

DOCUMENT CHECK-LIST FOR CHINA VISA

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Check all items that apply		Please note that missing any items required may cause delay, and \$10 error correction fee will be assessed			
Check Y/N	Done	ITEM	FOR CHINA VISA OFFICE	COMMENTS	
1 THESE FIRST 6 ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL TYPES OF VISAS					
1.1	Y	<input type="radio"/>	Passport 护照原件	Original Passport as well as a copy of Personal Information page	Must be valid for at least six months at the time of application AND have at least two consecutive blank visa pages.
1.2	Y	<input type="radio"/>	1 passport photo 护照照片一张	Formal passport-type photo affixed (glued) to Visa Form v2013	2x2" color photo on white background printed on photo paper and taken within 6 months. Note: Often rejected. See standards here >>
1.3	Y	<input type="radio"/>	Visa Application Form 签证申请表	v2013 (4 pages) - find at <u>Forms</u> on our site.	Must be very complete. If an item does not apply, write N/A. Name should appear as on passport. It is best to type. Remember to sign form. Note: See additional info in 3.4 below.
1.4	Y	<input type="radio"/>	Service Form-1 登记服务表		This is your order form generated at on-line registration. Print and mail one copy with your application. Keep copy for you.
1.5	Y	<input type="radio"/>	Payment check 付款		Amount is shown in Invoice/Service Form-1. Make check payable to ChinaServices.us
1.6	Y	<input type="radio"/>	One or more SUPPORTING Docs shown below	Every visa requires one or more supporting docs shown in #2 /3/5. 各种签证都需要下面一个或多个附件	Now, even Q visa (visiting family or friends) ALSO NEEDS INVITATION LETTER. See item #3 below
2 NON-US PASSPORT HOLDER REQUIREMENTS					
Note: Citizens of some countries may need to apply in person. See list: www.uschinavisa.com/non-us-2012.pdf					
2.1		<input type="radio"/>	A legal document for long term stay in U. S.	Such as Green Card, H or TN / TD work visa, foreign student I-20 Form...	This refers to a long term legal stay. Documents may be copy and notarized, OR otherwise need the ORIGINAL.
3 Required Supporting Documentation by Visa type			Related to the "Major purpose of the trip" to China in Visa Form 2.1 above. The more selected, the more documentation needed.		
At least one type is applicable.					
3-A		<input type="radio"/>	L Tourism Visa - Arranged by Toursit Agency 旅游公司安排	Must supply : a. Travel Agent Invitation/Itinerary 旅游单位"旅游邀请函"(或具体日程安排)	IF you have a formal Tourist Agency arrangement, also include a copy of payment proof (optional, helpful)
3-B		<input type="radio"/>	L Tourism Visa Arranged by yourself 个人自己安排	Must supply : b. Round trip air tickets + Hotel reservation 返机票订单和酒店订单	IF you arrange the tourist trip yourself
3-C	Personal Invitation Letter	<input type="radio"/>	个人访问邀请函须包含以下内容 被邀请人姓名,性别,出生日期, 护照号码, 来华目的、抵离日期、访问地点、与邀请单位或邀请人关系、费用来源等等 个人邀请函请用样本 www.usChinaVisa.com/invitation2012.doc ; Personal Visiting Invitation must include: Applicant's name, gender, date of birth, passport number, travel arrangement, funding option, inviter' information, and relationship, etc; If inviter is a NON-Chinese but work/study and long term stay in China, must show a passport copy, PLUS China Temporary Residence permit copy (looks like a visa page, INSIDE passport). Use Sample: www.usChinaVisa.com/invitation2012.doc ;		
3-C Q1	Long term in China (more than 120 days)	<input type="radio"/>	Q1 Long Term Re-union with a family member in China 与中国公民或者在中国长期居留的外国人的 家庭成员长期团聚 (stay more than 120 days) Similar to 3-C, PLUS relationship proof Visa will be one entry, and need re-process for China temporary residence permit AFTER enter China.		
