

Business Immigration Weekly for October 9, 2015

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Practices: Immigration

NOVEMBER 2015 VISA BULLETIN UPDATE

The Department of State (DOS) released the monthly Visa Bulletin and below is a summary of green card Final Action Dates and Dates For Filing dates for employment-based immigrant visa categories for the month of November.

GREEN CARD "DATES FOR FILING" AVAILABILITY DATES

Individuals with priority dates prior to the dates listed in the chart below are eligible to file their green card applications during the month of November.

| Category | All Countries Except Those Listed | China (mainland) | India | Mexico | Philippines |
|---|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| EB-1 | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| EB-2 | Current | 01/01/13 | 01JUL09 | Current | Current |
| EB-3 | 09/01/15 | 10/01/13 | 07/01/05 | 09/01/15 | 01/01/10 |
| Other Workers | 09/01/15 | 01/01/07 | 07/01/05 | 09/01/15 | 01/01/10 |
| 4th | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| Certain Religious Workers | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| 5th Non-Regional Center (C5 and T5) and Regional Center (I5 and R5) | Current | 05/01/15 | Current | Current | Current |

GREEN CARD APPROVAL "FINAL ACTION DATES"

Individuals with priority dates prior to the dates listed in the chart below have a green card available to them during the month of November, therefore, the US government may take final action on their case.

| Category | All Countries Except Those Listed | China (mainland) | India | Mexico | Philippines |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| EB-1 | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| EB-2 | Current | 02/01/12 | 08/01/06 | Current | Current |
| EB-3 | 08/15/15 | 01/01/12 | 04/01/04 | 08/15/15 | 06/15/07 |
| Other Workers | 08/15/15 | 04/01/06 | 04/01/04 | 08/15/15 | 06/15/07 |
| 4th | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| Certain Religious Workers | Current | Current | Current | Current | Current |
| 5th Non-Regional Center (C5 and T5) and Regional Center (I5 and R5) | Current | 11/22/13 | Current | Current | Current |

Below is a summary of changes from the visa bulletin for last month for final action dates:

- The EB-2 China category has advanced from January 1, 2012 to February 1, 2012.
- The EB-2 India category has advanced from May 1, 2005 to August 1, 2006.
- The EB-3 World and Mexico categories remain at August 15, 2015.
- The EB-3 China category advances from October 15, 2011 to January 1, 2012.
- The EB-3 India category advances from March 8, 2004 to April 1, 2004.
- The EB-3 Philippines category advances from January 1, 2007 to June 15, 2007.
- The EB-5 China advances slightly from October 8, 2013 to November 22, 2013.

Month-to-month availability of immigrant visas varies and depends on many factors. These forecasts do not guarantee future availability. .