

**IMMIGRATION CORNER**



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# The July 2009 priority dates

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

**PETITIONS by Citizens:**  
The priority date for the First Preference Category, F-1 (unmarried sons and daughters of US citizens, over 21 years of age) remained the same at September 1, 1993.

The Third Preference Category, F-3 (married sons and daughters of United States citizens) priority date remained the same at July 1, 1991.

The Fourth Preference, F-4 (brothers and sisters of United States citizens) priority date moved forward by 7 days from August 1, 1986 to August 8, 1986.

**Petitions by Green Card Holders:**

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.

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**CITIZEN PINOY RETURNS TO MANILA ON JUNE 21!!** Let your friends and relatives back in the Philippines know that they have another chance to be part of the live studio audience of *Citizen Pinoy* on Sunday, June 21st at the ABS-CBN Studios along Mother Ignacia cor. Sgt. Esguerra Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. Taping will be at 10am; 1pm; and 4pm. Leading US immigration attorney Michael J. Gurfinkel will be there to answer your immigration questions and provide relevant information that you will find useful. There will be celebrity co-hosts for each taping session too! As a public service from TFC and the Law Offices of Michael J. Gurfinkel, seats are FREE, but you need to reserve now at [www.citizenpinoy.com](http://www.citizenpinoy.com) or call (011)(632)894-0239 or (011)(632)894-0258-9am to 3pm (Mondays-Fridays); 7am-11am (Saturdays)-(Philippine time). Citizen Pinoy-airs every Sunday, at 5:40pm (PST) with a replay on Wednesday, at 12:15am (PST) on TFC. Citizen Pinoy also airs on ANC-US every Sunday at 12 am with replays on Sunday at 8am and Thursday at 7pm, all PST; and on ANC- Philippines every Sunday at 4pm with a replay at 12am every Monday.

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