

The July 2015 Visa Bulletin Brings Little Change

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The Department of State's [July Visa Bulletin](#) announced only a few modest changes in employment-based visa processing. Most significantly, the EB-3 subcategory for professionals and skilled workers will become unavailable for the Philippines.

Additionally, Indian nationals seeking classification under the EB-2 preference category will see no change from the month of June. Those seeking classification under the EB-3 and other workers categories will see a very small change from January 22, 2004 to February 4, 2004. This means the government is virtually experiencing a "delay" of 11 years. Priority dates for Chinese nationals share lack of progress. Individuals under EB-2, advanced only four months to October 1, 2013, while EB-3 and other workers remained the same.

Those individuals who have been impacted by a visa retrogression of any kind are encouraged to check the DOS Visa Bulletin each month in order to see if visa processing dates have moved under their approval category.

Employment-Based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	China – Mainland Born	India	
1st	C	C	C	
2nd	C	10/1/2013	10/1/2008	
3rd	4/1/2015	9/1/2011	2/1/2004	
Other Workers	4/1/2015	1/1/2006	2/1/2004	
4th	C	C	C	
Certain Religious Workers	C	C	C	
5th Targeted Employment Areas/Regional Centers and Pilot Programs	C	9/1/2013	C	

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