



Visa & Passport Requirements

All foreigners need an entry visa.

Individual travellers can apply at any Chinese embassy. The procedure is usually straightforward and takes about a week.

If your visa runs out while in China, it can be extended by the local Public Security Bureau (PSB), the police. However, make sure you visit them before it expires, because you will be fined for overstaying your visa.

A valid passport is required to enter China. China does not allow entrance if the holder's passport expires in under six months; returning home with an expired passport is illegal, and may result in a fine.

It is a good idea to photocopy the page of your passport that contains your photograph, passport number, and other identifying information, along with other important documents such as visas, travel insurance policies, aeroplane tickets, and traveller's check serial numbers, in case you lose anything.

Originals are usually preferred to photocopies; however, copies are certainly better than nothing and will often do in a pinch.

Information for Chinese Visa Application for tourist "L" visas, a letter of confirmation of the tour arrangement made by a travel agency in China or letter of reservation of hotel in China is required.

For visitor / business "F" visa, an official invitation letter with a seal and code from a Chinese Ministry or a provincial government or government-authorized Chinese companies (institutions) is required.

For work "Z" visa (single entry, no multiple), an employment license or a work permit or an official visa notice from authorized Chinese organizations is required.

For student "X"/"F" visa (single entry, no multiple), Form JW202 or JW 201 issued by the State Education Commission of China and notice of admission from the receiving university are required. An "X" visa is issued for those who study in China over 6 months and "F" visa for those who study in China less than 6 months. When you apply for "Z" and "X" visa, you should provide a "physical examination Record for Foreigner" which can be

picked up from the Chinese embassies or Consulate General.

For multiple entry visitor/business visas (6 months or one year), an invitation letter from government-authorized Chinese organizations is required.

For transit "G" visa, it is requested to provide a valid visa to or from the next country of destination or a letter of invitation of the visiting country or an air ticket.

For travel to Tibet, please contact your local travel agency to obtain approval from the Tourist Bureau of Tibet before applying for visa. (Tibet Tourist Bureau, Lhasa, Tibet, China, Telephone: (86-891 633 4313 Facsimile: 86-891-633 4632.)

Please be sure that your passport should be valid over 6 months with blank visa pages. To applying for multiple entries visas, the validity of the passport must be longer enough. Suggested time to apply for visa is one month before your departure (to avoid expiration of the visa).

You should provide your original passport, a complete visa application form and one recent passport-size (2x2) photo (full face and without hat).

The Chinese Embassies and Consulate General will not be responsible for any mishandling by post office or courier.

Personal checks are not acceptable. Money order or company check should be made to the order of the Embassy or Consulate General of the People's Republic of China. Cash is accepted when you come to the visa office in person.

Persons suffering from mental disorder, leprosy, AIDS, venereal disease, contagious tuberculosis or other infectious diseases shall not be allowed to enter China.

The Chinese Embassies or Consulate Generals reserves the right to refuse any application and withhold disclosure of the reason. All regulation and cost are subject to change without notice. If you have any question, please write or send fax to the Chinese consulate general or embassy in the area you live.

Z-type Visa

* Z-type visa is granted to foreigner with permission to work in China.

* Z-type visa holder should, within 30 days after the entry, apply for the foreigner residence certificate or the provisional foreigner residence certificate.

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*Z-type visa could be signed valid for twice or multiple entries.

* The certificate for invitation or employment from a Chinese employer, or the letter or telex of visa notification sent by the authorized unit is needed when applying for Z-type visa.

* Foreigner applying for more-than-one-year residence in China should submit a health certificate issued by the medical and health department designated by the government of his own country. The health certificate will be valid for six months starting from the day of issuance.

Guide for the Employment of Foreigner in China

Foreigners who have not been issued residence certificate and those who are under study or interim programs in China shall not work in China without the approval by the competent authorities.

(Holders of F, L, G, J-2 or C- type visas shall not work or seek a job in China without the approval of the personnel administration department.)

Foreigner with permission to work in China should apply for Z or J-1-type visa at the Chinese embassies, consulates and visa offices, bringing with them the invitation or employment certificate sent by the Chinese employer, or the letter or telex of visa notification sent by the authorized unit. They should apply for the foreigner residence certificate at the local public security organ within 30 days after the entry.

