



# Visa Retrogression for International Clinicians

## What You Should Know About Visa Availability

**The Visa Bulletin** issued by the U.S. Department of State in May 2023, indicated that there is visa retrogression for employment-based visas around the world. Although China and India have been retrogressed for many years, this is the first time in several years the Rest of World (ROW) countries and the Philippines have been retrogressed. This retrogression does not impact non-immigrant visas or Trade NAFTA (TN) status for Canadian and Mexican clinicians. Fortunately, AMN Healthcare has decades of experience with retrogression to help you navigate this uncertainty:

### What is Retrogression?

Retrogression is a backlog of visa (EB-3 Green Card) applications that cannot be processed through completion. The visa will only be issued when a visa number becomes available.



## Why Does Retrogression Occur?

The EB-3 (Employment Based) Green Card is the preferred permanent visa for International Clinicians. These green card visas typically provide a faster path to the U.S. than alternative visas. When the demand for visas exceeds the number of available visas for a certain category or country, retrogression occurs.

Retrogression is a common event that may occur at any time and can become a long-term situation when the demand for visas exceeds the ongoing supply, as we are currently witnessing. The U.S. Department of State issues a Visa Bulletin monthly, which informs us of the current processing dates in the EB-3 visa category.

## What This Means for Our Partners

We encourage our partners, and future partners, to begin the visa process as soon as possible. The current retrogression begins at the last step of the process, which is the consulate interview at the U.S. embassy. When a visa number becomes available, a consulate interview can be scheduled, so it's important to have already completed the application and documentation with the National Visa Center.

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