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BIG DECEMBER ADVANCEMENT OF EB-2 CUT-OFF DATES FOR CHINA & INDIA

The Department of State (DOS) has published the [Visa Bulletin](#) for December 2011, announcing that the cutoff dates for the EB-2 India and EB-2 China categories for the month of December will advance four and one-half months, from November 1, 2007 to March 15, 2008. This means that, beginning December 1st, applicants born in India and China who have priority dates before March 15, 2008, and who are applying for permanent residency under the Employment-Based, Second (EB-2) category, will be eligible to file Applications to Adjust Status in the United States, or have immigrant visas issued abroad.

For December 2011, EB-3 priority dates for India will advance 10 days, to August 1, 2002, and EB-3 priority dates for China will advance 17 days, to September 8, 2004. EB-3 priority dates for all other countries will advance 24 days, to January 15, 2006.

This significant advancement for EB-2 applicants born in India and China is expected to generate high levels of demand based on new filings for adjustment of status at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The DOS could announce in future Visa Bulletins that cutoff dates have retrogressed due to the increased demand.

Applicants with current priority dates, or priority dates that will become current beginning December 1st, should contact their FosterQuan immigration attorney for additional information regarding application for an immigrant visa at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate abroad, or application for Adjustment of Status with the CIS in the United States.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor the rate of advancement in all visa categories and will make additional updates available via our firm's [website[©]](#).