

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT-
BASED FORM I-485S THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2007**



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In a statement released shortly after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) has agreed to accept employment-based adjustment of status (Form I-485) applications under all employment-based immigrant visa preference categories (EB-1, EB-2, EB-3, EB-4 and EB-5), except for the EB-3 “other worker” category. USCIS agreed to honor the [initial version of the July 2007 Visa Bulletin](#) (which listed all employment-based categories as current for July 2007) and has agreed to give applicants a full thirty days in which to submit these applications. Therefore, I-485 adjustment applications can be submitted under the initial July 2007 Visa Bulletin until August 17, 2007. In addition, USCIS will allow petitioners to file until August 17, 2007, using the current fee schedule. (NOTE: USCIS application fees are set to increase on July 30, 2007). For the full text of the USCIS press release regarding acceptance of these applications, [click here](#) or go to <http://www.uscis.gov/files/pressrelease/VisaBulletinUpdate17Jul07.pdf>.

It is important to note that in addition the [August 2007 visa bulletin](#) has been issued and that all employment-based categories will be unavailable. This means that no green card approvals will be issued during the month of August since visa numbers are unavailable beginning in August and that I-485 applications will not be accepted after August 17, 2007 until further notice in future visa bulletins.

Applicants who are eligible to file under the initial July 2007 visa bulletin should act quickly to ensure that their applications are properly filed and accepted on or before August 17, 2007. Even though employment-based visa numbers will again be unavailable in August 2007, and quite possibly for several months thereafter, if an eligible I-485 applicant gets his or her application filed on or before August 17, 2007, then he or she would be entitled to ancillary benefits such as an employment authorization document (EAD or work permit) and advance parole (if eligible).

Stay tuned to [Long, Chang & Associates, L.L.P.](#) for future updates on employment-based immigrant visa numbers.

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