

April 2024 Visa Bulletin Shows Advancement, but State Department Predicts Little to No Further Movement in Coming Months

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has confirmed it will accept employment-based adjustment of status applications based on the Final Action Dates chart for the April 2024 *Visa Bulletin*.

Quick Hits

- The EB-1 final action dates will advance by approximately six weeks for China and by five months for India.
- The EB-2 final action dates will advance by exactly one month for China (February 1, 2020) and approximately six weeks for India (April 15, 2012). The EB-2 final action date will advance by eight weeks for all other countries, to January 15, 2023. The final action dates will advance by approximately two months, to January 15, 2023, for Mexico and the Philippines.
- The EB-3 Professional/Skilled Worker final action dates will advance by two months to November 22, 2022, for All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed, Mexico, and the Philippines. EB-3 Professional/Skilled Worker final action dates for India will advance by one month, to August 15, 2012. However, China will remain unchanged (September 1, 2020).

The [April 2024 Visa Bulletin's](#) Final Action Dates chart for employment-based categories is shown below.

Employment-based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	01SEP22	01MAR21	C	C
2nd	15JAN23	01FEB20	15APR12	15JAN23	15JAN23
3rd	22NOV22	01SEP20	15AUG12	22NOV22	22NOV22
Other Workers	08OCT20	01JAN17	15AUG12	08OCT20	01MAY20
4th	01NOV20	01NOV20	01NOV20	01NOV20	01NOV20
Certain Religious Workers	U	U	U	U	U
5th Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	15DEC15	01DEC20	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, April 2024 Visa Bulletin

Consistent with USCIS's [Employment-Based Adjustment of Status FAQs](#), which notes that "it is not reasonable to advance the dates in the Visa Bulletin" in order to accept substantial additional filings in fiscal year (FY) 2024, the April 2024 *Visa Bulletin* continues the trend thus far in FY 2024 of showing [little to no movement across most employment-based categories](#).

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