

October 2007 Employment-based Immigrant Visa Cutoff Dates Projected

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On August 20, 2007, Charlie Oppenheim, Chief of Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting at the State Department, discussed with AILA Liaison informal projections on employment-based visa availability for the October 2007 Visa Bulletin. Speaking broadly of visa availability in the First and Second Preference categories for all countries, visa availability for October should closely match that seen in the September 2007 Bulletin. In the Employment Third preference categories, the cut-off dates are likely to be similar to those found in the January 2007 Visa Bulletin. For the Other Worker category, expect the cut off date to be 10/01/01. The State Department does not yet have enough data to project Employment Fourth Preference. Finally, members should expect Employment Fifth Preference to go current for all countries.

Among the pieces of good news is that all numbers available under the FY-2007 Employment annual numerical limit will be utilized, a goal the State Department sought to achieve by the dramatic advance in visa cutoff dates reported in the July 2007 Visa Bulletin.