

## Checklist for Long-term Family Visit Visa (Q1-Visa) Application

Long-term family visit visa (Q1-visa) is issued to those who are family members of Chinese citizens or of foreigners with Chinese permanent residence and intend to go to China mainland for a long-term family reunion, or to those who intend to go to China for the purposes of foster care (intended duration of stay in China exceeding 180 days). "Family members" refers to spouses, parents, sons, daughters, spouses of sons or daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandsons, granddaughters 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>	
<b>For family reunion, the following documents are required:</b>	5	An invitation letter provided by a Chinese citizen or a foreign citizen with a Chinese permanent residence permit to live in China. The invitation letter should contain: 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, details of any financial support to be provided during the stay in China); c) Information of the inviting party (incl. name, contact telephone number, address, signature). The invitation letter may be in the form of fax, photocopy or computer printout, but the consular officer may require the applicant to submit the original of the invitation letter.
	6	Photocopy of Chinese ID or foreign passport and permanent residence permit provided by the inviting parties.
	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 inviting parties. "Family members" refers to spouses, parents, sons, daughters, spouses of sons or daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandsons, granddaughters and parents-in-law.
	8	Proof or explanation for the necessity of residing in China over 180 days.
<b>For foster care, the following documents are required:</b>	5	Original and photocopy of the natural parents' or guardians' passports, as well as the certification (marriage certificate, birth certificate, kinship certificate issued by a Chinese police station, notarized kinship certificate etc.) showing the relationship between parents or guardians and children.
	6	5 Foster entrusted notarization issued by Chinese Embassy/Consulates General or Foster Care Power of Attorney notarized in Canada and authenticated by the Chinese embassy/ Consulates General;
	7	A letter agreeing to foster care issued by the trustee living in China who has agreed to provide foster care services and photocopy of the ID (both sides, II version) of the trustee.
	8	A photocopy of the certificate indicating the parent(s) resided abroad when the child was born, providing that either or both parents of the child are Chinese citizens.

### We kindly remind you that:

Holders of a Q1-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.

9	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.
10	<b>For applicants who previously had Chinese nationality and have obtained foreign citizenship</b> 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.
11	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.