

Residential Permits

ALL foreigners working in China and living other than in a hotel or government authorized serviced apartment (private hotel) must be registered with the Public Security Bureau in the city where they reside.

If accommodation is **not** Foreign Affairs Office approved **and** the employer accredited to employ foreign experts **and** house the foreigners in the authorized and allocated accommodation, the foreigner **must** obtain a **Residential Permit** by registering with the Public Security Bureau, Foreign Residency Section (Police).

Foreign enterprises, whether wholly owned, cooperative or joint-venture, should check with the local (county level) PSB with respect local registration requirements.

It should not be taken for granted that because you or your company owns or is leasing a property that residency privileges are automatically granted to the occupants.

Foreigners found to be residing illegally in China will be fined and may have their visa revoked. *Ignorance is not considered an excuse.*

临时住宿登记表 (三)		
REGISTRATION FORM OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE		
英文名 Surname	英文名 First Name	性别 Sex
中文姓名 Name in Chinese	国籍 Nationality	出生日期 Date of Birth
证件类型 Type of Certificate	证件号码 Certificate No.	签证类别 Type of Visa
签证有效期 Valid Visa	抵达日期 Date of Arrival	
住宿种类 Housing Status	住址 Address	

Why do I have to register my residential address.

Many foreigners view registering with the PSB as an excuse for the "authorities" to snoop and pry and an infringement of their right to privacy; however there are three very valid reasons registering:

1. It is required by Law and an integral part of your visa or residency requirements.

2. It is highly advisable that the PSB know where foreigners are residing so as to avoid any unpleasant surprises and embarrassing, unintended international incidents.
3. Should events or circumstances require that, as a foreigner, you should be advised, the PSB can locate you quickly and evacuate you if need be.