU 15,000 Except: Albania 13,450
NORTH AMERICA (BAHAMAS): 7
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