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On March 22, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) confirmed that it will accept employment-based Forms I-485, *Applications to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status*, next month according to the "Final Action Dates" chart in the *Visa Bulletin*.¹ The U.S. Department of State released the April 2021 *Visa Bulletin* on March 12, 2021.²

WHY THIS MATTERS

Each month, the U.S. Department of State releases a *Visa Bulletin* indicating the availability of statutorily limited visas for prospective immigrants.³ The cut-off dates reflected in the *Visa Bulletin*, coupled with USCIS' confirmation of which chart will apply, dictate eligibility to file a Form I-485 in a given month. In addition, the Final Action Dates chart in the applicable *Visa Bulletin* determines whether pending I-485 applications may be approved.

Employment-Based Preference Categories

The cut-off dates under the Final Action Dates chart for employment-based immigrant visas under the April 2021 *Visa Bulletin* will be as follows:

EB-1: All countries of chargeability will be current.

EB-2: All countries of chargeability except India and the People's Republic of China ("PRC" or "China") will remain current. China's cut-off date will advance to September 1, 2016. India's cut-off date will move ahead to May 1, 2010.

EB-3 Professionals & Skilled Workers: All countries of chargeability except India and China will remain current. China will advance to March 15, 2018, and India will move forward to September 1, 2010.

EB-3 Other Workers: All countries of chargeability except for India and China will remain current. China's cut-off date for next month is June 1, 2009, while the cut-off date for India is September 1, 2010.

EB-4: El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will advance to August 1, 2018. Mexico will advance to February 1, 2019. All other countries of chargeability will remain current.

EB-5: All countries of chargeability, except China and Vietnam, will remain current. China's cut-off date will remain at August 15, 2015, while Vietnam's will advance to December 15, 2017.

FOOTNOTES:

1 See the "[Adjustment of Status Filing Charts from the Visa Bulletin](#)" page on the USCIS website.

2 U.S. Department of State [website](#).

3 For our prior coverage of the March 2021 *Visa Bulletin*, read [GMS Flash Alert 2021-069](#) (March 1, 2021).

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