

Temporary Residency Permit of the People's Republic of China - Example

Residency Permits are valid for up to 12 months and are renewable annually.

Residency Permits are only issued to foreigners whose employment or expert services have been engaged by a government authorized employer of foreign nationals and the Residency Permit is specific to that employment.

If a foreign expert leaves the employment of the authorized employer within the currency of the permit, but without the consent of the employer, he or she may remain in China but cannot engage in any paid or salaried employment.

If the foreigner leaves an employer during the currency of the Residency Permit, but before it

has expired, and the foreigner wishes to take employment with another government authorized employer, the foreigner must obtain a letter of release from the previous employer, which must be presented to the new employer.

If the employment is within the same jurisdiction of the originally issued Residency Permit the employer must notify the local PSB Border Control of the change of employment circumstances and submit a transfer of employment form together with the Letter of Release from the previous employer.

If the employment is elsewhere in China other than within the existing jurisdiction of the current Residency Permit, the Residency Permit is redundant and must be renewed in accordance with the Regulations before the foreigner may be employed in a paid or salaried position with an authorized employer.



Example of Residency Permit

Foreign Experts and Foreign Teachers travelling to China are normally issued with a Z Visa for entry purposes. The Z visa identifies the passport holder as a person who has been approved for employment in China. Within 30-days of arrival the Z-Visa holder and employer must complete the application for temporary residency. When the residency permit is issued by being affixed in the passport of the applicant, the Z visa becomes null and void and the holder of the Residency Permit may remain in China for the term stated in the Residency Permit under heading "Valid Until", subject to the regulations.

Failure to complete conversion of Z visa to temporary residency permit or renew the Residency Permit before the expiration date on the permit may result in the passport holder being refused further stay in China or the imposition of a fine. In any event, such occurrences should always be avoided.

Please note: Visa and Residency Permits look very similar, but should not be confused.