

DV Green Card Lottery Paused

In December 2025, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, at the direction of President Trump, ordered an immediate operational pause of Diversity Visa processing (DV1) and related adjustment-of-status adjudications. USCIS is holding pending DV cases and reviews for “national security concerns.”

This pause affects:

- Adjustment of status filings inside the U.S.
- Scheduling of DV interviews and visa issuance
- Future DV processing until a review is completed

The DV-2026 and DV-2027 cycles are in limbo

- DV-2026: Some selectees were chosen and may have been in the pipeline, but processing is now stalled.
- DV-2027 registration: Normally opening in fall 2025, it has not opened and is delayed with no announced dates.

Source: USCIS, AILA

