

# FAMILY IMMIGRATION-THE BASICS

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## The World Preference System- what does it mean?

THERE ARE FOUR FAMILY BASED CLASSIFICATIONS

1st preference:  
Unmarried  
sons/daughters  
USC's

2<sup>nd</sup> preference:  
Spouses/minor  
children-LPR's  
2B:unmarried  
children<21

3<sup>rd</sup> preference:  
Married  
children-USC's

4th preference:  
Brothers and  
Sisters of USC's

## Who qualifies as Immediate relative?

Immediate Relatives:



- Spouses of USC's->>



- Unmarried children under 21 of USC's>>>>



- Parents of USC's >>



## Priority Dates

Priority dates are assigned to each application based on the date that the application was received by the USCIS

## DOS-Visa Bulletin



	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA, mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	01MAY02	01MAY02	01MAY02	15SEP92	01MAY93
2A	08FEB04	08FEB04	08FEB04	15JUL01	08FEB04
2B	15JAN00	15JAN00	15JAN00	22APR92	15JUN97
3rd	01JUL00	01JUL00	01JUL00	15SEP92	08MAY91
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