

VISA BULLETIN FOR JULY 2012

The following information is provided by the Visa Office regarding the cut-off dates for the month of *July 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 two (2) weeks for most of the countries including *India* to *July 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 six (6) weeks for most of the countries including *India* to *February 15, 2010*.

F2B- Family second preference: Unmarried sons and daughters over 21 of permanent residents. The cut-off date has moved forward by two (2) weeks for most of the countries including *India* to *May 1, 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 two (2) weeks for most of the countries including *India* to *April 15, 2002*.

F4-Family fourth preference: Brothers and sisters of U.S. Citizens. The cut-off date has moved forward by two (2) weeks for most of the countries including *India* to *January 22, 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 retrogressed for three (3) years and six (6) months to *January 1, 2009* and for *India*, it is currently *unavailable*.

EB3 – Professional Skilled Workers: The cut-off date for this category has moved forward by six (6) weeks to *July 22, 2006* for most of the countries and for *India* it has moved forward by one (1) week to *September 22, 2002*.

EB3 – Other Workers: The cut-off date for this category has moved forward by six (6) weeks to *July 22, 2006* for most of the countries and for *India* it has moved forward by one (1) week to *September 22, 2002*.

EB4 (Certain Special Immigrants), EB4 (Certain Religious Workers), EB5 (Targeted Employment Areas) & EB5 (Pilot Programs) are *CURRENT* for all countries including *INDIA*.