Foreigners who settle down in China and those with permanent residence certificate shall work or seek a job in China.

Foreign employee should honor the labor contract with his Chinese employer, and should not change his employer or profession at will.

Foreign employee should submit another application and go through formalities for a new employment license when he wants to seek a new job upon the expiration of the term of the labor contact with his employer; otherwise, the new job will be regarded as illegal.

Foreign employee should go through alteration formalities at the public security bureau when he changes employer after the termination of a labor contract, bringing with him the certificates of new employment and termination of the former one.

For foreigners who work without the employment permit, the administrative department of the public security organs in charge of the entry and exit of aliens is authorized to terminate the employment and impose a fine of under 1,000 RMB Yuan. In serious cases, the public security organs shall force the foreigners to leave within a definite time.

Documents required for China Quarantine Service and Immigration Authorities on entering China.


The following documents will be handed to you during your inbound flight by Airline cabin crew. You are required to complete the forms and present them to Chinese authorities as required.

1. Entry Card

ENTRY CARD		FOR FOREIGN TRAVELLERS			
		PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH. FILL IN WITH ✓			
Family Name	Date of Birth	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	OFFICIAL USE ONLY 证件类型
Given Names		Male			
Passport No.	Nationality	Your Main Reason for Coming to China (one only)			证件类型
Visa No.		Convention / Conference	Business		
Place of Visa Issuance		Employment	Settle down		出入 安 局 部 监 制
Flight No. Ship Name Train No.		Visiting friends or relatives	Study		
From		Outing /in leisure	Return home	Others	
Intended Address in China	SIGNATURE	Date of Entry			
I declare the information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand incorrect or untrue answer to any questions may have serious consequences.		YEAR	MONTH	DAY	

边防检查 入境登记卡		中国公民(含港澳台)填写				
		请使用中文填写。内请划✓				
姓名		男			OFFICIAL USE ONLY 证件类型	
证件号码		女				
签注号码		出生日期	年	月	出入 安 局 部 监 制	
签注签发地		国籍(地区)	中国	香港		澳门
船名/车次/航班号		入境事由(只能填写一项)	会议/商务	访问	观光/休闲	
来自何地			探亲访友	就业	学习	
国内住址			返回常住地	定居	其他	
以上申明真实完整。如有不实填报,愿承担由此引起的一切法律责任。		签名	入境日期			
			年	月	日	

2. Health Declaration

 **HEALTH DECLARATION FORM ON ENTRY/EXIT**
Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine of the P.R.China

Notice: For your and others' health, please fill in the form truly and completely. False information of intent will be followed with legal consequences.

Name _____ Sex: Male Female
Date of Birth _____ Nationality/Region _____
Passport No. _____ Flight No. _____
The contact address and telephone number _____


1. Have you had close contact with poultry or bird in the past 7 days?
Yes No

2. Have you had close contact with patients or suspects suffering from Avian Influenza in the past 7 days?
Yes No

3. Please mark the symptoms and diseases you have with "✓" in the corresponding "□"

Fever Snivel Cough Sore throat
 Headache Diarrhoea Vomiting Breath Difficulty
 Venereal disease AIDS/HIV Psychosis
 Active pulmonary tuberculosis

I declare all the information given in this form are true and correct.
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Temperature (for quarantine official only): _____ °C

 中华人民共和国出入境检验检疫
出/入境健康申明卡

旅客须知: 为了您和他人健康, 请如实逐项填报; 如有隐瞒或虚假填报, 将依据有关法律予以追究。

姓名 _____ 性别: 男 女
出生日期 _____ 年 _____ 月 _____ 国籍/地区 _____
护照(回乡证、通行证)号码 _____ 航班号 _____
联系地址和电话 _____

1、过去7天您是否与家禽或鸟类有过密切接触? 是 否

2、过去7天您是否与感染禽流感患者或疑似患者有过密切接触? 是 否

3、您如有以下症状或疾病, 请在“□”中划“✓”

发热 流涕 咳嗽 咽痛
 头痛 腹泻 呕吐 呼吸困难
 精神病 性传播疾病
 开放性肺结核 艾滋病(包括病毒携带者)

