

United States | April Visa Bulletin: Advancement in Key Categories, Final Action Dates to Control Filing Eligibility

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The U.S. State Department released the [April Visa Bulletin](#) Friday, showing advancement in key employment-based categories. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [announced](#) that in April it will use Final Action Dates to determine filing eligibility.

Final Action Dates Movement:

EB-1

- China EB-1 will advance 1½ months to Sept. 1, 2022.
- India EB-1 will advance five months to March 1, 2021.
- All other countries under EB-1 will remain current.

EB-2

- China EB-2 will advance one month to Feb. 1, 2020.
- India EB-2 will advance 1½ months to April 15, 2012.
- All other countries under EB-2 will advance almost two months to Jan. 15, 2023.

EB-3

- China EB-3 will remain at Sept. 1, 2020.
- India EB-3 will advance 1½ months to Aug. 15, 2012.
- All other countries under EB-3 will advance 2½ months to Nov. 22, 2022.

Final Action Dates for Employment-Based Preference Cases:

Preference	All Other Countries	China	India	Mexico	Philippines
EB-1	Current	Sept. 1, 2022	March 1, 2021	Current	Current
EB-2	Jan. 15, 2023	Feb. 1, 2020	April 15, 2012	Jan. 15, 2023	Jan. 15, 2023
EB-3	Nov. 22, 2022	Sept. 1, 2020	Aug. 15, 2012	Nov. 22, 2022	Nov. 22, 2022

Additional Information: April will mark the [second straight month](#) that USCIS will use Final Action Dates to determine employment-based filing eligibility. The agency will continue to use Dates for Filing to determine [family-based eligibility](#). The State Department included additional information regarding visa availability in the coming months in the April Visa Bulletin, stating that for employment-based categories, “Very little to no forward movement is expected in the coming months since the final action dates for many categories advanced for April 2024.” They also cautioned that the “final action date projections” indicate what is “likely to happen throughout Quarter Three and Quarter Four of FY24” and that readers “should never assume that recent trends in final action date movements are guaranteed for the future, or that retrogressions will not be required at some point to maintain number use within the applicable annual limits.”

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