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### A. FEBRUARY 2023 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	01FEB22	C	01FEB22	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	01NOV22	08JUN19	01NOV22	08OCT11	01NOV22	01NOV22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	01AUG18	C	15JUN12	C	C
Other Workers	01JAN20 	22DEC13 	01JAN20 	15JUN12	01JAN20 	01JAN20 
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. FEBRUARY 2023 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	01JUN22	C	01JUN22	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	01DEC22	08JUL19	01DEC22	01MAY12	01DEC22	01DEC22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	01SEP18	C	01AUG12	C	C
Other Workers	01FEB20 	01NOV15	01FEB20 	01AUG12	01FEB20 	01FEB20 
4 <sup>th</sup>	22JUL22	22JUL22	15APR18	2JUL22	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 February 2023 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 ‘Other Workers’ category was moved backwards by 5 Months and 9 Days.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the ‘Other Workers’ category was moved forward by 6 Months.
- The final action date for applications from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras under the ‘Other Workers’ category was moved backwards by 5 Months and 9 Days.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the ‘Other Workers’ category was moved backwards by 5 Months and 9 Days.
- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the ‘Other Workers’ category was moved backwards by 5 Months and 9 Days.

- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Unauthorized' status to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Unauthorized' status to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Unauthorized' status to '15MAR18.'
- The final action date for applications from India under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Unauthorized' status to '22JUN22.'
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Unauthorized' status to '15SEP20.'
- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was updated from 'Unauthorized' status 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 'Other Workers' category was moved backwards by 2 Years, 7 Months, and 7 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras under the 'Other Workers' category was moved backwards by 2 Years, 7 Months, and 7 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from Mexico under the 'Other Workers' category was moved backwards by 2 Years, 7 Months, and 7 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from the Philippines under the 'Other Workers' category was moved backwards by 2 Years, 7 Months, and 7 Days.

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