

DOS Provides AILA with May-July 2012 Visa Date Movement Projections

In response to questions about projected priority date movement for the remainder of FY2012 posed during the AILA Spring CLE on March 30, 2012, Charlie Oppenheim, DOS Chief of Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting, provided a chart with projected visa number movement based on recent patterns of USCIS number use, which recently have seen dramatic fluctuations.

**Cut-off Dates May - July FY-2012**

**FAMILY** Worldwide dates: Dates from April 2012  
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F1: 4 to 6 weeks (Apr. 1, 2005)  
F2A: up to 2 ½ months (Oct. 8, 2009)  
F2B: 3 - 6 weeks (Jan. 15, 2004)  
F3: 3 - 6 weeks (Feb. 15, 2002)  
F4: 3 - 5 weeks (Nov. 8, 2000)

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Employment First:** Current

**Employment Second:** Current except-

China and India: Retrogression of  
the cut-off date for May to 15AUG07.

**Employment Third:** Dates from April 2012  
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Worldwide: 3 - 5 weeks (08APR06)

China: up to 6 weeks (01MAR05)

India: Up to 2 weeks (01SEP02)

Mexico: 3 - 5 weeks (WW)

Philippines: 3 - 5 weeks (WW)

**Employment Fourth/Fifth:** Current

Please be advised that these estimates are subject to fluctuations in demand. Those categories with a "Current" projection will remain so for the foreseeable future.