VISA BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 2012

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The following information is provided by the Visa Office regarding the cut-off dates for the month of *October 2012*.

FAMILY PREFERENCES

F1-Family first preference: Unmarried sons and daughters over the age of 21 years of U.S. Citizens. The cut-off date has moved forward by one (1) week for most of the countries including *India* to *October 8*, 2005.

F2A - Family second preference: Spouses and minor children, and unmarried sons and daughters of permanent residents. The cut-off date has moved forward by three (3) weeks for most countries including *India* to *June 1*, 2010.

F2B- Family second preference: Unmarried sons and daughters over 21 of permanent residents. The cut-off date did not move for most of the countries, including *India*, and remains the same at *September 15*, 2004.

F3-Family third preference: Married sons and daughters of U.S. Citizens and their spouses and children. The cut-off date has moved forward by one (1) week for most of the countries including *India* to May 22, 2002.

F4-Family fourth preference: Brothers and sisters of U.S. Citizens. The cut-off date has moved forward by one (1) week for most of the countries including *India* to *March 15*, 2001. (The cut-off date for China-mainland born is February 15, 2001.)

EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCES

EB1 – Priority Workers: The cut-off date for this category for all countries including *India* is *CURRENT*.

EB2 – Advanced Degree holders: The cut-off date for this category for most countries has moved forward by three (3) Years at January 1, 2012. For *India*, it was previously unavailable, but it is now at September 1, 2004.

EB3 – Professional Skilled Workers: The cut-off date for this category has moved forward by three (3) weeks to October 22, 2006 for most of the countries and for India, it has moved forward by one (1) week to October 15, 2002.

EB3 – Other Workers: The cut-off date for this category has moved forward by three (3) weeks to October 22, 2006 for most of the countries and for India, it has moved forward by one (1) week to October 15, 2002.

EB4 (Certain Special Immigrants) is CURRENT for all countries including INDIA.



EB4 (Certain Religious Workers) was previously Current for all countries including INDIA, but it is now Unavailable.

EB5 (Targeted Employment Areas/Regional Centers) is CURRENT for all countries including INDIA.

EB5 (Pilot Programs) was previously Current for all countries including INDIA, but it is now Unavailable.

