

**MAY 2007  
VISA AVAILABILITY**

The bulletin issued by the Visa Office of the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the U.S. Department of State gives the following availability position for issuance of immigrant visas during May 2007:

**Persons Chargeable to India**

**Family-Sponsored Preferences**

1st Preference	May 15, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Apr 08, 2002
2B	Oct 01, 1997
3rd Preference	Apr 01, 1999
4th Preference	Jan 08, 1996

**Employment-Based Preferences**

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Jan 08, 2003
3rd Preference	May 08, 2001
Other Workers	Unchanged
4 <sup>th</sup> Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
Iraqi & Afghani Translators	Sep 18, 2006
5th Preference	Current
Targeted Emp Areas	Current

**Persons Chargeable to Other Countries**

For other chargeability areas, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and the nations of Africa, the cut-off dates for May 2007 are:

**Family-Sponsored Preferences**

1st Preference	May 15, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Apr 08, 2002
2B	Oct 01, 1997
3rd Preference	Apr 01, 1999
4th Preference	May 15, 1996

**Employment-Based Preferences**

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Current
3rd Preference	Aug 01, 2003
Other Workers	Unchanged
4th Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
Iraqi & Afghani Translators	Sep 18, 2006
5th Preference	Current
Targeted Emp Areas	Current

**DOL RULE BARRING  
ALIEN SUBSTITUTION**

The Office of Management and Budget recently concluded its review of the Department of Labor's proposed regulation to bar the substitution of aliens in labor certification proceedings, to bar the payment by the alien of the employer's attorney's fees and other labor certification costs, to limit the validity of a labor certification to 45 days, and to enhance penalties for violations of labor certification regulations. The DOL has not published a final regulation and an effective date. However, it is expected soon.