

Annual Numerical Limits FY-2012

Family

<u>Preference</u>	<u>Foreign State</u>	<u>Worldwide</u>
F1	1,638	23,400
FX		65,950
F2A	6,151	21,984
F2B	1,838	26,266
F3	1,638	23,400
F4	4,555	65,000
Total	15,820	226,000

Unused numbers can “fall-down” from F1 to F2A to F2B to F3 to F4.

Unused F4 numbers can “fall-up” to F1. This potential is taken into consideration when setting the monthly/annual targets for number use. Those targets are established based on the historical and current patterns of number use, and are adjusted as necessary.

Employment

<u>Preference</u>	<u>China*</u>	<u>All Others</u>	<u>Worldwide</u>
E1	2,803	2,803	40,040
E2	2,803	2,803	40,040
E3/EW	2,503	2,803	40,040**
E4/SR	691	696	9,940
E5	0	695	9,940
Total	8,800*	9,800	140,000

*The provisions of the Chinese Student Protection Act require that the China annual limit be reduced by 1,000. A total of 300 numbers are deducted from the E3 category, and 700 from the E5 category.

**The EW category is currently entitled to up to 5,000 of this total.

Unused numbers can “fall-down” from E1 to E2 to E3. Unused numbers can “fall-up” from E4 and E5 to E1. That fact is taken into consideration when setting the monthly/annual targets for number use, and based on historical/recent patterns of number use.