

Visa Types and Required Documents

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Visa Type	Visa Description	Required Documents (include "A.Basic Documents" and "B.General Documents")	
		A. Basic Documents	B. General Documents
L	Issued to those who intend to go to China for tourism	Round-trip air tickets and hotel orders (name and personal information of the applicant must be included); Or invitation letters issued by a relevant entity (e.g. Travel agency) or individual inside China (Photocopies of Chinese ID (front and back) of the inviting individual must be included)	1. Passport (The remaining validity must be more than 6 months with at least 1 blank visa page) *If the previous multi-year multi-entry visa is on the old passport, the old passport is required to be submitted. 2. Photocopy of the bio-page of the passport
M	Issued to those who intend to go to China for commercial and trade activities	Documents on the commercial activity issued by a trade partner in China	3. COVA Visa Form.
F	Issued to those who intend to go to China for exchanges, visits, study tours and other activities	An invitation letter issued by a relevant entity or individual in China	Please log on to https://cova.mfa.gov.cn to fill out the form online

Z	Issued to those who intend to work in China	Notice for the Work Permit for Foreigners	(Please follow
S1	Issued to those who intend to go to China to visit the foreigners working or studying in China to whom they are spouses, parents, sons or daughters under the age of 18 or parents-in-law, or to those who intend to go to China for other private affairs. The intended duration of stay in China exceeds 180 days.	<p>1.An invitation letter from the inviting individual (a foreigner who stays or resides in China for work or studies)</p> <p>2.Photocopies of the inviting individual's passport bio-page and residence permit</p> <p>3. Original and photocopy of certification (marriage certificate, birth certificate, etc) showing the relationship of immediate family members between applicants and inviting individual.</p> <p>*In case of other personal affairs, relevant supporting materials shall be provided upon request</p>	<p>"Important Tips for online COVA visa form filling")</p> <p>4.Photocopy of the latest Chinese visa or the Chinese residence permit</p> <p>5.Proof of Residence (eg, driver' s license, utility bill, bank bill)</p> <p>6.Where You Stay Form</p> <p>7. If the applicant was of Chinese nationality, this application is the first Chinese visa application after naturalization in a foreign country, please provide 2</p>
S2	Issued to those who intend to visit their family members who are foreigners working or studying in China, or to those who intend to go to China for other	1.An invitation letter from the inviting individual (a foreigner who stays or resides in China for work or studies)	photocopies of the bio-page of the Chinese passport. In addition, the last physical Chinese passport is needed for the visa

	<p>private matters. The intended duration of stay in China is no more than 180 days.</p> <p>"family members" refers to spouses, parents, sons, daughters, spouses of sons or daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandsons, granddaughters and parents-in-law.</p>	<p>2. Photocopies of the inviting individual's passport bio-page, residence permit or visa.</p> <p>3. Photocopy of certification (marriage certificate, birth certificate, etc) showing the relationship of immediate family members between applicants and inviting individual.</p> <p>*In case of other personal affairs, relevant supporting materials shall be provided upon request.</p>	<p>application.</p> <p>8.If the applicant's name has been changed, and it is the first time to apply for a Chinese visa after the name change, a photocopy of the name change document is required.</p> <p>9. For the visa application by a minor of Chinese origin born in the US, please follow the guidance.</p>
<p>Q1</p>	<p>Issued to those who are family members of Chinese citizens or of foreigners with Chinese permanent residence and intend to go to China for family reunion, or to those who intend to go to China for the purpose of foster care. The intended duration of stay in China exceeds 180 days.</p> <p>"Family members" refers</p>	<p>1.An invitation letter issued by a Chinese citizen or a foreign citizen with a Chinese permanent residence permit who lives in China.</p> <p>2.Photocopies of Chinese ID (front and back) of the inviting individual; Or photocopies of the bio-page of the foreigner' s passport</p>	

	to spouses, parents, sons, daughters, spouses of sons or daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandsons, granddaughters and parents-in-law.	and the permanent residence permit (front and back). 3. Original and photocopy of certification showing the relationship of family members between applicant and inviting individual. (eg, marriage certificate, birth certificate)	
Q2	Issued to those who intend to visit their relatives who are Chinese citizens residing in China or foreigners with permanent residence in China. The intended duration of stay in China is no more than 180 days.	1.An invitation letter issued by a Chinese citizen or a foreign citizen with a Chinese permanent residence permit who lives in China; 2.Photocopies of Chinese ID (front and back) of the inviting individual; Or photocopies of the bio-page of the foreigner' s passport and the permanent residence permit (front and back).	
R	Issued to High-level talents	Confirmation Letter for High Level Foreign Talents	

C	Issued to Crew member	Guarantee Letter from transport company	
X1	Issued to those who intend to study in China for a period of more than 180 days.	<p>1. Original and photocopy of the Admission Letter issued by a school or other entities in China.</p> <p>2. Original and photocopy of "Visa Application for Study in China" (Form JW201 or Form JW202).</p>	
X2	Issued to those who intend to study in China for a period of no more than 180 days.	Original and photocopy of Admission Notice issued by a school or other entities in China.	
D	Issued to those who intend to reside in China permanently.	The original and photocopy of the Confirmation Form for Foreigner' s Permanent Residence Status	
G	Issued to those who intend to transit through China.	An onward air (train or ship) ticket with confirmed date and seat to the destination country or region.	
J1/J2 visa should refer to the requirements of the competent authority			