

# United States | July Visa Bulletin: Advancement in Key Categories and Retrogression Across Most EB-3 Categories

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The U.S. State Department released the [July Visa Bulletin](#), showing advancement in key employment-based categories. However, all countries under EB-3, excluding China and India, will retrogress by almost a year. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [confirmed](#) that in July it will use Final Action Dates to determine filing eligibility.

## Final Action Dates Movement:

### EB-1

- China EB-1 will advance two months to Nov. 1, 2022.
- India EB-1 will advance 11 months to Feb. 1, 2022.
- All other countries under EB-1, including Mexico and the Philippines, will remain current.

### EB-2

- China EB-2 will advance one month to March 1, 2020.
- India EB-2 will advance two months to June 15, 2012.
- All other countries under EB-2, including Mexico and the Philippines, will advance two months to March 15, 2023.

### EB-3

- China EB-3 will remain the same.
- India EB-3 will advance one month to Sept. 22, 2012.
- All other countries under EB-3, including Mexico and the Philippines, will retrogress almost a year to Dec. 1, 2021.

## Final Action Dates for Employment-Based Preference Cases:

Preference	All Other Countries	China	India	Mexico	Philippines
EB-1	Current	Nov. 1, 2022	Feb. 1, 2022	Current	Current

<b>EB-2</b>	March 15, 2023	March 1, 2020	June 15, 2012	March 15, 2023	March 15, 2023
<b>EB-3</b>	Dec. 1, 2021	Sept. 1, 2020	Sept. 22, 2012	Dec. 1, 2021	Dec. 1, 2021

**Additional Information:** As predicted in the [June Visa Bulletin](#), the State Department said it has become necessary to retrogress the worldwide EB-3 final action date (including Mexico and the Philippines) effective in July. USCIS notes that because of continued high demand and number use in this category, it will likely be necessary to either further retrogress the final action date or make the category “unavailable” in August. BAL will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as information becomes available.

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