



Immigrant Visa Availability Advances Significantly for EB-2 India & China

The Department of State (DOS) has published the [Visa Bulletin](#) for January 2012, announcing that the cutoff dates for the EB-2 India and EB-2 China categories for the month of January will advance nine and one-half months, from March 15, 2008 to January 1, 2009. This means that, beginning January 1, 2012, applicants born in India and China who have priority dates before January 1, 2009, 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 January 2012, EB-3 priority dates for India will advance seven days, to August 8, 2002, and EB-3 priority dates for China will advance 37 days, to October 15, 2004. EB-3 priority dates for all other countries will advance to February 1, 2006.

The 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 January 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 USCIS in the United States.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor the USCIS procedural changes and will make additional updates available via future Immigration Updates® and on our firm's [website](#).