

NOVEMBER 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 November 2006:

Persons Chargeable to India

Family-Sponsored Preferences

1st Preference	Apr 22, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Sep 01, 2001
2B	Feb 01, 1997
3rd Preference	Nov 15, 1998
4th Preference	Aug 01, 1995

Employment-Based Preferences

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Jan 01, 2003
3rd Preference	Apr 22, 2001
Schedule A Workers	Oct 01, 2005
Other Workers	May 01, 2001
4 th Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
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 November 2006 are:

Family-Sponsored Preferences

1st Preference	Apr 22, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Sep 01, 2001
2B	Feb 01, 1997
3rd Preference	Nov 15, 1998
4th Preference	Oct 22, 1995

Employment-Based Preferences

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Current
3rd Preference	Jul 01, 2002
Schedule A Workers	Oct 01, 2005
Other Workers	May 01, 2001
4th Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
5th Preference	Current
Targeted Emp Areas	Current

The Secure Fence Act

On October 26, 2006, President Bush signed an important piece of legislation to further secure the homeland and control the U.S. borders with the Secure Fence Act. It authorizes the construction of hundreds of miles of additional fencing as well as enabling increased use of cameras, satellites and unmanned aerial vehicles. The Bush Administration believes this Act will help to build upon the substantial progress that has been made over the past year, including the end of catch and release, increased detention bed space, National Guard deployments, and additional Border Patrol agents.

Traditional fencing is a core element of Secure Border Initiative (SBI), the department's comprehensive border security strategy to integrate fencing with the appropriate balance of tactical infrastructure, advanced technology and Border Patrol at every inch of the border.