



China Visa Requirements

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1) Passport – Original passport that is valid for at least another 6 months with at least one blank visa page, a photocopy of the passport's information/photo page and emergency contact page.

>All passports issued on 2014 onwards must attach the original OLD passport upon filing (with or without previous China visa)

2) Visa Application Form – You must submit truthfully completed and signed Visa Application Form of the People's Republic of China. Do not leave any field blank. Write N/A if the question does not apply to you.

Downloadable Visa Application Form -> <http://ph.china-embassy.org/eng/lsw/visas/P020130905347533344513.pdf>

3) 2 pcs recent colored photo – in white background, 48mm x 33mm size, front view, without head covering.

(1) Affix (Glue) one photo on the appropriate field of the application form. Stapled/ taped/ clipped/ detached photos will not be accepted.

(2) Insert another photo in a small clear / transparent plastic, stapled at the upper right corner of the first page of application form.

Photo size should be 33mm (width) x 48mm (height). The head width should be between 15mm and 22mm and the head height, measured from the base of the chin to the crown of the head, should be between 28mm and 33mm. The space between the crown and the upper edge of the photo should be between 3mm and 5mm. The space between the chin and the bottom edge of the photo should be ≥7mm.

- The photo should be clear, no damage or impurities, no background light or shadow over face.
- Background of the photo should be white (gray / dirty white photo background will not be accepted)
- Wearing white shirt is strictly not allowed.
- Texture of photo must be glossy (matte-type of photo paper is not allowed)

VISA CATEGORIES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

C	CREW VISA Guarantee letters issued by the foreign airlines or shipping companies, or invitation letters issued by the relevant organizations in China.
D	PERMANENT RESIDENCE VISA The original and copy of Confirmation Form of Alien Permanent Residence Status in China issued by Ministry of Public Security.
F	VISITOR VISA FOR ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY VISIT Invitation letters issued by Chinese organizations or individuals. <i>*Those who visit China for commercial entertainment performance or shows, should apply for Z visa.</i>
G	TRANSIT VISA A confirm connected passenger tickets for transit to a third country or region by an international aircraft, ship or train via China.
J1	JOURNALIST VISA FOR RESIDENT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN CHINA Visa notifications issued by the Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry and official letters from the applicant's employer.
J2	JOURNALIST VISA FOR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WHO VISIT CHINA FOR TEMPORARY NEWS COVERAGE Visa notifications issued by the Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry or other competent Chinese authorities and official letters from the applicant's employer.
L	TOURIST VISA Travel itinerary and reservation of round-trip airline ticket and hotel, or invitation letters from China.
M	COMMERCIAL BUSINESS VISA Invitation letters issued by commercial business partners in China. <i>* Those who visit China for technical support, R&D, management or consulting etc., unless for any business activity regarding winning projects, or technical support or training for machinery equipments imported to China, or for any business activity for subsidiaries, branches or representative offices in China and will stay in China for less than 90 days, should apply for Z visa.</i> <i>* Those who visit China for film production (including advertisement and documentary), fashion shows (including car model, plane advertisement etc.), should apply for Z visa.</i> <i>* Coaches, athletes who visit China for a trial for the purpose to be hired, should apply for Z visa.</i>
Q1	FAMILY REUNION VISA FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF CHINESE NATIONALS OR FAMILY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS WITH CHINESE PERMANENT RESIDENT PERMIT TO STAY IN CHINA FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS Invitation letters from relatives in China who must attach a copy of his/her personal ID copy or Chinese Permanent Resident Permit, and original and copy of proofs of kinship.



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Visa categories and documents required (con't)

Q2	FAMILY VISITOR VISA FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF CHINESE NATIONALS OR FAMILY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS WITH CHINESE PERMANENT RESIDENT PERMIT TO STAY IN CHINA FOR LESS THAN 180 DAYS Invitation letters from relatives in China who must attach a copy of his/her personal ID or Chinese Permanent Resident Permit.
R	PROFESSIONAL TALENT VISA Visa notices issued by competent organizations in China.
S1	A) DEPENDENT VISA FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO WORK, STUDY IN CHINA TO STAY IN CHINA FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS. Invitation letters from relatives in China who must attach a copy of his/her personal ID/ Residence Permit for Aliens, and original and copy of proofs of kinship.
	B) VISITOR VISA FOR PERSONAL AFFAIRS TO STAY IN CHINA FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS. Documents supporting the purpose of visit.
S2	A) FAMILY VISITOR VISA FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO WORK, STUDY IN CHINA TO STAY IN CHINA FOR LESS THAN 180 DAYS. Invitation letters from relatives in China who must attach a copy of his/her personal ID/ Residence Permit for Aliens, and copy of proofs of kinship.
	B) VISITOR VISA FOR PERSONAL AFFAIRS TO STAY IN CHINA FOR LESS THAN 180 DAYS. Documents supporting the purpose of visit.
X1	STUDY VISA FOR STUDYING IN CHINA FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS. The original and copy of Visa Application for Study in China Form JW-201 or Form JW-202.
X2	STUDY VISA FOR STUDYING IN CHINA FOR LESS THAN 180 DAYS. The original and copy of Admission Notice from China.
Z	WORK VISA The original and copy of Employment Permit for Foreigner / Permit for Foreign Expert / Registration Certificate of Resident Representative Office, and a copy of Invitation Letter of Duly Authorized Unit or Confirmation Letter of Invitation issued by an authorized unit in China.
	Work visa is also required if you belong to the following categories: * Commercial entertainment performance or shows for less than 90 days: The original and copy of Approval of Short-Term Employment for Foreigners Working in P. R. China and Approval for performance issued by a competent Cultural Department/Bureau and a copy of Invitation Letter of Duly Authorized Unit or Confirmation Letter of Invitation issued by an authorized Foreign Affairs Office in China. * Other short-term working for less than 90 days: The original and copy of Employment Permit for Foreigner and Approval of Short-Term Employment for Foreigners Working in P. R. China issued by a competent Department/Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security in China, and a copy of Invitation Letter of Duly Authorized Unit or Confirmation Letter of Invitation issued by an authorized unit in China.

