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### I. Employment-Based Visa

#### A. APRIL 2023 FINAL ACTION DATES FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED PREFERENCE CASES CHART:

Employment-based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-Mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1 <sup>st</sup>	C	01FEB22	01FEB22	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	01JUL22 	08JUN19	01JAN11 	01JUL22 	01JUL22 
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	01NOV18 	15JUN12	C	C
Other Workers	01JAN20	01OCT14 	15JUN12	01JAN20	01JAN20
4 <sup>th</sup>	01SEP18 	01SEP18 	01SEP18 	01SEP18 	01SEP18 
Certain Religious Workers	01SEP18 	01SEP18 	01SEP18 	01SEP18 	01SEP18 
5 <sup>th</sup> Unreserved (Including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	08JUL15	01JUN18	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: Rural (20%)	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: High Unemployment (10%)	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: Infrastructure (2%)	C	C	C	C	C

**B. APRIL 2023 DATES FOR FILING OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISA APPLICATIONS CHART:**

Employment-based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA- Mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1 <sup>st</sup>	C	01JUN22	01JUN22	C	C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	01DEC22	08JUL19	01MAY12	01DEC22	01DEC22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	01FEB19 	01AUG12	C	C
Other Workers	01FEB20	01NOV15	01AUG12	01FEB20	01FEB20
4 <sup>th</sup>	01OCT18 	01OCT18 	01OCT18 	01OCT18 	01OCT18 
Certain Religious Workers	01OCT18 	01OCT18 	01OCT18 	01OCT18 	01OCT18 
5 <sup>th</sup> Unreserved (Including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	01JAN16	08DEC19	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (Rural - 20%)	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (High Unemployment - 10%)	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (Infrastructure - 2%)	C	C	C	C	C

As seen in the marked visa bulletin charts above, here are the major updates on the April 2023 Visa Bulletin:

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

- The Department of State is no longer including a separate column covering applicants chargeable to El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras in the chart. This is pursuant to a finding that none of the said countries should exceed the per-country limit of 7% under the INA which therefore makes it baseless to set final action dates that are specific to these countries.
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '2nd' category was moved backwards by 4 Months.
- The final action date for applications from India under the '2nd' category was moved backwards by 9 Months and 7 Days.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the '2nd' category was moved backwards by 4 Months.

- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the '2nd' category was moved backwards by 4 Months.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the '3rd' category was moved forward by 3 Months.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the 'Other Workers' category was moved forward by 3 Months.
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The final action date for applications from India under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 2 Years and 6 Months.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 1 Year and 11 Months.
- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The final action date for applications from India under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 2 Years and 6 Months.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 1 Year and 11 Months.
- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.






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

- The Department of State is no longer including a separate column covering applicants chargeable to El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras in the chart. This is pursuant to a finding that none of the said countries should exceed the per-country limit of 7% under the INA which therefore makes it baseless to set dates for filing that are specific to these countries.
- The date for filing of applications from all mainland China under the '3rd' category was moved forward by 5 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from mainland China under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from India under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 2 Years and 6 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from Mexico under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 1 Year and 11 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from the Philippines under the '4th' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the 'Certain Religious Workers' category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.

- The date for filing of applications from mainland China under the ‘Certain Religious Workers’ category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from India under the ‘Certain Religious Workers’ category was moved backwards by 2 Years and 6 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from Mexico under the ‘Certain Religious Workers’ category was moved backwards by 1 Year and 11 Months.
- The date for filing of applications from the Philippines under the ‘Certain Religious Workers’ category was moved backwards by 3 Years and 5 Months.

## II. Family-Sponsored Visa

### A. APRIL 2023 FINAL ACTION DATES FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCE CASES CHART:

Family-Sponsored	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA- Mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	01DEC14	01DEC14	01DEC14	01APR01	01MAR12
F2A	08SEP20  Updated from 'Current' Status	08SEP20  Updated from 'Current' Status	08SEP20  Updated from 'Current' Status	01NOV18  Updated from 'Current' Status	08SEP20  Updated from 'Current' Status
F2B	22SEP15	22SEP15	22SEP15	01JUN01	22OCT11
F3	22NOV08	22NOV08	22NOV08	01NOV97	08JUN02
F4	22MAR07	22MAR07	15SEP05	01AUG00	22AUG02

### B. APRIL 2023 DATES FOR FILING OF FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCE CASES CHART:

Family-Sponsored	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA- Mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	08AUG16	08AUG16	08AUG16	01DEC02	22APR15
F2A	C	C	C	C	C
F2B	01JAN17	01JAN17	01JAN17	01JAN02	01OCT13
F3	08NOV09	08NOV09	08NOV09	15JUN01	08NOV03
F4	15DEC07	15DEC07	22FEB06	01APR01	22APR04

As seen in the marked visa bulletin charts above, here are the major updates on the April 2023 Visa Bulletin:

#### A. For final action dates for family-sponsored preference cases:

- The final action date for applications from all chargeability areas (except those listed) under the ‘F2A’ category was moved from ‘CURRENT’ status to 08SEP20.

- The final action date for applications from mainland China under the 'F2A' category was moved from 'CURRENT' status to 08SEP20.
- The final action date for applications from India under the 'F2A' category was moved from 'CURRENT' status to 08SEP20.
- The final action date for applications from Mexico under the 'F2A' category was moved from 'CURRENT' status to 01NOV18.
- The final action date for applications from the Philippines under the 'F2A' category was moved from 'CURRENT' status to 08SEP20.

**B. Dates for filing of family-sponsored preference cases:**

- No changes were made.

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