



Chinese Visa Application Guide (X2)

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Please reference the following steps when completing your Chinese visa application. Be sure to take note of the following points before starting your application:

- Apply for your visa ***within 30-90 days of your departure to China***. In other words, do not apply for your visa more than 90 days prior to — or within 30 days of — your departure to China.
- All sections which you need to leave blank **MUST** be completed with the answer "N/A".
- Incomplete or inaccurate answers will result in the rejection of the application and delayed processing.
- For US citizens, travelers have the choice of using a third party service such as [Swift Passport Services](#) or [FlyChina](#) to process your visa application.
- For non-US citizens, we recommend using the [VisaForChina](#) website to find your local consulate and to fill in the online application form.

1. Fill out your Chinese visa application [here](#).

Please click on “Start my application” and select your region and the city where you wish to apply for your Chinese visa. Each Consulate General of China only accepts visa applications from foreign nationals who reside within its consular district - [click here](#) to check which Consulate you should apply to in accordance with where you reside.

Then, create an account and login to start your application. You may save your draft at any point and find it via the “Personal Centre” button in the dropdown menu under your email (top right corner). Drafts are kept in the system for 30 days.

In addition to completing all other relevant sections of the application form (available at the above link), please take special note of the following:

- **Upload your photo**
Make sure that your photo complies with the necessary guidelines. Please refer to the guide that is displayed when clicking “Upload Photo.” Note: The photo size must be between 40KB - 120KB.
- **Former Nationality(ies)**
Any of the applicant’s fully renounced former nationalities.
- **Type of Passport/travel Document**
Generally “Ordinary”
- **Types of visa**
Select “(X2) Short-term study (for no more than 180 days)”
- **Service**
Select “Normal” (unless a special circumstance requires rush delivery)



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- **Validity of visa (months)**
Enter the amount of months from the date that you are applying for the visa to the end date of your time in China. For example, if you are participating in CLI's summer program from July-August, and you are applying in the previous May, you should enter 4 months.
- **Maximum duration of longest stay**
Enter the maximum number of days you plan to stay in China. For X2 student visa applications, this cannot exceed 180 days.
- **Entries**
Select single entry. Note that if your visa is single entry, once you leave Mainland China, you will not be able to re-enter until you re-apply for a new visa. Note that administratively, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan are NOT part of Mainland China.
- **Employer/School**
Applicant's current employer or school if applicable.
- **Inviting person/contact or organization in China - Name**
Guilin Xiai Chinese School
- **(The contact person's) relationship with you**
Write "Not Applicable"
- **Phone No.**
Country code: +86
Phone number: 07737599367
- **Province/state**
Select "Guangxi"
- **City**
Select "Guilin"
- **District/County**
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- **Who will pay for this travel?**
Always enter "Self."
- **Have you ever gotten a Chinese visa?**
If yes, you will need to fill in the details required regarding any Chinese visas you have previously obtained. You will need to refer to each specific visa in your passport in order to obtain this information.



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- **Have you traveled to any other country in the past 12 months?**
Starting with the most recent, enter all countries you have visited in the box.

2. Upload photos of materials

Necessary Materials:

1. **Your passport** with a validity period of **more than 6 months** and **two blank visa pages**
2. **Proof of Residence within the Consular Jurisdiction of the Consulate.** You may submit a driver's license, state ID, utility bill (water, electricity, gas, internet), or bank statement. If the minor is unable to provide, please submit the parents' documents.
3. **Your admissions notice.** CLI will send this to you for your visa application process.

Additional Materials required on a case-by-case basis:

1. **Last Chinese visa/residence permit**
 - a. Applicants who have previously held a Chinese visa or residence permit must provide the last visa/residence permit. If the visa/residence permit is still valid, you must submit the original visa/residence permit when submitting the physical application materials at the Consulate. If you are unable to provide a previous visa, please provide a signed statement as shown in examples on their website stating when and from which embassy or consulate you applied for a Chinese visa, and the reason why you are unable to provide it.
2. **Passport and other legal identity documents of parents** (Required for people whose parents were or are Chinese citizens, but the applicant was born in the US)
 - a. Upload the nationality certificates and residence status certificates held by both parents at the time of the applicant's birth, your birth certificate (with parents' name information), and the passport of both parents of the applicant.
3. **Naturalization certificate and the last Chinese passport** (Required for former Chinese citizens applying for the first time after naturalization)
 - a. If you previously held Chinese nationality and this is your first time applying for a Chinese visa after acquiring foreign nationality, you must provide a naturalization certificate and the information page of your last Chinese passport. The physical Chinese passport must also be submitted when submitting the application materials at the Consulate on-site. Note: If your Chinese passport has expired when you become a foreign citizen, or your Chinese passport has been lost, please fill out the relevant example declaration and upload it.
4. **Official name change document** (Required if applicants' name on current foreign passport differs from that on old Chinese passport or prior Chinese visa)
 - a. If the name on your current foreign passport differs from that on your last Chinese passport or last Chinese visa, submit an official name change document (e.g., court order or marriage certificate).



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5. **Legal stay/residency certificate in the U.S.** (Required for applicants holding non-U.S. passports)
 - a. Applicants holding non-U.S. passports in the U.S. need to provide a legal stay/residency document in the U.S. (e.g., Green Card, U.S. visa, Employment Authorization Card, I-20 form, or I-94 form)
6. **For first-time Chinese visa applicants under the age of 16, the child's birth certificate is required.** If either or both parents listed on the birth certificate were born in China, the following additional documents must be provided:
 - a. The passport(s) and proof of permanent residency abroad (such as a U.S. Green Card, Canadian PR Card, etc.) held by either or both parents at the time of the child's birth;
 - b. If either or both parents have since acquired foreign nationality, naturalization certificate must be provided.

3. Check your status online

You can check your status by logging into your Consulate website account. If supplementary documents or corrections are required, the system will notify you with messages such as “Supplementary Materials to be provided” or “Rejected and to be modified”. Log in periodically to check “Track the status of my application” to upload additional documents, or amend information as required.

4. Submit documents below to the Chinese Consulate in person (no appointment needed) or visa agency for processing

When the status changes to “Passport to be Submitted,” applicants should submit the following physical documents in person (you may also entrust someone else or an agency to submit the application on your behalf):

Basic:

1. **Printed barcode page** from the application system.
2. **Your actual passport** (expiration date must not be within six months of the final day in China)

If applicable:

1. Old passport containing previous Chinese visa or residence permit which is still within validity
2. If the applicant was of Chinese nationality, the latest Chinese passport is required for submission
3. Other original documents that the consular officials asked to be submitted on-site

5. Collect Visa or Returned Passport (no appointment needed)

When the status changes to “Passport to be Collected,” bring the Pick-up Receipt (issued when submitting documents) to pay the fee and retrieve your returned passport.



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Please contact us at (888) 781-8383 or mira@studycli.org if you have any questions whatsoever. We're here to help!

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