

**IMMIGRATION ALERT: FINALLY, SOME GOOD IMMIGRATION NEWS –
PRIORITY DATES ADVANCE SUBSTANTIALLY IN JUNE 2007 VISA BULLETIN**



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Check your priority date!!!

The Department of State recently released the June 2007 Visa Bulletin which shows substantial forward progress in the cutoff dates for most employment-based immigrant visa categories.

The cutoff date in employment based (EB-3) preference category moved from August 1, 2003 (the May Visa Bulletin cutoff date) to **June 1, 2005** (the June Visa Bulletin cutoff date). This cutoff date applies to all countries (except India, China, Mexico and the Philippines). This is a jump of almost two years!!!

For those individuals in the EB-3 worldwide category with a priority date of earlier than June 1, 2005, an immigrant visa number will be available in the month of June 2007. Individuals whose priority dates will be earlier than the cutoff dates listed in the June 2007 Visa Bulletin should review their cases to determine if they meet all other eligibility criteria (such as INA Section 245(i) or maintenance of lawful status, etc.).

Following is the Employment-based priority date cutoff chart from the June 2007 Visa Bulletin:

Employment-Based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	C	C	C	C
2 nd	C	01JAN06	01APR04	C	C
3 rd	01JUN05	01JUN03	01JUN03	01JUN03	01JUN05
Other Workers	01OCT01	01OCT01	01OCT01	01OCT01	01OCT01
4 th	C	C	C	C	C
Certain Religious Workers	C	C	C	C	C
Iraqi & Afghani Translators	18SEP06	18SEP06	18SEP06	18SEP06	18SEP06
5 th	C	C	C	C	C
Targeted Employment Areas/ Regional Centers	C	C	C	C	C

To read the June 2007 Visa Bulletin in its entirety, click here or visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_3236.html.

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