

URGENT UPDATE - CHANGE IN GREEN CARD FILING PROCEDURE

Dear Client:

Today, the Department of State, in conjunction with USCIS, has enacted a new procedure which provides advanced cut-off dates to allow prospective Green Card applicants to submit their applications before their visa numbers become current for their categories.

What this means for you

If your priority date is earlier than the dates listed on Chart B in the current Visa Bulletin, you may be eligible to submit your I-485 application starting **October 1, 2015**

For Example:

EB-2 CHINA: 05/01/2014

EB-3 CHINA: 10/01/2013

EB-2 INDIA: 07/01/2011

EB-3 INDIA: 07/01/2005

Please contact our office *as soon as possible* so we can assist you in preparing your I-485 application for filing in October 2015. To facilitate processing, please have the following items available **for each applicant:**

I-485

- Copy of your passport personal ID page
- Birth Certificate
- Marriage Certificate (if married)
- Divorce Certificate (if ever divorced)
- Copies of I-94 and all visas
- Two passport photos
- Copies of all I-797 approval notices you have received from USCIS
- Copies of all I-20s (if in F-1/F-2 status)
- Medical Report: please complete a medical exam with a USCIS Certified Civil Surgeon (<https://my.uscis.gov/findadoctor>)

EAD (I-765)

- two passport photos

Advance Parole (I-131)

- two passport photos

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We are dedicated to providing you with our full assistance in this process.

Sincerely,

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As a reminder, the filing of an I-485 application does not confer immigration status. We recommend that all H-1B employees and their dependents continue to maintain their status during the pendency of their I-485 applications.