

# YAD VASHEM CRITERIA FOR “RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS”

## Criteria

The criteria for awarding the honor “Righteous Among the Nations,” determined by the public committee of Yad Vashem, are as follows:

- An attempt that included the active involvement of the rescuer to save a Jew regardless of whether the attempt(s) ended in success or failure
- Acknowledged mortal risk to the rescuer during the endeavor—during the Nazi regime, the warnings clearly stated that whoever extended a hand to assist Jews placed not only their own life at risk, but also the lives of their loved ones
- Humanitarian motives as the primary incentive—the rescuer must not have received material compensation as a condition of their actions
- There must be testimonial support by the rescued person or archival material concerning the deed

## “Righteous Among the Nations”

per country as of January 1, 2016\*

Poland	6,620	Moldova	79	China	2
Netherlands**	5,516	Albania	75	Brazil	2
France	3,925	Norway	62	Indonesia	2
Ukraine	2,544	Romania	60	Ireland	1
Belgium	1,707	Switzerland	47	Egypt	1
Lithuania	889	Bosnia	42	Peru	1
Hungary	837	Armenia	24	Chile	1
Italy	671	Denmark**	22	Japan	1
Belarus	618	Great Britain (inc. Scotland)	21	Luxembourg	1
Germany	587	Bulgaria	20	Turkey	1
Slovakia	558	Sweden	10	Georgia	1
Greece	328	Macedonia	10	Montenegro	1
Russia	197	Slovenia	7	Vietnam	1
Serbia	135	Spain	7	El Salvador	1
Latvia	135	USA	5	Cuba	1
Czech Republic	115	Estonia	3	Ecuador	1
Croatia	115	Portugal	3	<b>Total Persons</b>	<b>26,119</b>
Austria	106				

\*These figures are not an indication of the actual number of Jews saved in each country, but reflect material on rescue operations made available to Yad Vashem.

\*\*Includes two persons originally from Indonesia, but residing in the Netherlands.

\*\*\*The Danish Underground requested that all its members who participated in the rescue of the Jewish community not be listed individually, but as one group.