

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR
PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION
Supplemental Registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa
Program
OMB Number 1405-0098
DSP-0122**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Pursuant to section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program makes available 50,000 permanent resident visas annually, drawn randomly from all entries of persons who meet strict eligibility requirements. Once an individual's lottery entry is selected and registered, the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) sends the applicant the Instruction Package for Immigrant Visa Applicants, which consists of Form DSP-122 (Supplemental Registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program) and Form DS-230 (Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration Part I and Part II). The visa application cannot be processed until these forms are returned.
2. Form DSP-122 is essential to scheduling the applicant's appointment at post. It collects information necessary to ensure that the applicant is statutorily qualified for a visa under the Diversity Visa Program, including identity of the proper country of chargeability and educational or work experience qualifications.
3. The applicant may download the form from the Department of State website at: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/80148.pdf>. This electronic form may be printed and subsequently filled out, or the applicant may fill the form out online, print it and return it by mail to the KCC. Once the DS-260 is fully deployed, the Department will examine whether or not this system can be adapted to include information currently collection on the DSP-122,
4. This collection solicits information from the applicant that is not otherwise available. This information is necessary to determining eligibility for the diversity visa program
5. This information collection does not impact or affect small businesses or other small entities.
6. Respondents are required to submit this form once per application. It is not possible to collect this information at any other time or less frequently.
7. No special circumstances exist.
8. The Department of State (Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs) published a 60 day notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment (77 FR 30045, May 21, 2012. No comments were received. Visa Services meets regularly with immigration experts from the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate policy. Visa Services also meets with student groups, business groups, immigration attorneys, and other interested parties to discuss their opinions and suggestions regarding visas procedures and operations.
9. No payment or gift is made to respondents.
10. The information asked for on this form is requested pursuant to section 222(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The Department uses the information provided on the

form, primarily to determine the applicant's eligibility for a visa. Individuals who fail to provide all the requested information might be denied a visa. If the applicant is issued an immigrant visa and is subsequently admitted to the United States as an immigrant, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will use the information provided to issue the applicant a Permanent Resident Card. The Social Security Administration may use the information provided to issue social security numbers and cards. Beyond these uses the information provided on this information collection will be considered confidential and will be used by the Department only for the formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, nationality, and other laws of the United States.

11. No information of a sensitive nature is collected on this form.
12. Approximately 60,000 respondents will complete this form each year. The information collected is based on personal biographical data and personal history. Finding the necessary background information and filling out the entire form will require approximately 30 minutes of time; no special research on the respondent's part is required. The annual hour burden to respondents is estimated to be 30,000 hours. The burdens for the DS-230 (submitted along with the DSP-122) are separate and are not included in this collection. Those burden calculations are included in collection 1405-0015, *Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration*.
13. There are no cost burdens on the respondents.
14. The annualized Federal cost burden associated with this information collection is \$175,000. The information collection is processed by a contractor who performs this function as part of its work under a competitive fixed-unit-price contract with the Kentucky Consular Center. The contractor is paid approximately \$175,000 annually to enter data and process the completed DS-122 forms.
15. There are no burden changes for this collection.
16. A quantitative summary of all Department of State visa activities is published in the annual [Report of the Visa Office](http://travel.state.gov/visa/statistics/statistics_1476.html) at http://travel.state.gov/visa/statistics/statistics_1476.html. The *Report of the Visa Office* is an annual report providing statistical information on immigrant and nonimmigrant visa issuances by consular offices, as well as information on the use of visa numbers in numerically limited categories. To request a paper copy of the Report of the Visa Office, please send a letter to: Visa Office, Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting Division, 2401 E. Street NW, Room L415, Washington, DC 20520
17. The Department will display the OMB expiration date on this form.
18. The Department is not seeking any exceptions to the certification statement.

B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.