3-F	Business Invitation Letter	<input type="radio"/>	公务邀请函请用样本, 6条基本信息: 政府特别授权单位邀请函, 或者相关组织邀请单位自己写的邀请函: 要求公文信签含邀请单位名称、旅行人的姓名, 出生日期, 护照号码, 旅行目的和安排, 邀请人电话、地址、单位印章、法定代表 字等。见样本 www.usChinaVisa.com/invitation2012.doc ; If for business / non-commercial business like Conference / Exchange: Governemnt authorized visa letter, OR sponsoring organization invitation letter: Must look like our sample OR contains the same 6 critical information points: letterhead, Traveler's name, birth date, passport number, trip purpose and arrangement, inviter's contact info, legal representative's signature, AND, organization Red Stamp (seal). See Sample: www.usChinaVisa.com/invitation2012.doc		
3-X		<input type="radio"/>	X - Student Visa (very often call later for finger prints)	1. Admission letter from a school; 2. Visa authorization letter from a government office (W201 or W202).	Original documents are needed and will be returned. If stay there >180 days, may also need Health Examination Form. Times of entries will be adjusted after arrival in China.
3-Z		<input type="radio"/>	Z Work Visa (very often call later for finger prints)	1. Foreign Expert work permit. 2. Visa authorization letter from a government office.	Original documents are needed and will be returned. If stay there >180 days, may also need Health Examination Form. Times of entries will be adjusted after arrival in China. Family members may qualify IF their names(s) also listed.
Add to Section #3: More special cases may need more documents. Such as: 3A) Name change records if the current name is the first time for China visa; 3B) For some occupation personnel, may need a statement for "Tourist Only"; 3C) Court Resolution proof if there were criminal records; 3D). For Citizens of some countries in person finger prints may be required; 3E). Any other requirememnt Chinese government may call for (can not perdicit at all), Etc... If you feel uncertain about any of these, email us your background for a discussion.					
Item #4 & #5 for Chinese Origins or related 以下适用于华人和华人的孩子					
4.1		<input type="radio"/>	Visa form item 1.3 中文姓名	华人必须填写曾经用过的中文姓名	Including those who were born in Taiwan, H.K., or Macau Only if the name was OFFICIALLY used in legal documents,
4.2		<input type="radio"/>	签证表的第2.5项 和第2.9项, 说明探亲对象(也可能是邀请人) 的姓名, 关系, 地址, 电话等信息. 用中文填写.		
5 原中国(台湾)公民(及华人孩子) 必须按顺序有以下任何一种:					
5A		<input type="radio"/>	现行护照里有旧的中国签证 - OK;		
5B		<input type="radio"/>	旧护照里有旧的中国签证: 复印一个旧签证, 和这本旧护照的照片页		
5C		<input type="radio"/>	首次申请: 最近的中国护照原件 + 照片页的复印 (台湾护照 照片页 复印, 不要原件)		
5D		<input type="radio"/>	OR, 海外出生的华人孩子首次申请, Birth Certificate 原件加复印, +父母护照首页复印. 如果父母是中国护照, 要绿卡复印件: 首次办理者特别注意, 如果小孩出生时父母双方或一方还没有绿卡, 小孩要办旅行证 (先在使领馆网上预约. 不能代办, 只能代取).		
NOTE: Some differences among offices: SF office and DC office require driver licenses copy; Chicago office requires applicant's US green card copy notarized. For X student visa & Z work visa, if stay 180+ days, Finger Prints (in person) MAY BE needed (if happens, we will notify you, meet you in consulate to transfer documents, and will collect \$25 service fee. Anyway, Consulate has the final say.					
Other factors: 1). Have a background related to Political / (actively with) US armed force / occupation related to news media, religion, OR 2). For citizens from some countries like France etc. may not allow agent (may do in person). Email us for details if you feel not sure.					

