

YAD VASHEM CRITERIA FOR “RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS”



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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, 2023*

Poland	7,280	Moldova	79	Peru	3
Netherlands**	6,066	Albania	75	Brazil	2
France	4,255	Romania	69	China	2
Ukraine	2,707	Norway	68	Chile	2
Belgium	1,803	Switzerland	49	Ireland	1
Lithuania	924	Bosnia	49	Egypt	1
Hungary	883	Armenia	24	Japan	1
Italy	794	Denmark***	22	Luxembourg	1
Belarus	683	United Kingdom	22	Turkey	1
Germany	659	Bulgaria	20	Georgia	1
Slovakia	639	Slovenia	16	Montenegro	1
Greece	365	Macedonia	10	Vietnam	1
Russia	221	Sweden	10	El Salvador	1
Serbia	141	Spain	9	Cuba	1
Latvia	138	USA	5	Ecuador	1
Croatia	132	Estonia	3		
Czech Republic	125	Portugal	3		
Austria	115	Indonesia	3		
				Total Persons	28,486

*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.