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Guidelines for Completing the China Online Visa Application (COVA)

(*) This website is supported by Google Chrome, Windows Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher, Mozilla Firefox 3.6 or higher, Safari 5.0 or higher and Opera 13.0 or higher.

(*) The completed COVA application will be in PDF format, which can be downloaded and printed.

(*) When completing the COVA, you must use the "Back" or "Forward" button on your browser.

(*) Please answer each question accurately. Questions marked (*) are mandatory. You have to answer all the mandatory questions on the page before proceeding to the next step. If some of these questions do not apply to you, please click "Not Applicable" to proceed.

(*) Any inquiries on completing the COVA will be addressed by clicking the "Help" button on the upper right corner of the section.

(*) By clicking the "Save" button found on the bottom of each page what you have completed up to that point will be saved for 30 days. To return to a partially completed application, please click the "Retrieve an Application" button on the homepage and enter your application ID and Passport/Travel Document Number.

(*) Please be sure that all information entered is correct. Once information is submitted, you cannot make any changes.

(*) Completing the 9-page COVA application will generate an Application ID. Once the application has been delivered to the relevant Chinese embassy/consulate, a printout of the application ID will be needed to book an appointment.

(*) A visa appointment may be booked in Chinese or English.

(*) Please fill in the form in Chinese or English.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Successfully submitting the COVA form online does not mean your application for a visa has been approved. Any decision pertaining to the issuance and refusal of visas is made by the Chinese embassy/consulate, which may be inconsistent with your application.

Start an Application >>

If you have completed or partially completed a prior visa application, you may retrieve it here

Carefully read the COVA guidelines. When ready, click "Start an Application"

Application ID: 88888888888888888888

This application ID is needed to retrieve your saved application.

Click here to print your Application ID.

Save your application number! You will need it to return to a partially completed form or retrieve a completed application

Where do you plan to apply for Chinese visa?

Country or Region: United States of America

City (Embassy/Consulate): WASHINGTON D.C. (EMBASSY OF P.R.CHINA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Upload your photo

Review the Photo Requirements

Upload Photo

Preview Photo: [Image of a man's face]

Upload a passport-style photo. Review and follow the guidelines shown.

IMPORTANT! Name must be entered exactly as in your passport. Family name = Last name. Given name = First and Middle name.

Name

Family name(s) as shown on your passport or travel document: [Input field]

Given name(s) as shown on your passport or travel document: [Input field]

Other name(s) or former name(s): [Input field]

Chinese name (if applicable, in Chinese): [Input field]

If born in mainland China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan, enter your name in Chinese characters

Date of birth

Year: [Input field] Month: [Dropdown] Day: [Dropdown]

Gender

Female Male

Place of birth

Country or Region: [Dropdown]

Province/State: [Dropdown]

City: [Dropdown]

Marital status

Married Single Divorced Widowed Other

Nationality and permanent residence

Nationality: [Dropdown]

National ID number (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Do you hold any other nationality? Yes No

Do you have permanent residence of any other country or region? Yes No

Have you ever held any other nationality? Yes No

U.S. Citizens, enter your passport number. Non-U.S., enter green card or U.S. visa number

Passport

Type of passport/travel document: Diplomatic Service Official Special Ordinary Other

Passport/Travel document number: [Input field]

Issuing country or region: [Dropdown]

Place of issue: [Dropdown]

Expiration date: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

U.S. passport holders, enter "United States Department of State"

Types of visa and major purpose of your visit to China

Service: Normal Express

Express service requires extra fee and can't be cancelled. You would not get a refund if consular officers process your application for longer time.

Tourist visa = L, Business visa = M

Application details

Entries: Single Double Multiple

Maximum duration of longest stay (days): [Input field]

Validity of visa (months): [Input field]

Any declaration pertaining to the entries, validity and duration inconsistent with your application.

US passport holders going for tourist or business. Entries = Multiple. Max duration of stay = 60. Validity of visa = 120. Note final validity will be decided by the embassy/consulate based on the rest of your information.

