

June 2023 Visa Bulletin Brings Warning of EB-3 Final Action Date Retrogression for India

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The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs has released the June 2023 [Visa Bulletin](#) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has confirmed that it will accept employment-based I-485 adjustment of status applications per the bulletin's Final Action Dates chart.

Quick Hits

- Final action dates remained unchanged except for retrogression for EB-5 (India) and slight advancement for EB-3 Other Workers (China–mainland born).
- The final action date for the EB-5 Unreserved category (including C5, T5, I5, and R5) for India will retrogress to April 1, 2017.
- The EB-3 final action date for India may retrogress as early as July 2023 due to continued high demand.

As shown in the chart below, the final action dates in the June 2023 *Visa Bulletin* remain unchanged from the [May 2023 Visa Bulletin](#) in almost all categories, with the only exceptions being retrogression (to April 1, 2017) in the 5th Preference (EB-5) Unreserved category (India) and slight advancement (to September 1, 2015) in the 3rd Preference (EB-3) Other Workers category (China–mainland born).

| Employment-based | All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed | CHINA-mainland born | INDIA | MEXICO | PHILIPPINES |
|---|---|---------------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| 1st | C | 01FEB22 | 01FEB22 | C | C |
| 2nd | 15FEB22 | 08JUN19 | 01JAN11 | 15FEB22 | 15FEB22 |
| 3rd | 01JUN22 | 01APR19 | 15JUN12 | 01JUN22 | 01JUN22 |
| Other Workers | 01JAN20 | 01SEP15 | 15JUN12 | 01JAN20 | 01JAN20 |
| 4th | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 |
| Certain Religious Workers | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 | 01SEP18 |
| 5th Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5) | C | 08SEP15 | 01APR17 | C | C |
| 5th Set Aside: Rural (20%) | C | C | C | C | C |
| 5th Set Aside: High Unemployment (10%) | C | C | C | C | C |
| 5th Set Aside: Infrastructure (2%) | C | C | C | C | C |

Source: U.S. Department of State, June 2023 Visa Bulletin

The June 2023 *Visa Bulletin* is the latest in a line of visa bulletins in recent months that have brought regressions and slowdowns, reflecting an overall trend of backlogs in the employment-based visa process.

The June 2023 *Visa Bulletin* has also brought a predictive note from the State Department: the EB-3 final action date for India could retrogress as early as July 2023. According to the State Department, “[s]teady number use and high demand” in the EB-3 category for India will likely “necessitate” imminent retrogression of the final action date in order to keep EB-3 use within the annual limit for the 2023 fiscal year.

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