



China Immigration Updates

Attention:

On 17 Jul, the Ministry of Public Security held a press conference in Beijing and announced that the State Immigration Administration will replicate the Immigration Preferential Policies in whole China in order to promote the service for construction of Free Trade Zone.

Affected parties:

Foreign talent, foreign outstanding youth and foreigners who have Chinese citizenship before.

What are the Changes and Immediate Actions?

Effective from 1 Aug 2019, the related 12 Immigration Preferential Policies will be replicated in China in respect of encouraging foreign talent, foreign outstanding youth, and foreign Chinese to invest in China, studying in China, etc. as listed below:

- Foreigners with high-level qualification, outstanding contributions, and specially needed by our country may apply to the Exit-Entry Administration Bureau of the public security authority for permanent residence in China after being recommended by relevant national competent authority, People's Government at provincial level or national administration of key development regions. The foreign spouses and minor children of the above-mentioned persons may submit accompanying application.



- Foreigners working within China, who have been working for 4 consecutive years and have lived for no less than 6 months each year, of which the annual income from wages is not less than six times of the average salary of urban employees in the previous year, of which the annual income tax paid is not less than 20% of the standard annual wages income, may apply to the Exit-Entry Administration Bureau of the public security authority for permanent residence in China. Foreign spouses and minor children can apply together. The foreign spouses and minor children of the above-mentioned persons may submit accompanying application.
- Chinese people with foreign nationality and working within China, who have a doctoral level degree or have worked in key national development regions for 4 consecutive years and actually live for at least 6 months each year, may apply to the Exit-Entry Administration Bureau of the public security authority for permanent residence in China. Foreign spouses and minor children can apply together. The foreign spouses and minor children of the above-mentioned persons may submit accompanying application.
- Foreign experts and scholars invited by key domestic institutions of higher learning, scientific research institutes and well-known enterprises, as well as foreign high-level management and professional and technical personnel recognized by competent talent administration of People's Government at municipal level or above and competent authority of scientific and technological innovation, may apply to the port visa sector of public security authority for entry with port visa. Upon such entry, the applicants may apply for multiple entry visa or residence permits within five years' validity to entry and exit administration of the public security authority, based on letters of certification and other certificates issued by the inviting unit.



- Key foreign talents and members of innovation and entrepreneurship teams introduced in fields and industries of key domestic development, may apply for residence permit within 5 years to entry and exit administration of the public security authority, based on work permit and letter of certifications from employer. Foreign members of innovation and entrepreneurship teams may also apply for residence permit within 5 years of validity based on letter of guarantee from team leaders.
- Foreigners with significant contributions and specially needed by our country may recommend foreign members and scientific research assistants of working teams that they lead and may apply for long-term visa or residence permit within five years of validity to entry and exit administration of the public security authority.
- Foreigners employed by enterprises and institutions within China, who have completely handled work permits, but there is not enough time to leave the country to apply for work visa, may apply for work-type residence permit to Exit-Entry Administration Bureau of the public security authority depending on work permit and other materials. Those, who have handled work-type residence permit for more than one year twice and there is no violation against laws and regulations, and apply for work-type residence permit for a third time, may apply for residence permit with a validity period of 5 years to entry and exit administration of the public security authority as stipulated.



- Foreign high-level talents working in key domestic institutions of higher learning, scientific research institutes and well-known enterprises shall be approved by their employers and part-time employers and shall apply to entry and exit administration of the public security authority for part-time innovation and entrepreneurship. Outstanding international students who have obtained bachelor's degree or above in key domestic colleges and universities, who are engaged in innovation and entrepreneurship activities within China after graduation, may apply for residence permit with a validity period of 2 to 5 years to entry and exit administration of the public security authority depending on university diploma and certification of innovation and entrepreneurship. Foreign students, who graduated from internationally renowned universities and who come to China for innovation and entrepreneurship within two years from graduation, may apply for residence permit within two years of validity to entry and exit administration of the public security authority depending on materials such as academic qualifications/certification of degree. Foreign students invited by well-known domestic enterprises and institutions from overseas universities, who come to China for internships, may apply for one-year visa to engage in internships to entry and exit administration of the public security authority. Foreign students from overseas universities, who implement internships in China under an intergovernmental agreement, may apply for residence permit according to relevant regulations.
- Exploring establishment of immigration service centers (sites) in areas where foreigners are concentrated, and providing policy consultation, residence and travel, legal aid, language and culture, and other convenience services for work and life of foreigners holding residence permit.

For further news in implementing the above mentioned immigration policies effective from 1 Aug 2019, we will inform you in early Aug.



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We strongly suggest you to consultant with Dwellworks Shanghai team in advance case by case in future before we kick off the immigration application. We will advise you on all the details you will need to be paid attention during the application process.

Thank you for your attention and please feel free to contact us if you have any further question.

We remain at your disposal for any questions you may have.