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HOW DO I OBTAIN MY TOURIST VISA TO CHINA?

Residents of Northern Ireland who are in possession of an Irish passport may apply in person to the Chinese Embassy in Dublin to provide their fingerprints in order to proceed with their visa application. In the event of refusal to undergo this procedure, the applicant will not be issued a visa.

Residents of Northern Ireland who are in possession of a British passport must apply in person to the UK Chinese Visa Application Service Centre.

*Please note fingerprints are not required for children under 14 years old and adults over 70 years old. Visas will still be required for these applicants. Please contact Chinese Embassy for further details.

Please note the Chinese Visa can be obtained from 3 months prior to arrival date.

OPTION 1: APPLY BY POST TO OUR OFFICIAL PARTNER IN DUBLIN – VISA FIRST

This option is available to Irish passport holders only.

Visa First can process the visa on your behalf. Please see the attached document for further information.

Visa First
Address: 14 St Stephens Green, Dublin 2
Phone: 01 878 3329
Web: www.visafirst.com
Email address: info@visafirst.com

Visa First also operates a walk in service, so you can visit their office directly.

Travel Department will not be held responsible for the loss of or damage to any document sent by post to Visa First. We strongly recommend you use registered post when sending valuable documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact Visa First should you have any queries.

OPTION 2: APPLY IN PERSON AT THE CHINESE APPLICATION SERVICE CENTRE

All British Citizens will be required to travel IN PERSON to either the Chinese Visa Application Centre in London, Edinburgh, Manchester or Belfast to provide their fingerprints in order to proceed with their visa application. In the event of refusal to undergo this procedure, the applicant will not be issued a visa.

Please visit www.visaforchina.org for the most up to date information and visa processing fees.

There are four Chinese Visa Application Service Centres (CVASC) in the UK:

Edinburgh - 2nd Floor, Exchange Tower, 19 Canning Street, City of Edinburgh, EH3 8EG
Tel: 0131 2292519
E-mail: edinburghcentre@visaforchina.org

London – 12 Old Jewry, London EC2R 8DU
Tel 0207 7767888
Email ukcentre@visaforchina.org

Manchester - First Floor, 75 Mosley Street, Manchester, M23HR
Tel 0161 2248672 / 01612361070
Email manchestercentre@visaforchina.org

Belfast - Belfast Visa Centre address: Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment,
Belfast BT7 1GB

Tel 0131 2292519
Email belfastcentre@visaforchina.org

The Belfast centre is only open on a very limited number of dates. The opening dates are displayed at www.visaforchina.org

Please read the 'Step By Step Guidance' for information regarding the visa process; you can access this by clicking the link www.visaforchina.org

You will need the following for your application:

1. Visa Application Form and Electronic Photo: Please enter the 'Quick Access' section from the homepage of www.visaforchina.org, and then select 'New Application Form' to fill in your application form online. The online application form will require you to upload a recent standard photograph with white background. After filling in the application form, please print out the complete form and sign on the 1st and the 8th page. If your electronic photo cannot be uploaded successfully, please submit a recent standard photo when you apply visa in our center.
2. Reservation Form: It is compulsory to make appointment in advance and submit the application to the Visa Centre during the period of time as you appointed online. After completing the application form, please enter 'Quick Access' section and click 'Appointment' to make the appointment. You need to fill in the application form number and choose the time slot to finish appointment booking. You must download and print the Reservation Form and bring the reservation form with you for the visit.
3. Booking Confirmation Invoice from Travel Department.
4. Appropriate hotel booking in China. (provided by Travel Department)
5. Proof of round trip flight. (provided by Travel Department)
6. Completed payment authorisation form
7. Completed declaration form one per person
8. Your passport
9. Photocopy of the first page of passport (with picture)
10. A stamped self-addressed Royal Mail Special Delivery envelope for return delivery

Additional information for completing online visa application form :

- National ID number: N/A.
- Type of Visa: Tourism, Independent Tourist
- Information about your intended trip :
 - City of arrival / departure : Beijing
 - District / County : Chaoyang
- Inviting person or organisation in China :
 - Name : Beijing A & H Travel
 - Relationship to Applicant : N/A
 - Province / State : Beijing
 - City : Beijing
 - District : Chaoyang
 - Postcode : 100102
 - Telephone : 86 10 8476 3712

- Email : summer@ahtravelchina.cn
- Sponsor : N/A

Travel Department accepts no responsibility for changes to procedure, fees and / or documentation required to obtain a tourist visa. The information above is subject to change.

OPTION 3: APPLY IN PERSON AT THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN DUBLIN

This option is available to Irish passport holders only.

Visa Section
Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ireland
118 Merrion Road, Dublin 4

Tel : 01 219 6651 (only available from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Fax : 01 219 6647

Email : chinaemb_ie@mfa.gov.cn

Web : ie.china-embassy.org/eng

In order to obtain a visa to China, you will need to complete an online application form and make an appointment on the online appointment system.

You will need the application ID, in order to book an appointment. Please complete **China Online Visa Application (COVA)**, before booking an appointment: cova.cs.mfa.gov.cn

Please read 'Guidelines for Completing the China Online Visa Application' carefully.

You will need to upload a photograph. Please read photo requirements very carefully.

Once you have answered all questions and uploaded your photograph, you will then need to print the application form, sign and date it.

Additional information for completing online application form :

- National ID number: N/A.
- Type of Visa: Tourism, Independent Tourist
- Information about your intended trip :
 - City of arrival / departure : Beijing
 - District / County : Chaoyang
- Inviting person or organisation in China :
 - Name : Beijing A & H Travel
 - Relationship to Applicant : N/A
 - Province / State : Beijing
 - City : Beijing
 - District : Chaoyang
 - Postcode : 100102
 - Telephone : 86 10 8476 3712
 - Email : summer@ahtravelchina.cn
- Sponsor : N/A

Once online application is completed, please select 'Start to book an appointment'. Alternatively, follow this link avas.cs.mfa.gov.cn

Please read 'Guidelines for Scheduling an Appointment' carefully.

You will need the following documents for your scheduled appointment:

- Printed online application form, signed and dated.
- Booking confirmation invoice from Travel Department
- Your passport (valid for a minimum of 180 days with at least two blank pages)
- Photocopy of the first page of passport (with picture)

Please visit ie.china-embassy.org/eng/ for visa processing fees.

Payment is made on collection of the visa. Payment must be made payable to The Chinese Embassy in Ireland.

- o Bank draft issued by Bank of Ireland or Allied Irish Bank
- o Postal order

Please note:

You must visit the embassy twice (once to drop off the application and once to collect it).

Please note that with introduction of online appointment system, slight delays may occur. Please allow sufficient time for processing prior to departure.

The Chinese Embassy has the right to request the applicant to provide additional supporting documents or to attend the Embassy for an interview.

For those who choose to apply for their visa independently, Travel Department accepts no responsibility for delays caused by incorrect supply of information and/or delays in obtaining sufficient information to process visas with the Chinese Embassy and Chinese Application Service Centre. The responsibility lies solely with the customer to supply the correct information on time to the embassy in order to obtain a valid visa for travel. It is the responsibility of customers who choose to apply for visas independently to familiarise themselves with up to date opening hours of the embassy and periodic closures and any changes in price for individual visa applications. Travel Department accepts no liability for any issues encountered by customers who do not obtain a visa in time for their holiday. Customers may be refused entry into their destination if a complete and correct visa application is not processed in time.