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Visa Bulletin for January 2016

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VISA BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 2016

The Department of State (DOS) released the Visa Bulletin for the month of January. Below is a summary of employment-based green card categories listing "Final Action Dates" and "Dates For Filing."

"Final Action Dates" = individuals with priority dates before the dates listed in the chart below have a green card available to them during the month of **January**, therefore, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may take final action and approve their green card application.

"Dates for Filing" = individuals with priority dates before the dates listed in the chart below are eligible to file their green card applications during the month of **January**. When their priority dates advance to the "Final Action Dates" the USCIS will be able to approve their green card application.

GREEN CARD "DATES FOR FILING" AVAILABILITY DATES

Employment-Based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
2nd	Current	01JAN13	01JUL09	Current	Current
3rd	01JAN16	01OCT13	01JUL05	01JAN16	01JAN10
Other Workers	01JAN16	01JAN07	01JUL05	01JAN16	01JAN10
4th	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current

5th Non-Regional Center (C5 and T5)	Current	01MAY15	Current	Current	Current
5th Regional Center (I5 and R5)	Current	01MAY15	Current	Current	Current

GREEN CARD APPROVAL "FINAL ACTION DATES"

Employment-Based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA - mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
2nd	Current	01FEB12	01FEB08	Current	Current
3rd	01OCT15	01JUL12	15MAY04	01OCT15	01NOV07
Other Workers	01OCT15	01DEC06	15MAY04	01OCT15	01NOV07
4th	Current	Current	Current	Current	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Unauthorized	Unauthorized	Unauthorized	Unauthorized	Unauthorized
5th Non-Regional Center (C5 and T5)	Current	08JAN14	Current	Current	Current

5th Regional Center (I5 and R5)	Unauthorized	Unauthorized	Unauthorized	Unauthorized	Unauthorized
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Month-to-month availability of immigrant visas varies and depends on many factors. These forecasts do not guarantee future availability.