

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Read the Visa Bulletin: categories, priority dates and chart choice

Are Dates for Filing and Final Action Dates identical?

Read an employment-based Visa Bulletin using the correct month, preference/subcategory, chargeability and priority date. Final Action Dates and Dates for Filing serve different purposes, and USCIS separately identifies which chart adjustment applicants may use that month. A current line does not itself establish all application requirements.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Select the actual preference and subcategory.
- ☐ Use the correct month and chargeability.
- ☐ Keep priority date separate from notice dates.
- ☐ Check USCIS's permitted chart for adjustment.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

U.S. Department of State: October 2026 Visa Bulletin: chart definitions and adjustment-chart instruction
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-lawO/visa-bulletin/2027/visa-bulletin-for-october-2026.html>

U.S. Department of State: Department of State Visa Bulletin
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-lawO/visa-bulletin.html>

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