

## VISA BULLETIN FOR MAY 2009



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**April 9, 2009:** The May 2009 Visa Bulletin has been published by the Department of State. The Visa Bulletin summarizes the availability of immigrant visa numbers during the month of May. As expected, the Employment-Based 3<sup>rd</sup> Preference (skilled workers, professionals and other workers) has become “unavailable” and will remain unavailable until October 1, 2009, when a new cutoff date will be established. This means that no immigrant visa or green card applications can be filed with USCIS or approved by USCIS or the Department of State until, at the earliest, October 1, 2009. I-485 applications that have already been filed will remain pending during this time. This may require I-485 with expiring Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) to renew their expiring EADs in a timely manner to avoid a loss of employment authorization. To view the Visa Bulletin, please visit [www.longchangonline](http://www.longchangonline) and click on “Visa Bulletin” under the “Processing Times” button on the left side of our home page.

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