

Check list for Short-term Journalist Visa (J2-Visa) Application

Journalist visa (J2-visa) is issued to foreign journalists/media staff on temporary news coverage missions. The intended duration of stay in China mainland is limited to no more than 180 days.

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. Please visit website to fill out the form and make appointment.
4	A recently-taken within 6 months, colour passport photo (bare-head, full face) against a white background. Visit website to see the requirements.
5	An visa notification issued by the information department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and, An official letter issued by the media organization for which the journalist works. Applicants must contact the press section of the Chinese Embassy/Consulate General in their country of residence, or the relevant press authorities in China in advance and complete the required approval formalities.

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

6	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.
7	For applicants who previously had Chinese nationality and have obtained foreign citizenship 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). 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.
8	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.