

# M VISA

## Foreigners who intend to go to China for commercial and trade activities

### 1. Your Passport and Photocopy of It

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

**Note:** The last three pages on the US passport are amendment and endorsement pages. They cannot be used for visa stamp.

If you are ethnically Chinese or a minor, you must also meet these Special Requirements.

- If you were born in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, you must fill in your Chinese name, in Chinese characters, on the Visa Application Form.
- First time applicants who were born in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau must submit a photocopy of their previous passport.
- First time applicants who were born in China must submit original 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.)
- American born children of Chinese descent under the age of 18 must provide Original unabridged birth certificate of the child and a copy of the certificate, and Original and a copy of both parents' passports and proof of parents' immigration status in the U.S. (i.e. Green Card). If the child has previously been issued a Chinese visa, document above can be waived, but a copy of the previous Chinese visa is required Chinese visa is required. Please submit the application to Chinese Embassy/Consulate General based on the child's State of residence

### 2. China Visa Application Form

[Click here to download application form](#), which must be completely filled, signed and dated. One form per applicant. Do not leave any areas blank but instead write "N/A" if you don't have answer to a question, or if the question does not apply to you.

For help completing your application form, please view our [Sample Pre-filled application](#).

**Important Reminder:** Hand-written application forms ARE NOT accepted by Chinese Embassy/Consulates. You must TYPE your answers in our fillable pdf form.

### 3. Photograph

A recently-taken color passport photo (bare-head, full face) against a white background attached

**Attention applicant:** The Chinese embassy has issued strict requirements for passport photos. Your application will not be accepted if these requirements are not met. **One passport type photo, with a white background, taken by a professional passport photo service, such as Walgreens, CVS, or Costco, etc. You may print out the requirement and bring it to the photographer for reference.**

### 4. Proof of legal stay or residence status (applicable to non-U.S. citizens)

You must provide the original and photocopy of your valid certificates or visa of stay, residence, employment or student status, or other valid certificates of legal staying provided by the relevant authorities of the country where you are currently staying.

**Note: Non-US passport holders must have valid long term US visa (B1/B2 visas are not accepted) or green card to apply for a Chinese visa in the US. You must send the ACTUAL green card, or a notarized photocopy to us. Multiple entry visas are not available to non-US passport holders.**

### 5. Invitation Letter

Documents on the commercial activity issued by a trade partner in China, or trade fair invitation or other invitation letters issued by relevant entity or individual. The invitation letter should contain:

- Information on the applicant (full name, gender, date of birth, etc.)
- 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)
- Information on the inviting entity or individual (name, contact telephone number, address, official stamp, signature of the legal representative or the inviting individual)

**Important Note:** Invitation letter can be submitted as a photocopy. However, original invitation and/or personal interview may be requested at visa officer's discretion.

Invitation letter from Chinese companies or institutions must be on official company letterhead, showing company address, phone number and fax number. The letter must also bear the official seal of the company or institution.

The letter states the invited will be visiting strictly for business purposes (meetings, consultation, etc.) and that he/she will not be paid while in China. It should not mention "training", "working", or "internship".

The Chinese Embassy and Consulates randomly check the authenticity of applicants' invitation letters by contacting the inviting party in China. When that happens, your application will be delayed, or denied if the letter is not authentic.

Here is a [Sample Business Invitation Letter](#) for your reference.

**NOTE:**

1. In accordance with a 2014 China-U.S. visa arrangement, U.S. citizens may be eligible for 10-year multiple entry visa. The remaining validity of the U.S. passport must be over 12 months.
2. The applicant should guarantee that all information provided in the application is true and correct. Any false, misleading or incomplete information may result in denial of the visa or refusal of entry into China.
3. The Visa Notification Letter and the official media letter may be in the form of fax, photocopy or computer printout. An applicant may be required to submit an original invitation, provide other supporting documents, or schedule an interview with the consular officer.
4. The consular officer will make decisions on whether or not to grant a visa and allowed validity, duration of stay and number of entries based on individual application.