

# Visa Bulletin on November 2012

## Cut-off Dates for Employment-Based Immigrant Visas

Employment-Based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	China-Mainland Born	India	Mexico	Philippines
1st	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
2nd	Current	09/01/07	09/01/04	Current	Current
3rd	11/22/06	04/15/06	10/22/02	11/22/06	08/08/06
Other Workers	11/22/06	07/01/03	10/22/02	11/22/06	08/08/06
4th	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
5th Targeted Employment Areas/ Regional Centers	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
5th Pilot Programs	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current

### Note:

"1st" refers to the First Preference in Employment-Based Immigration category (EB-1), i.e., persons of "extraordinary ability" in the sciences, arts, education, business, and athletics, outstanding professors and researchers and certain executives and managers;

"2nd" refers to the Second Preference in Employment-Based Immigration category (EB-2), i.e., professionals holding advanced degrees, or persons of exceptional ability in the arts, sciences, or business (NIW applicants);

"3rd" refers to the Third Preference in Employment-Based Immigration category (EB-3), i.e., skilled workers and professionals holding baccalaureate degrees;

"Other Workers" refers to the unskilled worker under the Third Preference in Employment-Based Immigration category;

"4th" refers to the Fourth Preference in Employment-Based Immigration category (EB-4), i.e., religious workers, certain overseas employees of the U.S. Government, former employees of the Panama Canal Company, retired employees of international organizations, certain dependents of international organization employees and certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

"5th" refers to the Fifth Preference in Employment-Based Immigration category (EB-5), i.e., employment creation investors.