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## VISA BULLETIN MAY 2010

The State Department's Visa Bulletin is an integral part of U.S. immigration. The Department of State publishes a monthly Visa Bulletin, which tracks the available visa numbers in the family and employment based categories and also for the DV category for those who were selected in the green card lottery program. The monthly visa bulletin publishes the current visa numbers available in the above mentioned categories based on the priority or filing date of the case. If a visa number is available then the beneficiary in the particular category may file for adjustment of status (or green card) in the United States or for an immigrant visa through the US Embassy of the individual's home country.

### Employment Based Categories for MAY 2010

Employment-Based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	C	C	C	C
2nd	C	22SEP05	01FEB05	C	C
3rd	22APR03	22APR03	01OCT01	U	22APR03
Other Workers	01JUN01	01JUN01	01JUN01	U	01JUN01
4th	C	C	C	C	C
Certain Religious Workers	C	C	C	C	C
5th	C	C	C	C	C
Targeted Employment Areas/ Regional Centers	C	C	C	C	C
5th Pilot Programs	C	C	C	C	C

### Family Based Categories for MAY 2010

Family	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	08SEP04	08SEP04	08SEP04	15OCT92	01NOV94
2A	01DEC06	01DEC06	01DEC06	01JUN05	01DEC06
2B	01JUL02	01JUL02	01JUL02	15JUN92	15NOV98
3rd	08JUN01	08JUN01	08JUN01	22OCT92	01MAY92
4th	15MAY00	15MAY00	15MAY00	08DEC95	08DEC87

**VISA AVAILABILITY IN THE COMING MONTHS**

**Family-sponsored:** During the past fifteen months, the level of demand for numbers in the Family-sponsored preference categories has been very low. As a result, the cut-off dates for most Family preference categories have been advancing at a very rapid pace, in an attempt to generate demand so that the annual numerical limits may be fully utilized. If demand for numbers should begin to materialize cut-off date movements may begin to slow or stop.

**Employment-based:** Applicant demand for Employment Fourth preference numbers remains very heavy. It is likely that a cut-off date will need to be established in an effort to keep number use within the annual limits. Depending upon number use, this action could occur as early as June.

**Mexico Employment Third And Third Other Worker Visa Availability**

Due to continued heavy applicant demand, primarily by USCIS Offices for adjustment of status cases, the annual limits for the Mexico Employment Third and Third preference Other Worker categories have been reached. As a result, both categories have become “unavailable.” Visa numbers will become available once again in October 2010 with the start of the new fiscal year.

**DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT (DV) CATEGORY**

Those who were selected in DV-2010 and got notification about their selection should also have a number assigned to them. The chart below shows whether or not a selected individual has a current DV-2010 allocation number to apply for either adjustment of status in the United States or immigrant visa at the US Embassy of their home country. Anyone who has a higher assigned number then below must wait for further notification from the monthly visa bulletin. However, the year of entitlement for all applicants registered for the DV-2010 program ends as of November 30, 2010, and green cards or immigrant visas will not be issued to DV-2010 applicants after that date.

For MAY 2010, immigrant numbers in the DV category are available to qualified DV-2010 applicants chargeable to all regions/eligible countries as follows

<b>Region</b>	<b>All DV Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed Separately</b>		<b>Region</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>	39,200	Except: Egypt: 23,600 Ethiopia: 22,500 Nigeria: 16,200	<b>AFRICA</b>
<b>ASIA</b>	16,400		<b>ASIA</b>
<b>EUROPE</b>	29,250		<b>EUROPE</b>
<b>NORTH AMERICA (BAHAMAS)</b>	4		<b>NORTH AMERICA (BAHAMAS)</b>
<b>OCEANIA</b>	1,100		<b>OCEANIA</b>
<b>SOUTH AMERICA, and the CARIBBEAN</b>	1,200		<b>SOUTH AMERICA, and the CARIBBEAN</b>

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