

UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE VISA BULLETIN CUT-OFF DATES



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The September Visa Bulletin showed very limited immigrant visa (green card) availability in the employment-based preference categories. Cut-off dates were established in the EB-1 and EB-2 categories for all countries. Cut-off dates were established for EB-3 skilled worker and professional categories for all countries except India and China.

A cut-off date means that no green card can be filed or approved in the particular category unless the case has a priority date earlier than the cut-off date listed in the Visa Bulletin.

The EB-3 Other Worker category remains “unavailable” meaning no visas are available during September 2007 for that category.

To view the September 2007 Visa Bulletin, [click here](#).

It has been predicted that the cut-off dates listed in the October 2007 Visa Bulletin will be similar to the cut-off dates listed in the January 2007 Visa Bulletin. To view the January 2007 Visa Bulletin, [click here](#).

This means that even though a green card case has been filed before the August 17 deadline, it will likely take a very long time before the green card can be approved since there a backlog or unavailability of visa numbers is expected for the foreseeable future.

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