Current occupation

Occupation: [Dropdown]

Work experience in the last five years (Not Applicable)

Employment date to: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown]

Name of your employer: [Input field]

Address of your employer: [Input field]

Telephone number of your employer: Country code [Input field] Phone number [Input field]

Position: [Input field]

Duty: [Input field]

Supervisor's name: [Input field]

Supervisor's telephone number: Country code [Input field] Phone number [Input field]

Must enter minimum 5 years work history. If you're retired, list the last employer. All fields must be filled

To add more fields, click here

Highest level of education (Not Applicable)

Name of school: [Input field]

Diploma/Degree: [Input field]

Major: [Input field]

If you did not attend college, provide High School information. Major for High School = "General Studies"

Current residence address

Current residence address: [Input field]

Phone number: Country code [Input field] Phone number [Input field]

Mobile phone number: [Input field]

E-mail address: [Input field]

Address must match your valid Driver's License/State ID or Utility bill. Include Street, City, State, Zip code.

Father (Not applicable)

Family name (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Given name(s) (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Nationality: [Dropdown]

Date of birth: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Is your father in China? Yes No

Mother (Not applicable)

Family name (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Given name(s) (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Nationality: [Dropdown]

Date of birth: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Is your mother in China? Yes No

Child (Not applicable)

Family name (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Given name(s) (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Nationality: [Dropdown]

Date of birth: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in China? Yes No

Information About Your Intended Trip

Intended date of arrival: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Arrival train/ship/flight number: [Input field]

City of arrival: [Dropdown]

Enter full address of place of stay. If staying at multiple locations, you can add more fields by clicking "Add"

Itinerary

City: [Dropdown]

Address: [Input field]

Date of arrival: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Date of departure: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Information About Your Intended Trip

Intended date of departure: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown] Day [Dropdown]

Departure train/ship/flight number: [Input field]

City of departure: [Dropdown]

Tourist applicants, enter your company or hotel information. Business applicants, enter your host company's information as shown on the invitation letter.

Inviting person or organization in China (Not Applicable)

Name of person or organization: [Input field]

Relationship to you (if invited by an individual) (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Phone number: Country code [Input field] Phone number [Input field]

E-mail address: [Input field]

Address: Province/State [Dropdown] City [Dropdown] Post code [Input field]

Tourist applicants, enter your company or hotel information. Business applicants, enter your host company's information as shown on the invitation letter.

Emergency contact

Family name (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Given name(s) (Not Applicable): [Input field]

Relationship to you: [Input field]

Phone number: Country code [Input field] Phone number [Input field]

E-mail address: [Input field]

Who will pay for this travel? Self Other Organization

Accompanying person(s) Do you have accompanying person(s) (meaning person(s) using the same passport as yours)? Yes No

Have you ever been to China? Yes No

Previous Chinese visa

Have you been issued a Chinese visa? Yes No

Please give details of your last Chinese visa.

Type of visa: [Dropdown]

Visa Number: [Input field]

Place of issue: [Input field]

Issue date: Year [Dropdown] Month [Dropdown]

Have you ever been fingerprinted when applying for a Chinese visa? Yes No

Have you ever been issued a Chinese residence permit? Yes No

Valid visas Do you currently hold any valid visas issued by other countries? Yes No

Countries visited in the last 12 months

Have you visited other countries or regions in the last 12 months? Yes No

Have you ever been refused a visa for China, or been refused entry into China? Yes No

Has your Chinese visa ever been cancelled? Yes No

Have you ever entered China illegally, overstayed, or worked illegally? Yes No

Do you have any criminal record in China or any other country? Yes No

Do you have any serious mental disorder or infectious disease? Yes No

Have you ever visited countries or territories where there is an epidemic in the last 30 days? Yes No

Have you ever been trained or do you have any special skills in the field of firearms, explosives, nuclear devices, biological or chemical products? Yes No

Are you serving or have you ever served in the military? Yes No

Have you served or participated in any paramilitary organization, civil armed units, guerrilla forces or armed organizations, or been its member? Yes No

Do you work for any professional, social or charitable organization? Yes No

Is there anything else you want to declare? Yes No

Are you serving or have you ever served in the military or law-enforcement department? Yes No

Do you belong to or have ever belonged to a political party? Yes No

Does anyone else assist you in completing the application? Yes No

Has this application been completed by anyone else on your behalf? Yes No

Save Next: Review

Only answer "Yes" if the applicant is under 18 years old or adult applicant is unable to answer questions on their own.

Click "Next" to review the information you have entered prior to finalizing your application. Email your draft application for review.

Once you click "Submit" on the next page, your application will be finalized and you will no longer be able to make edits.