Below are tips and reference information

6 More Tips for visa form: (for items in Visa Form v2013) 签证申请表注意项目

- 6.1 (1.1) **If the name is new** in this passport, need a copy of court record; or marriage certificate. 改名字要有法庭记录 或结婚证
- 6.2 (1.9) 身份证 / 公民证号码 Local ID / Citizenship Number : Use **Driver's License Number if applicable**; Children may use N.A
- 6.3 (1.15) **If select "Businessman"** (too broad), need to state professional area in the "other" area;
- 6.4 (1.17) **If company name DOES NOT reflect business nature**, i.e."ABC Corp." -Must State Manufacturing/Financial /Retail /Health, etc.
If a student, must supply school name, address, phone number, even if in K-12.
If employment is related to news media, or religious organization, etc. need an additional statement. Email for information.
- 6.5 (2.1) **Purpose of the visit 申请入境事由: It's better to check only one.** The more checked, the more complicated it may be.
- 6.6 (2.2) **2-10 year visa is possible**, IF use an US and Canadian passport, and passport is valid for more than 13 month from now;
If married to a Chinese citizen (or was a Chinese citizen), attach a copy of marriage certificate +copy of spouse's passport.
- 6.7 (4 & 5) Signatures. **Adults (18+ in age) MUST sign item #4**, no matter who prepared the visa form;
If **below 18 year in age**, a parent or legal guardian must **A) sign your name** in item #4, and **B) Fill-in information in item #5**, and sign your name and dated again.

7 Need Rush Service (NO MORE Rush 6-hour process; Common "Express" service is 2-3 days; or Regular 5-7 days)

Most consulate do not like 24 hour service nowadays. But may be a do with a copy of airline tickets and a brief note explaining the urgency.

8 How to mail to us quickly and correctly

- 8.1. If standard process speed is sufficient, mail to address as shown in the Invoice/Service Form 1;
- 8.2. If there is a rush and Express processing is needed, the application should be mailed to our operation office directly.
Email us for the operation office address. We can also provide an incoming FedEx shipping label at a discounted price.

9. Error Proof Tips - Our experience shows the following items are most often problems:

9.1 Visa Application Form: Most often missed items while it is required:

- Chinese Name:** If the applicant was ever a Chinese citizen in the past.
- Contact & Inviter** in China; a **MUST** for business visa: an organization with contact person's name, address and phone.
For tourist visa: May be a family member, relative, friend, travel agent, a hotel, with name, address, and phone.
- Signature, a MUST.** For children under 18 years old, a parent / guardian needs to sign both item 6 and 7

9.2 Timing too tight & risk too high

When using all Rush/Overnight services it is possible to receive documents in 3-5 working days. Standard processing takes about 12 working days. Keep in mind that we need 1-2 days to process documents. Unexpected delays can occur. Always plan with extra days if possible

9.3 Short of supporting documents. Read the checklist above in detail, you are assured all will be right.

9.4 Send in originals for supporting documents when copies are accepted – We would rather handle a copy if it works.

9.5 Lost track of Service ID

This is required if you have any question regarding your package, either web-tracking, email inquiry, or phone inquiries

9.6 Applied too early

Visa is valid within a certain days from the time it's issued (likely the date as it reaches Visa Office) to the date you enter China.

9.7 Use of P.O box for shipping back – Return mail uses FedEx, can not deliver to P.O. boxes at all.

If you paid us for shipping back, but entered P.O. Box for address, the carrier will call you for redirection, and charge \$10 extra.

9.8 Keeps no copy of passport

Your passport is so important, that you should always have a copy.

9.9 PHOTO does not meet requirements

Photo is one of the most often rejected items, especially self-taken pictures. No problems when taken at a photo service shop.

It must be "PASSPORT STYLE" photo, 2"x2", front, white background, on photo paper; and **within 6 month.**

**10 . Sit back and relax while waiting for your passport & visa to come back safely - if you did everything correctly.
Or, in the unlikely event that something is wrong, we will email you and assist you in correcting the problem.**

P.S. Visa policies may change without notice. What was done before does not assure the same for the next.