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VISA BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2015

The Department of State (DOS) released the Visa Bulletin for the month of **November**. **UPDATE: The US**Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will make the final decision on whether a green card is available. A week after the DOS issues the Visa Bulletin the USCIS will issue its own separate publication at: www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo indicating visa availability for the following month. Below is a summary of employment-based green card categories listing "Final Action Dates" and "Dates For Filing."

"Final Action Dates" = individuals with priority dates before the dates listed in the chart below have a green card available to them during the month of **November**, therefore, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may take final action and approve their green card application.

"Dates for Filing" = individuals with priority dates before the dates listed in the chart below are eligible to file their green card applications during the month of **November**. When their priority dates advance to the "Final Action Dates" the USCIS will be able to approve their green card application.

GREEN CARD "DATES FOR FILING" AVAILABILITY DATES

Category	All Countries Except Those Listed	China (mainland)	India	Mexico	Philippines
EB-1	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
EB-2	Current	01/01/13	07/01/09	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
EB-5 Non- Regional Center	Current	05/01/15	Current	Current	Current

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(C5 & T5) and Regional Center (I5 & R5)					
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GREEN CARD APPROVAL "FINAL ACTION DATES"

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
EB-4	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
EB-5 Non- Regional Center (C5 & T5) and Regional Center (I5 & R5)	Current	11/22/13	Current	Current	Current

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