

Visa for China

Required documents

Tourist Visa	Details
Original passport + copy	Valid 6 months beyond requested visa validity. 2 free pages
Application form	Online
1 Color passport photo	4.8 x 3.3 cm, Frontal with white background. No scans
Flight reservation	In and outward flight
Hotel reservation	Must cover entire journey, name of the client must be visible
Declaration & Terms and Conditions Form	Must be signed
Non-Swiss: Residence permit	In copy, front & back. G-Permit accepted
Copies of all previous Chinese visas	
For all passports issued after 01.01.2016	Previous passport (original & copy) or personal statement form

Business Visa	Details
Original passport + copy	Valid 6 months beyond requested visa validity. 2 free pages
Application form	Online
1 Color passport photo	4.8 x 3.3 cm, Frontal with white background. No scans
Invitation Letter PU addressed to the Embassy of P.R. China in Switzerland	From the Chinese Government
Invitation from host company	Must content name, passport number and date of birth with company stamp and signature, in Chinese or English
Support letter from Swiss employer	Statement about the reason of urgent visa application
Declaration & Terms and Conditions Form	Must be signed
Non-Swiss: Residence permit	In copy, front & back. G-Permit accepted
Copies of all previous Chinese visas	
For all passports issued after 01.01.2016	Previous passport (original & copy) or personal statement form

Important

Tourists requesting double or multiple entries must provide proof of all intended entries and exits or old visa copies. All applications can be handled in Bern, regardless of the place of residence in Switzerland.

Processing time for visa issuance

Regular procedure	6 working days
Express procedure	3 working days

Validity of visas

Single entry visas are valid for 3 months from the date of issue. One entry is allowed at any time before the last day of validity for a maximum stay of 30 days.

Double & Multiple entry visas are valid for 6 months from the date of issue. Entry is allowed within these 6 months for a maximum stay of 30 days per entry.

Multiple entry visas are valid for 12 months from the date of issue. Entry is allowed within these 12 months for a maximum stay of 30 days per entry.

Only under special circumstances the embassy will issue a visa in which the duration of stay can be over 30 days.

Fingerprints

With the introduction of biometric visas, for which fingerprints are now required, every applicant must appear in person at the Visa Centre. The submission of fingerprints is valid for five years, provided that the application is made with the same passport. CSW can then organize all subsequent visa applications (within the five years).

Note! The embassy does not automatically issue the visa as you requested (e.g. double entry instead of multiple). Also, the embassy can at any time request additional documents.

Please contact us for further questions.