

REQUIREMENTS OF VISA APPLICATION TO CHINA

1. **Business hours are from 9:00am to 12:00 at noon, Monday to Friday.**
2. **Basic requirements for a tourist visa (or “L” Visa):**
 - a. Passport with minimum 6-month validity and at least one full blank page.
 - b. One completed Visa Application Form and one passport photo. Please PRINT or TYPE the information.
 - c. Supporting documents such as travel itinerary from a travel agency or an invitation letter from China are needed.
 - d. If you have or once had a Chinese name, it shall be filled in.
3. **Basic requirements for a business visa (or “F” Visa):**
 - e. Requirement “a”, “b” and “d” are applicable in this case.
 - f. An invitation letter issued by a Chinese company or business counterpart which clearly states that the trip to China is business-related. Alternatively, a letter of introduction from the company in Australia in which the applicant is working can be accepted by this Consulate.

4. **For those applying for multi-entry “L” or “F” visa, work or student visa, they are required to obtain an official invitation issued by an authorized department in China.**

For working visa, a Work Permit from the Chinese Labor Ministry or Certificate from the State Bureau of Foreign Experts is needed. Form J201 or J202 is needed for a student visa. The holder of work or student visa is kindly reminded to go through the procedures for obtaining the residence permit for aliens in local police station within 30 days of entry, to avoid illegal stay.

5. **Payment and visa application fees:**

Cash, bank or company cheque and money order are accepted. The cheque shall be made payable to the Chinese Consulate-General in Sydney. **Please be advised the application fees are non-refundable even if the application is declined.**

APPLICATION FEES (AUS DOLLAR)

Applicant Entry	Australian	Non-Australian	American	Others
Single	30	50	85	1. Accompanying person(s) using the same passport: 30/p.p 2. Group visa: 25/p.p
Double	45	75	130	
Multiple for 6 months	60	100	170	
Multiple for 12 months	90	150	260	

6. **Processing time:**

The general turn-around time is 4 working days. For second day pick-up, an extra \$50 is payable. For third day pick-up, an extra \$30 is payable.

7. **Mail service/application sent via mail:**

A pre-paid self-addressed return envelope and **additional \$10 per package are required as administrative fee** for a visa application sent via mail or satchel. The applicant is

kindly advised to use registered envelope or pre-paid satchel as we value our service as well as your application.

8. Visa validity & Duration of stay:

A single entry visa is normally valid for 3 months, a double entry visa for 6 months, and multiple-entry for 6 or 12 months, from the date of issue. Normally, the duration of stay in China is 30 days counted from the date of arrival in China. In case of need, you are kindly reminded to extend your visa in local police station, to avoid illegal stay.

9. Others:

- a. **For travel to Hong Kong**, Australian passport holders enjoy 3-month visa free status in Hong Kong. Further information may be obtained from Hong Kong Immigration home page: www.info.gov.hk/immd
- b. **For travel to China's Tibet**, please contact Tourism Bureau of Tibet Autonomous Region to obtain approval before applying for a visa.
(Tel: 0086-891-6834313 Fax: 0086-891-6834632)

10. Notes:

- a. **Under certain circumstances, a visa application shall be declined or a visa be cancelled.**
- b. **The applicant shall apply for a visa to China within 3 months before the intended date of entry.**
- c. **Unless the general turn-around time has passed, no inquiry shall be accepted about the process of visa application.**

11. Address & contact numbers of Chinese Embassy or Consulate in Australia:

Chinese Embassy in Australia

15 Coronation Dr, Yarralumla, Canberra A.C.T. 2600
Tel: 02-6273 4783 Fax: 02-6273 5189
Website: www.chinaembassy.com.au

Chinese Consulate-General in Sydney (Jurisdiction throughout N.S.W.)

39 Dunblane St, Camperdown N.S.W. 2050
Tel: 02-8595 8000, 02-8595 8002 Fax: 02-8595 8021
Website: sydney.chineseconsulate.org

Chinese Consulate-General in Melbourne (Jurisdiction throughout Victoria and Tasmania)

75-77 Irving Road, Toorak VIC 3142
Tel: 03-9822 0606 Fax: 03-9822 0320

Chinese Consulate-General in Perth (Jurisdiction throughout Western Australia)

45 Brown St, East Perth W.A. 6004
Tel: 08-9222 0333 Fax: 08-9221 6144