




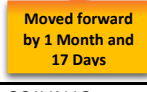
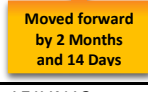








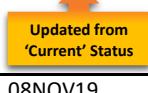




















## December 2022 Visa Bulletin Updates on Final Action Dates for Employment-Based Preference Cases and Dates for Filing of Employment-Based Visa Applications

### A. DECEMBER 2022 FINAL ACTION DATES FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED PREFERENCE CASES

**CHART:**

Employment-based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	EL SALVADOR GUATEMALA HONDURAS	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1 <sup>st</sup>	C	C	C	C	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	01NOV22 	08JUN19	01NOV22 	08OCT11 	01NOV22 	01NOV22 
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	01AUG18 	C	15JUN12 	C	C
Other Workers	01JUN20	22JUN13 	01JUN20	15JUN12 	01JUN20	01JUN20
4 <sup>th</sup>	22JUN22 	22JUN22 	15MAR18	22JUN22 	15SEP20	22JUN22 
Certain Religious Workers	22JUN22 	22JUN22 	15MAR18	22JUN22 	15SEP20	22JUN22 
5 <sup>th</sup> Unreserved (Including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	22MAR15	C	08NOV19	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: Rural (20%)	C	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: High Unemployment (10%)	C	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: Infrastructure (2%)	C	C	C	C	C	C

**B. DECEMBER 2022 DATES FOR FILING OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISA APPLICATIONS CHART:**

Employment-based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	EL SALVADOR GUATEMALA HONDURAS	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1 <sup>st</sup>	C	C	C	C	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	01DEC22 	08JUL19	01DEC22 	01MAY12	01DEC22 	01DEC22 
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	01SEP18 	C	01AUG12 	C	C
Other Workers	08SEP22	01NOV15	08SEP22	01AUG12 	08SEP22	08SEP22
4 <sup>th</sup>	22JUL22 	22JUL22 	15APR18	22JUL22 	15OCT20	22JUL22 
Certain Religious Workers	22JUL22 	22JUL22 	15APR18	22JUL22 	15OCT20	22JUL22 
5 <sup>th</sup> Unreserved (Including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	01JAN16	C	08DEC19	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (Rural - 20%)	C	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (High Unemployment - 10%)	C	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (Infrastructure - 2%)	C	C	C	C	C	C

As seen in the marked visa bulletin charts above, here are the major updates on the December 2022 Visa Bulletin:

**A. For final action dates for employment-based preference cases:**

- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01NOV22.'
- The final action date for applications from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01NOV22.'
- The final action date for applications from India under the '2nd' category was updated from '01APR12' to '08OCT11' or moved backwards by 5 Months and 24 Days.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01NOV22.'

- The final action date for applications from Philippines under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01NOV22.'
- The final action date for applications from Mainland China under the '3rd' category was updated from '15JUN18' to '01AUG18' or moved forward by 1 Month and 17 Days.
- The final action date for applications from India under the '3rd' category was updated from '01APR12' to '15JUN12' or moved forward by 2 Months and 14 Days.
- The final action date for applications from Mainland China under the 'Other Workers' category was updated from '01DEC12' to '22JUN13' or moved forward by 6 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from India under the 'Other Workers' category was updated from '01APR12' to '15JUN12' or moved forward by 2 Months and 14 Days.
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from Mainland China under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from India under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from Philippines under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from Mainland China under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from India under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from Philippines under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUN22.'

**B. For dates for filing of employment-based visa applications:**

- The date of filing for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01DEC22.'
- The date of filing for applications from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01DEC22.'
- The date of filing for applications from Mexico under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01DEC22.'
- The date of filing for applications from Philippines under the '2nd' category was updated from 'Current' to '01DEC22.'
- The date of filing for applications from Mainland China under the '3rd' category was updated from '15JUL18' to '01SEP18' or moved forward by 1 Month and 17 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from India under the '3rd' category was updated from '01JUL12' to '01AUG12' or moved forward by 1 Month.
- The date of filing for applications from India under the 'Other Workers' category was updated from '01JUL12' to '01AUG12' or moved forward by 1 Month.
- The date of filing for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'

- The date of filing for applications from Mainland China under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'
- The date of filing for applications from India under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'
- The date of filing for applications from Philippines under the '4th' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'
- The date of filing for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'
- The date of filing for applications from Mainland China under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'
- The date of filing for applications from India under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'
- The date of filing for applications from Philippines under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Current' to '22JUL22.'

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