

NOVEMBER 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 November 2007:

Persons Chargeable to India

Family-Sponsored Preferences

1st Preference	Dec 08,2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Dec 15, 2002
2B	Sep 15, 1998
3rd Preference	Mar 01, 2000
4th Preference	Jun 22, 1996

Employment-Based Preferences

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Apr 01, 2004
3rd Preference	Apr 22, 2001
Other Workers	Oct 01, 2001
4 th Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
5 th 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 2007 are:

Family-Sponsored Preferences

1st Preference	Dec 08, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Dec 15, 2002
2B	Sep 15, 1998
3rd Preference	Mar 01, 2000
4th Preference	May 22, 1997

Employment-Based Preferences

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Current
3rd Preference	Aug 01, 2002
Other Workers	Oct 01, 2001
4th Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
5th Preference	Current
Targeted Emp Areas	Current

FINAL RULE ON TRAVEL OF H & L NONIMMIGRANTS

H and L nonimmigrants often travel abroad after submitting an application to the USCIS on Form I-485 for adjustment of status. Until now, they were required to present at port of entry, while returning to the United States, an I-485 receipt notice. If they could not, their application for adjustment was deemed to have been abandoned.

This requirement of presenting an I-485 receipt has been removed effective November 1, 2007. H & L nonimmigrants can freely travel in and out of the United States, during the validity period of their H or L status even if they have applied for adjustment of status. They neither need an advance parole authorization nor are they now required to present an I-485 receipt at port of entry.