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Press Release

Guatemala will participate in the Diversity Visa Lottery 2017

The Diversity Visa program allows participants to enter a drawing for an opportunity to apply for an immigrant visa to the United States. Those interested should register as soon as they can, between October 1 and November 3, 2015. Each applicant must meet one or both of these requirements:

1. As a minimum, have successfully completed twelve years of elementary and secondary education.
2. Two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. The U.S. Department of Labor's [O*Net Online](#) database will be used to determine qualifying work experience.

YOU CAN MAKE THE APPLICATION YOURSELF: IT'S EASY AND FREE.

Instructions:

1. Each person can apply only once. If you apply again, you will cancel your registration.
2. At www.dvlottery.state.gov, fill registration form DS-5501.
3. Print and save the unique registration confirmation number.

4. It is mandatory to include the name of your spouse and all your unmarried children and stepchildren under 21 years of age who are not US citizens or legal permanent residents (LPRs).
5. Upload separate photographs of you, your spouse, and all your unmarried children and stepchildren under 21 years of age. The website provides instructions.
6. You will be able to check the status of your entry in the Diversity Visa 2017 program (DV-2017) as of May 3, 2016. Enter www.dvlottery.state.gov, click "Entrance Status Check", and enter your unique confirmation number and personal information. "Entrance Status Check" will be your only means to know if you were selected for an interview for an immigrant visa. If so, we will provide you instructions here about how to proceed, and an appointment for the visa interview at the United States Embassy in Guatemala.
7. **DO NOT PAY FEES TO OTHERS.** If you are selected for an interview, you will have to pay the necessary fees at the US Embassy in Guatemala. Applicants who reside in the United States will receive instruction on making payments in the United States.