

# FAMILY IMMIGRATION-THE BASICS

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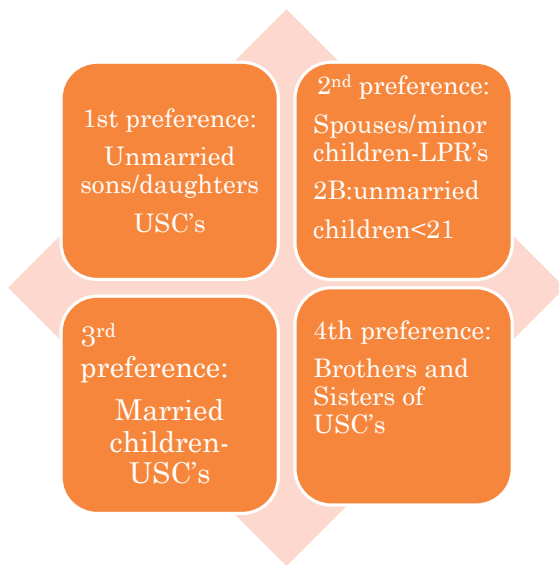
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THERE ARE  
FOUR FAMILY  
BASED  
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**The World Preference  
System- what does it mean?**



## WHO QUALIFIES AS IMMEDIATE RELATIVE?

Immediate Relatives:

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

## PRIORITY DATES

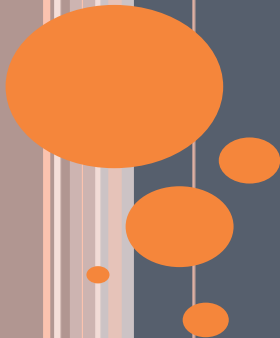
Priority dates are assigned to each application based on the date that the application was received by the USCIS

Family-Sponsored	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	08AUG16	08AUG16	01DEC16	01DEC01	22APR15
F2A	C	C	C	C	C
F2B	01JAN17	01JAN17	01JAN17	08AUG01	01OCT13
F3	08NOV09	08NOV09	08NOV09	15APR01	08NOV03
F4	15DEC07	15DEC07	22FEB06	15MAR01	22APR04



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