

Summary of applying visa to PR China for Southeast Asian participants

People Passport/Normal Passport

- **Business or Trade Purposes (M visa)**

M is a new business visa category from 1st Sept 2013, which is issued to foreigners coming for commercial and trade activities.

Requirements

1. Application Form with a recently-taken color photo glued to or stapled on.
2. Valid passport (Not expire within 6 months) and a copy of information page.
3. One of following documents:
 - Invitation letter issued by the Chinese business or trade partner.
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 - Business License or Certificate approving the establishment of enterprise which shows the applicant as the enterprise's investor or owner.
4. For application of a multiple entry M: copy of all previous Chinese visas (on one A-4 sized paper) should be attached.

How to Apply

You can submit your application to the consular office of Chinese embassies or consulates by yourself, or ask someone else (such as your friends, relatives) or entrust an agency to do so on your behalf. The power of attorney is not required.

Processing Time

It regularly **takes 4 working days** for processing the application. However, the express service and rush service are also available if you want to pick up your visa earlier. Extra US\$ 30 for the same-day collection; and additional US\$20 for the second or third day collection.

Visa Fees

The fees vary according to your nationality and number of entries. Generally speaking, the fee is higher if the number of entries is more.

Reference:

<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/embassy/visa/business.htm>

Official Passport (Diplomatic, Service or Official Passport Holders)

China has [mutual visa-exemption agreements](#) with some foreign countries, but they are mainly for diplomatic, service or official passport holders and only allow a stay less than 30 days.

The invitation letter from the host organization is requested for immigration.

Foreign country	Passport Categories
Brunei	Diplomatic, service/official passports
Cambodia	Diplomatic, service passports
Indonesia	Diplomatic, service passports
Laos	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports with effective visas for public affairs
Malaysia	Diplomatic, service/official passports
Myanmar	Diplomatic, service/official passports
Singapore	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs
Thailand	Diplomatic, service/official passports
The Philippines	Diplomatic, service/official passports (for temporary visits only) Please double check with the Chinese Embassy
Vietnam	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs

Reference:

<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/embassy/visa/intro2.htm>