

Simplifying Employee Travel to China

New China / U.S. Visa Program Announced

For companies that apply for Chinese business visas, this new reciprocal visa program will allow both U.S. and Chinese citizens to receive **10 year, multiple entry business and visitor visas**.

OFFICIAL START DATE: **NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

Why should a company apply now for this new 10 year Chinese visa?



Companies will save money on legal and government fees by not having to apply annually for new Chinese visas.



HR professionals will save time by not having to manage and organize the application process for Chinese visas so frequently.



Apply now so that you can **focus on preparing H-1B applications** during cap season.

How does this program benefit the U.S.?

THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

increase and improve trade, investment and business ties between the United States and China by facilitating travel for tourists and people doing business.



As stated by the White House, this new program will act as an incentive for Chinese travelers to visit the United States, potentially creating **440,000 American jobs** and generating **\$85 billion in revenue** by 2021, while making it more appealing for Chinese investors to **invest in the United States economy**.

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How does this program benefit U.S. travelers traveling to China?

PREVIOUSLY:

The longest that a U.S. citizen could get a visa to China for was **1 YEAR.**

NOW:

U.S. business people and tourists can obtain a Chinese visa, valid for **10 YEARS.**



this greatly **reduces the frequency of applying for a new visa**, while **reducing costs** associated with multiple Chinese visa applications.

Other than tourists and business people, who else does this policy impact?

This new visa policy also **increases visa validity** for:

STUDENTS



&



EXCHANGE VISITORS

Chinese students in the United States may receive student visas valid for **up to 5 years** depending on the length of the education program.

Processing times and fee schedule for Chinese Business Visas

CHINESE CONSULATE PROCESSING TIMES	FEE
Standard government application processing fee:	\$140
Regular service:	4 business days
Express service:	\$20 additional fee
Same Day Rush:	\$30 additional fee

Other things to know:

- This agreement **does NOT increase the validity** of visas **that have already been issued**. If you'd like to obtain a 10 year, multiple entry visa for an employee, you should reapply.
- If the passport carrying the 10 year Chinese visa expires before the visa, don't worry, the visa does not expire if the passport is expired, be sure to carry the expired passport with the valid 10 year Chinese visa.
- Government processing fees will remain the same.
- The application process itself has not changed, so for those that have applied previously, it should be very familiar.