

NEWS ALERT!!!

An important announcement made jointly by the Department of State and USCIS allows beneficiaries of employment and family petitions who are stuck in visa backlogs to apply ahead of their visa availability for adjustment of status to Permanent Resident and request employment authorization and travel authorization starting October 1, 2015.

A separate chart has been published by the Department of State to establish eligibility for the early filing of the application for Adjustment of Status. Only those beneficiaries of visa petitions with priority dates prior to the cut off dates published by the department of state will benefit from this advantageous announcement.

Dates for filing family-sponsored visa applications

| Family-sponsored | All chargeability areas except those listed | China-mainland born | India | Mexico | Philippines |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| F1 | 01May09 | 01May09 | 01May09 | 01Jul95 | 01Sep05 |
| F2a | 01Mar15 | 01Mar15 | 01Mar15 | 01Mar15 | 01Mar15 |
| F2b | 01Jul10 | 01Jul10 | 01Jul10 | 01Jan96 | 01Jan05 |
| F3 | 01Apr05 | 01Apr05 | 01Apr05 | 01Oct96 | 01Aug95 |
| F4 | 01Feb04 | 01Feb04 | 01Feb04 | 01May98 | 01Jan93 |

Dates for filing of employment-based visa applications

| Employment-based | All chargeability areas except those listed | China-mainland born | India | Mexico | Philippines |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| 1st | C | C | C | C | C |
| 2nd | C | 01May14 | 01Jul11 | C | C |
| 3rd | 01Sep15 | 01Oct13 | 01Jul05 | 01Sep15 | 01Jan15 |
| Other workers | 01Sep15 | 01Jan07 | 01Jul05 | 01Sep15 | 01Jan15 |
| 4th | C | C | C | C | C |
| Certain religious workers | C | C | C | C | C |
| 5th targeted employment areas/ regional centers and pilot programs | C | 01May15 | C | C | C |

Our office is making and will continue to make every effort to identify individuals eligible for early filing and to notify them as soon as possible. We have until the end of the month of September to prepare the file and submit the applications by October 1, 2015. Our personnel is ready to handle the work and to discuss particular changes in your circumstances prior to filing.

Please note that the cut off dates will be updated monthly by the Department of State and there is no guarantee that the cut off dates will continue moving forward in the following months. For this reason, it is crucial that you benefit from the early filing dates as announced by submitting your application as early as possible during the month when they become available.

Do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns at (703) 893-6807 or send us an e-mail to romneylaw@aol.com.

Our office offers reasonable legal fees and monthly payment plan on a case by case basis.

We are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. We give free confidential consultations. Se habla Español.