

invitation, you must submit a work permit from the Chinese Ministry of Labour and Social Security or the State Bureau of Foreign Experts. See the Living in China section.

If you are applying for multiple-entry privileges or wish to stay for more than six months, you must also submit a health certificate. At the end of this process, you will be issued a Foreigner Residence Certificate (small green booklet), which is your official identification and proof of your status to legally live and work in China.

Transit Visas

If you are passing through China in transit, you will require a G visa unless you are connecting on a continued international flight within 24 hours and will not leave the airport area. To obtain a G visa, you must provide evidence of your onward trip. This may be a copy of an onward visa or a connecting air ticket to the next country of destination. Transit visas are generally valid for 10 days.

Student Visas

Students must submit an Application Form for International Students issued by the State Education Commission of China, or a notification of admission from a university or college bearing the seal of the State Education Commission. Persons entering China

on a student visa, or X visa, are not permitted to work and must obtain a residence permit from the Public Security Bureau after they arrive. See the Living in China section.

Permanent Residence

D visas, normally valid for 30 days, are issued for permanent residence in China. When submitting your D visa application, you must also submit a permanent residence confirmation form for the municipality or county where you plan to live. The form can be obtained from the Public Security Bureau on application by you or your designated relatives in China.

Within 30 days after your entry to China, you are also required to apply for a Foreigner Residence Certificate from the Public Security Bureau where you live. The validity date on the certificate issued to you is the actual duration of your permitted stay in China. You are required to submit your certificate to the Public Security Bureau where you live on an annual basis. For more information, see the Living in China section.

Travel to Tibet

Special permission is required to visit Tibet. Although the requirements change from time to time, obtaining permission to travel to Tibet is usually easier if you are part of an