Embassy of the United States Beijing, China

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TRANSLATION: 中文版

Non-Immigrant Visas

NOTICE:

New Deadline for Use of CITIC Fee Receipts

The U.S. Embassy and Consulates General in China will be transitioning to a new and improved visa fee collection system for Chinese applicants in mid-March 2013. As a result of this new system, the U.S. visa fee receipts that applicants currently purchase from select CITIC Bank branches will be phased out and will not be valid after March 14, 2013. There will be no fee increase associated with these changes. The U.S. Embassy strongly advises all visa applicants to use all current CITIC fee receipts before they expire on March 14, 2013. After the expiration date, we will be unable to accept receipts issued before March 14 and refunds for expired receipts will not be available. Visa applicants who plan to apply close to or after March 14 should wait to pay their visa fees until after this date. Specific details on this new and more convenient way for applicants to pay their visa fees will be announced closer to the transition date. The implementation of a new system is part of our efforts to continually improve our services for Chinese visa applicants.

NOTICE:

Due to the large amount of correspondence received by the non-immigrant visa section, we are unable to accept inquiries or materials by fax.

NOTICE:

In order to shorten wait times inside the embassy, visa applicants that arrive at the embassy more than 30 minutes before their scheduled appointment time will not be allowed to enter the embassy. Before your appointment, you will receive an email from the U.S. Embassy reminding you of your appointment time. Please bring this email with you to your appointment.

NOTICE:

Please note that on Friday, **April 13, 2012**, **the fees for visas will change**. For more information, please visit our newly posted **fee schedule and FAQ section**.

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NOTICE:

Please note: You may only make an appointment corresponding to the particular visa class for which you are applying. For example, if your appointment corresponds to a different type of visa class, such as an appointment for a student visa when you intend to apply for a tourist visa, you will not be allowed to interview during your scheduled time, and you will be required to reschedule.

NOTICE:

In order to more efficiently process record numbers of visa applicants through security, effective immediately, visa applicants cannot bring cell phones or large bags into the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Applicants should bring only their passports and application materials. Thank you for your understanding as we strive to improve our service to the public.

NOTICE:

In order to improve customer service and keep wait times down for nonimmigrant visa appointments, beginning February 17, 2011, all applicants in China will have the choice of applying for their nonimmigrant visas within the consular district where they reside, or at another U.S. consulate in China where the average wait time for the past month is shorter. This change will ensure that applicants throughout China can still apply wherever average wait times are shorter, while preventing wait times from getting too long in places of highest demand. Please note that wait times vary hour-by-hour, and can change dramatically from one day to the next and even within the same day. The only authoritative source of wait-time information is the Call Center at the time you book your appointment. We welcome the ongoing increase in travelers from China to the United States, and appreciate your patience as we continue to improve the experience of those applying for a U.S. visa!

NOTICE:

Because wait times are based on the number of available appointments relative to the number of applicants, the actual wait times for scheduling appointments changes dramatically from one day to the next, or even hour-by-hour. The table of wait times below only shows a snapshot of wait times on a recent day - either the previous workday, or up to a week previous. The only authoritative source of wait-time information is the Call Center at the time you book your appointment. Applicants may apply in the consular district where they reside, or at any other consular office where the average wait time for the past month is shorter. Contact the Call Center for the most up-to-the-minute information. <

Earliest Available B1/B2 Appointments in China as of Jan 2, 2013:

RANK	POST	NUMBER OF DAYS
1	Beijing	2

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2	Chengdu	2
3	Shanghai	2
4	Shenyang	6
5	Guangzhou	9

Earliest Available F/M/J Appointments in China as of Jan 2, 2013:

RANK	POST	NUMBER OF DAYS
1	Beijing	2
2	Chengdu	2
3	Shanghai	2
4	Shenyang	2
5	Guangzhou	9

NOTICE:

If you are an APEC traveler using a private passport and require an expedited appointment, please contact us directly at BeijingExpediteRequest@state.gov**. For frequently asked questions about the APEC visa application process, please click** here.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The New DS-160 Online Visa Application.

Please click here for all NIV notices.

PLEASE NOTE: If your passport will expire less than 6 months from your planned arrival in the United States, is damaged, or you do not have a page for a visa, please get a new passport before your interview.

HOW TO APPLY

- Pay the Application Fee

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- Prepare an Appropriate Photo
- Fill in the Online Visa Application Form (DS-160)
- Make an Appointment for the Interview & Appointment Wait Times
  - Group Appointments
- Gather the Required Documents
- Appear for the Interview
- Arrange for Visa/Passport Return through China Post
- Appointment Day & Visa Processing Wait Times
- Expedite Process for Students, Business Travelers, APEC Card Holders, Medical Matters & Other Emergencies
- Visa Renewal/CITIC Bank Drop-off Service
- CITIC Bank Drop-off Service for Applicants Under 14, or 80 Years Old or Older
- AmCham Business Visa Applicants
- Applicants Holding Chinese Private Passport for "G" Visas
- Diplomats, Official & Representatives of International ORGs

CONTACT US

- Location
- Hours of Operation
- Phone & Fax
- Holiday Schedule

VISA TYPES

- Business & Tourism
- Studying in the U.S.
- Exchange Visitors
- Employment
- Dependents
- Transit
- Others

SPECIAL ISSUES

- Visa Waiver Program
- Fight Visa Fraud
- DHS & USCIS—Entry, Departure & Immigration Services

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- General Questions
- Questions on Visa Issuance & Refusal
- Can My American Friend Help?
- Student Visa Questions
- Misrepresentations

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