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The July 2009 priority dates

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ers:

The Second Preference, F-2A (Spouse and minor children (below 21 years old) of green card holder) moved forward by 7 days, from December 15, 2004, to December 22, 2004.

The Second Preference, F-2B (unmarried sons and daughters, over 21 years of age, of green card holders) remained the same at April 1, 1998.

Petitions by Employers:

The Third Preference (professionals and skilled workers) of Employment-Based Petitions (Labor Certification) remains unavailable. The priority date for unskilled (other) workers also remains unavailable.

Each month, the Visa Office of the State Department publishes the priority dates for that particular month. This means that visas (or green cards) would now

The July priority dates for the Philippines are as follows

FAMILY CATEGORY:		Priority Date
First Preference	Unmarried sons and daughters of US citizens (over 21 years of age)	September 1, 1993 <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was the same.)</i>
	2A. Spouse and minor children (below 21 years old) of green card holder	December 22, 2004 <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was December 15, 2004.)</i>
Second Preference	2B. Unmarried sons and daughters (over 21 years old) of green card holder	April 1, 1998 <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was the same.)</i>
	Married sons and daughters of US Citizens.	July 1, 1991 <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was the same.)</i>
Third Preference	Brothers and sisters of US Citizens.	August 8, 1986 <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was August 1, 1986.)</i>
LABOR CERTIFICATION:		
Third Preference	Professional/ Skilled Workers	Unavailable <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was the same.)</i>
	Non-Skilled Workers	Unavailable <i>(In June 2009, the priority date was the same.)</i>

be available for persons whose priority date is earlier than the cut-off date listed below. If your priority date was "current", but retrogressed (or became "unavailable") before your immigrant visa was issued (or before you adjusted status in the US), you would have to wait until it becomes current again.

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