













## March 2023 Visa Bulletin Updates on Final Action Dates for Employment-Based Preference Cases and Dates for Filing of Employment-Based Visa Applications

### A. MARCH 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	01JUL14 	01JAN20	15JUN12	01JAN20	01JAN20
4 <sup>th</sup>	01FEB22 	01FEB22 	15MAR18	01MAR21 	01AUG20 	01FEB22 
Certain Religious Workers	01FEB22 	01FEB22 	15MAR18	01MAR21 	01AUG20 	01FEB22 
5 <sup>th</sup> Unreserved (Including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	08JUL15 	C	01JUN18 	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. MARCH 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>	01MAR22 	01MAR22 	15APR18	01APR21 	01SEP20 	01MAR22 
Certain Religious Workers	01MAR22 	01MAR22 	15APR18	01APR21 	01SEP20 	01MAR22 
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 March 2023 Visa Bulletin:

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

- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the ‘Other Workers’ category was moved forward by 6 Months and 9 Days.
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the ‘4th’ category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the ‘4th’ category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from India under the ‘4th’ category was moved backwards by 1 Year, 3 Months, and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the ‘4th’ category was moved backwards by 1 Month and 14 Days.

- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from India under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 1 Year, 3 Months, and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 1 Month and 14 Days. The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the '5th' category was moved backwards by 3 Months and 16 Days.
- The final action date for applications from India under the '5th' category was moved backwards by 1 Year, 5 Months and 7 Days.

**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 '4th' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from mainland China under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from India under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 1 Year, 3 Months, and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from Mexico under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 1 Month and 14 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from the Philippines under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from mainland China under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from India under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 1 Year, 3 Months, and 21 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from Mexico under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 1 Month and 14 Days.
- The date of filing for applications from the Philippines under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 4 Months and 21 Days.

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