

## Checklist for Long-term Private Matter Visa (S1-Visa) Application

Long-term private matter visa (S1-visa) is issued to relatives of foreigners working or studying in China mainland for the purpose of long-term visit, or to those who intend to visit China mainland for other private reasons (intended duration of stay exceeding 180 days).“Relatives” refer to spouses, parents, sons or daughters under the age of 18 years and parents-in-law.

Please provide the following documents, printed document and photocopies should be in letter size.

1		Original passport valid for at least 6 months, with 2 or more blank visa pages.
2		Photocopy of the information page and extension page (if applicable) of the passport.
3		One Visa Application Form completed online and signed by hand. <a href="#">Please visit website to fill out the form and make appointment.</a>
4		A recently-taken within 6 months, colour passport photo (bare-head, full face) against a white background. <a href="#">Visit website to see the requirements.</a>
For family reunion, The following documents are required:	5	A photocopy of the inviting party’s passport and residence permit.
	6	An invitation letter that contains: a) Information of the applicant (incl. full name, gender, date of birth, passport number etc.); b) Information regarding the visit (incl. purpose of visit, intended arrival date, intended place(s) to stay, intended duration of stay, relationship between the applicant and the inviting party, and details of any financial support to be provided during the stay in China); c) Information of the inviting party (incl. name, phone number, address, and signature).
	7	Original and photocopy of certification (marriage certificate, birth certificate or notarized certification of kinship) showing the relationship of family members between the applicants and the inviting parties. "Relatives" refers to spouses, parents, sons or daughters under the age of 18, parents in law.
Accompanying family members applying together with applicants of Z-Visa or X1-Visa need to provide:	5	A photocopy of the application documents of Z-Visa or X1-Visa.
	6	Original and photocopy of certification (marriage certificate, birth certificate or notarized certification of kinship) showing the relationship of family members between applicants and inviting parties.
	7	Invitation letter of duly authorized unit(including the information of accompanying family members) or invitation letter issued by relevant units.

**We kindly remind you that:**

Holders of a S1-Visa must apply for a residence permit from the immigration department of the local public security authority in the place intended to stay within 30 days of entry to China.

Please provide the appropriate additional documents if you are in one of the following situations.

8	If you are applying a visa with a passport other than Canadian, you must provide the original and photocopy of your valid permanent resident card, work permit, study permit, or other legal resident certificate.
9	<p><b>For applicants who previously had Chinese nationality and have obtained foreign citizenship</b></p> <p>If you are applying for a Chinese visa for the first time, please provide the last Chinese passport held and 2 photocopies of its data page together with the data page of the present Canadian passport (the data page of the previous Chinese passport and the data page of the present Canadian passport need to be shown on the same paper); and the Canadian citizenship card(original and photocopy).</p> <p>If you have obtained Chinese visas before and apply for a Chinese visa with a renewed passport that does not contain any Chinese visa, you should present the photocopy of the previous passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate, as well as the previous Chinese visa page (If your name on the current passport differs from that on the previous one, you must provide an official document of name change). If you cannot provide the documents mentioned above, please prepare documents as you apply for the first time.</p>
10	For a child under 18 of Chinese origin, please refer to the additional classification and documentation

If necessary, the consular officer may require the applicant to provide other proof documents or supplementary materials, or require an interview with the applicant. The consular officer will decide on whether or not to issue the visa and on its validity, duration of stay and number of entries in light of specific conditions of the applicant.