

You must also affix a passport-sized photograph to the application form and include a money order or corporate cheque for the required fee. Personal cheques are not accepted. The fee for a single-entry or transit visa is about \$50; multiple-entry visas can cost up to about \$300. Other required documentation depends on the type of visa you are requesting.

Tourist Visas

An "L" visa will be issued to Canadians travelling either on group tours or as individual tourists. If you are participating in a group tour, submit a letter of confirmation of the tour arrangements from a travel agency in China along with your application. If you are travelling as an individual tourist and not as part of an escorted group, submit a copy of your return ticket along with evidence that you have sufficient funds for the trip. Tourist visas are generally valid for three months from the date of issue and for 30 to 60 days after entry into China. It is possible to arrange for longer stays if the visa is obtained in Hong Kong. Visas can be extended in China at Public Security Bureau offices or through China International

Travel Service agents. People entering China on an "L" visa are not permitted to work.

Business and Working Visas

To conduct business in China, you require an "F" visa. To obtain an "F" visa, you need an official invitation from a business counterpart in China or the relevant Chinese authorities. To work in China, you require a "Z" visa. In addition to a letter of invitation, you must submit a work permit from the Chinese Ministry of Labour and Social Security or the State Bureau of Foreign Experts. 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 Permit" (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