我已阅知本申明卡所列事项, 并保证以上申报内容正确属实。
旅客签名: _____ 日期: _____ 年 _____ 月 _____ 日
体温(检疫人员填写): _____ °C

3. Customs Declaration

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BAGGAGE DECLARATION FORM FOR INCOMING PASSENGERS

Please read the instructions on the reverse side and provide information or mark "✓" in the space

1. Surname

Given Name

2. Date of Birth Year Month Day

3. Sex Male Female

4. No. of Traveler's Document

China (Hong Kong Macao Taiwan

6. Purpose of the Trip
 Official Business Leisure Study
 Immigration Visiting Friends or Relatives Return Residents Others

7. Flight No./Vehicle No./ Vessel Name 8. Number of persons under the age of 16 traveling with you

I am (We are) bringing into China's Customs territory (having)

9. (residents) articles valued at over RMB 5,000 from overseas. Yes No

10. (non-residents) articles valued at over RMB 2,000 that will remain in the territory. Yes No

11. over 1,500ml (12% volume) alcoholic drinks, over 400 sticks of cigarettes, over 100 sticks of cigars, or over 500g of tobacco. Yes No

12. Chinese currency in cash exceeding RMB 20,000 or foreign currencies in cash exceeding USD 5,000 if converted into US dollar. Yes No

13. animals and plants, animal and plant products, microbes, biological products, human tissues, blood and blood products. Yes No

14. radio transmitters, radio receivers, communication security equipments. Yes No

15. other articles which are prohibited or restricted from being brought into the territory in accordance with the law of the People's Republic of China. Yes No

16. unaccompanied baggage. Yes No

17. goods of commercial value, samples, advertisements. Yes No

I HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS FORM IS TRUE.

Passengers who are bringing any articles included in items 9-15 shall fill out this form in detail.

Description	Quantity	Value	Type/Model	Customs Remarks

PASSENGER'S SIGNATURE _____ Year _____ Month _____ Date _____

CHINA CUSTOMS

INSTRUCTIONS

- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
 1. All incoming passengers, except those who are exempted from examination or control in accordance with relevant regulations and those under the age of 16 traveling with adults, shall complete truthfully the declaration form in an appropriate language as provided by the Customs and submit it to the Customs officer at the declaration desk.
 2. In the Customs control area where "Dual Channel" system is available, passengers who are bringing any articles included in items 9-17 shall follow the "GOODS TO DECLARE" ("RED CHANNEL", marked "■"), while other passengers may choose to go through the "NOTHING TO DECLARE" ("GREEN CHANNEL", marked "●").
 3. "Residents" listed in item 9 in the form refers to passengers residing in China's Customs territory, "Non-residents" listed in item 10 refers to those passengers residing out of China's Customs territory.
 4. The value of articles included in items 9 and 10 shall be the Customs value verified and accepted by the Customs.
 5. Passengers, who are carrying foreign currencies in cash exceeding USD 5,000 if converted into US dollar or having unaccompanied baggage, shall fill out two declaration forms, of which one will, after being endorsed by the Customs, be returned, to such passengers for use at the time when the currencies are taken out of China's Customs territory or for use of going through Customs formalities of unaccompanied baggage.
 6. False declarations may result in penalties by the Customs.
- **ARTICLES PROHIBITED FROM IMPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
 1. Arms, imitation arms, ammunition and explosives of all kinds.
 2. Counterfeit currencies and counterfeit negotiable securities.
 3. Printed matter, films, photographs, gramophone records, cinematographic films, tapes (audio and video), compact discs (audio and video), storage media for computers and other articles which are detrimental to the political, economic, cultural and moral interests of China.
 4. Deadly poison of all kinds.
 5. Opium, morphine, heroin, marihuana and other addictive drugs and psychotropic substance.
 6. Fruits, solanaceae vegetables, live animals (except dogs and cats as pet), animal products, pathogenic micro-organisms of animals and plants, pests and other harmful organisms, animal carcasses, soil, genetically modified organisms, relevant animals and plants, their products and other quarantine objects from countries or regions with prevalent epidemic animal or plant diseases.
 7. Foodstuff, medicines and other articles coming from epidemic stricken areas and harmful to man and livestock or those capable of spreading diseases.