

Guideline for Applying China Visa

How to Apply

Please checking the Embassy of People's Republic of China in each country's official website for more further details.

For example, for US-Citizen, please check: www.china-embassy.org

For UK-Citizen, please check: www.chinese-embassy.org.uk

STEP 1: Select the visa type "L", L visa: **Issued to those who intend to go to China as a tourist,**

STEP 2: Submit your application to the Visa Office of Chinese Embassy/ Consulate General based on your country of residence (Locate a Visa Office that serves your state)

STEP 3: Pay the visa application fee at the Visa Office and pick up your visa. (Click to check fees and payments)

Basic Documents

(1) **Passport**

Original passport with at least six months of remaining validity and blank visa pages, and a photocopy of the passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate.

(2) **Visa Application Form and Photo**

One completed Visa Application Form with a recently-taken colour passport photo (bare-head, full face) against a white background attached (Photo Requirements for Chinese Visa Application)

(3) **Documents showing the itinerary including**

(a) air ticket booking record (round trip) and

(b) proof of a hotel reservation, etc. or an invitation letter issued by a relevant entity

or individual in China. The invitation letter should contain:

- A. Information on the applicant (full name, gender, date of birth, etc.)
- B. Information on the planned visit (arrival and departure dates, place(s) to be visited, etc.)
- C. Information on the inviting entity or individual (name, contact telephone number, address, official stamp, signature of the legal representative or the inviting individual)

[IYSF & CYSF do NOT provide invitation letter.](#)

(4) Proof of legal stay or residence status (applicable to those not applying for the visa in their country of citizenship)

If you are not applying for the visa in the country of your citizenship, you must provide the original and photocopy of your valid visa or certificate of stay, residence, employment or student

status of the country where you are currently staying.

(5) Photocopy of previous Chinese passports or previous Chinese visas (applicable to those who were Chinese citizens and have obtained foreign citizenship)

If you are applying for a Chinese visa for the first time, you should provide your previous Chinese passport and a photocopy of its data page.

If you have obtained Chinese visas before and want to apply for a Chinese visa with a renewed foreign passport that does not contain any Chinese visa, you should present the photocopy of the previous passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate, as well as the previous Chinese visa page. (If your name on the current passport differs from that on the previous one, you must provide an official document of name change.)

Processing Time

Regular service: 4 business days

Express service: 2-3 business days

Useful link :

<http://www.visaforchina.org/>

***What is a Chinese Visa?**

A visa is a travel document issued by authorized government agencies to foreign citizens applying to enter, exit from or transit through the host country's territory based on the host country's laws and regulations. In accordance with international law and practice, any sovereign state is entitled to determine whether or not to allow a foreign citizen to enter or exit from its territory, and whether to issue a visa, decline a visa application or to cancel an issued visa in accordance with its national laws.

***Visa Types, Validity, Number of Entries and Duration of Stay**

Visa Validity ("Enter Before") means that the visa is valid, or can be used for entry into China from the date of issue to the "Enter Before" date indicated on the visa (Beijing Time). If a visa has unused entries, the bearer can enter China before 24:00 (Beijing Time) on the expiration date.

"Entries" refers to the number of times the bearer is permitted to enter China during the validity of a visa. A visa becomes invalid if there are no entries left, or there are entries left but the visa validity expires. If a visa becomes invalid, its bearer must apply for a new visa before entering China. Traveling with an invalid visa to China will result in refusal of entry.

"Duration of Each Stay" refers to the maximum number of days the visa bearer is permitted to stay in China each time, which is calculated from the date of entry into China.