The above mentioned invitation letter must contain the following information:

- 1) Information on the applicant: full name, gender, date of birth, etc.
- 2) Information on the planned visit: purpose of visit, arrival and departure dates, place(s) to be visited, relations between the applicant and the inviting entity or individual, financial source for expenditures, etc.
- 3) Information on the inviting entity or individual: name, contact telephone number, address, official stamp, signature of the legal representative or the inviting individual.

The invitation letter may be in the form of fax, photocopy or computer printout, but the consular officer may require the applicant to submit the original of the invitation letter.

The **proofs of kinship** refers to marriage certificate, birth certificate, certification of kinship issued by Chinese Public Security Bureau or notarized certification of kinship.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1) First Time Chinese Visa Applicant

- Bank certificate and the receipt for payment of this certificate. Bank Certificate should indicate the following information:
 - ❖ Account opening date
 - ❖ Type of account (SAVINGS or CURRENT)
 - CURRENT ACCOUNT: Original copy of Statement of Accounts – transaction for 6 months
 - SAVINGS ACCOUNT: Original UPDATED PASSBOOK
 - ❖ Average Daily Balance (ADB)



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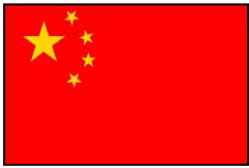
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- To date or current balance
 - With check write
 - ❖ The types of Bank Certificate acceptable are savings or current savings from commercial bank only.
 - ❖ Individual Bank Certificate should be open at least 6 months prior to applying for visa.
 - ❖ Individual Bank Account should have an AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE AND TO DATE CURRENT BALANCE not below PHP 100,000 per applicant.
- *TAKE NOTE that the PASSBOOK BALANCE should match the BANK CERTIFICATE CURRENT BALANCE.
 **If there is AND/OR in ACCOUNT NAME in passbook, please provide proof of relationship such as NSO BIRTH CERTIFICATE and/or NSO MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

- BIR-stamped income tax return form,
 - Letter from your employer detailing your salary and the length of your employment,
 - Business registration certificate if you are the owner, or professional ID, or student ID, etc.
- *A letter of explanation is required if you could not provide the above-mentioned documents.*

2) **Previous Chinese Visa** – If you had obtained a Chinese visa before, you should submit a photocopy of the visa, and if the visa is on your old passport, you should also submit the old passport.

3) **Non-Filipino Nationals** – You must submit proof of residency permit, employment or study in the Philippines. Temporary visitors to the Philippines should apply for Chinese visas from the Chinese Embassy/Consulate in the countries in which they live, unless the applicant can provide proof of employment/study or other occupational status and the visa officer will make the final decision on a case-by-case basis. You must also submit a photocopy of the Philippine visa/immigration entry stamp on your passport.

4) **Certificate of Name Change** – If the name in the new passport is different from that in the original one, the official document (birth certificate/marriage contract) issued by authorities for name change must be submitted.

5) **Original Chinese Passport** – First-time applicant whose former nationality was Chinese, or who was born in China (including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan), need to submit the original Chinese passport and a photocopy of the passport's information/photo page, and extension page (if applicable). You do not need to submit income tax return form and bank statement.

6) **Visit Tibet** – You may join a tourist group organized by Authorized Travel Agency. If you plan to visit Tibet individually, you may contact the Tourism Administration of the Tibet Autonomous Region (Tel: 0086-891-6834313; Fax: 0086-891-6834632) in advance and provide a Visa Notification issued by it.

7) **Applicants applying for special tour to China** (hiking, cycling, horse-riding, hot air balloon, or other expeditions) should provide an original of Invitation Letter for Tourist issued by Authorized Travel Agency.

Authorized Travel Agency refers to:

- a) Tourism administration bureau of Chinese province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government.
- b) CITS Group Corporation, CITS Head Office, CTS Head Office, CYTS, etc.

8) **Seafarers from the Philippine shipping companies to join vessels in ports in China and stay in China for less than 10 days**, should submit Letter of Guarantee from employers, and the original and copy of Seafarer's Registration Certificate, and should apply for "G" visa. Those who would stay in China for more than 10 days should also submit invitation letters from China, and should apply for "M" visa.

9) **Foreigners holding passports of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia and Somalia** are required to present the official poliomyelitis vaccine certificate issued within the last 12 months when entering China from August 1, 2014 to August 1, 2015.

10) **American passport holders** may apply 10 years multiple entries L/M/Q2/S2 Visa, or 5 years multiple entries X1 Visa, only if his/her passport is valid over 1 year from the date of application.

PLEASE REFER TO RESPECTIVE EMBASSY WEBSITE FOR MOST UPDATED VISA REQUIREMENTS.



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