

List of Agreements on Mutual Visa Exemption

Between the People's Republic of China and Foreign Countries

(In alphabetical order of foreign countries)

By 4 April 2012, the People's Republic of China signed agreements with the following foreign countries on mutual visa exemption. Citizens of the People's Republic of China who are holders of valid specified passports of China are usually exempted from visa requirements for a short visit to the following foreign countries.

No.	Foreign Country	Passport Categories Covered by Agreement on Visa Exemption	Date of Entry into Force YYYY.MM.DD	Note
1	Albania	Diplomatic, service/special passports	1956.08.25	
2	Argentina	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1993.08.14	
3	Armenia	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs"	1994.08.03	
4	Azerbaijan	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs	1994.02.10	
		Ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)	1994.05.01	
5	The Bahamas	Diplomatic passports (Visa is required for any visitor who intends to stay for over 30 days in a short visit.)	2009.06.15	
6	Bangladesh	Diplomatic, service/official passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with "For Government Affairs" or "Free of Charge"	1989.12.18	
7	Belarus	Diplomatic, service passports; ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)	1993.03.01	
8	Benin	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports with "public affairs certificate" attached	1993.11.06	
9	Bolivia	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1987.11.15	
		Passports for public affairs	2008.01.18	
10	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs"	1980.01.09	*1

11	Brazil	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2004.08.10	
12	Brunei	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2005.06.18	
13	Bulgaria	Diplomatic, service passports	2012.04.04	
14	Cambodia	Diplomatic, service passports	2006.09.14	
15	Chile	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1986.05.07	
16	Colombia	Diplomatic passports	1987.11.14	
		Service/official passports	1991.11.14	
17	Costa Rica	Diplomatic, service passports	2008.01.15	
18	Croatia	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1995.04.09	
19	Cuba	Diplomatic, service/official passports and passports for public affairs	1988.12.23	
20	Cyprus	Diplomatic, service passports	1991.10.02	
21	D.P.R. Korea	Diplomatic, service passports	1956.10.01	
		Passports for public affairs, collective passports for public affairs	1965.01.01	
22	Ecuador	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1987.07.11	
		Passports for public affairs/special passports	1988.12.25	
23	Egypt	Diplomatic, service/special passports	2007.01.27	
24	Equatorial Guinea	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2006.01.01	
25	Georgia	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs; ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)	1994.02.03	
26	Grenada	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2010.01.17	
27	Guyana	Diplomatic, service/official passports and passports for public affairs	1998.08.19	
28	Hungary	Diplomatic, service passports	1992.05.28	
29	Indonesia	Diplomatic, service passports	2005.11.14	
30	Iran	Diplomatic, service passports	1989.07.12	
31	Jamaica	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1995.06.08	
32	Jordan	Diplomatic, service/special passports	1993.03.11	
33	Kazakhstan	Diplomatic, service passports	1994.02.01	
34	Kyrgyzstan	Diplomatic, service passports	2003.06.14	
35	Laos	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs	1989.11.06	

		and ordinary passports with effective visas for public affairs		
36	Lithuania	Diplomatic, service passport, seafarer's passports (only when entering the contracting country onboard a ship)	1992.09.14	
37	Macedonia	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs"	1994.07.19	
38	Malaysia	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2011.05.18	
39	Maldives	Diplomatic, service passports	1984.11.27	
40	Malta	Diplomatic, service passports	2008.03.06	
41	Mexico	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1998.01.01	
42	Moldova	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs", ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)	1993.01.01	
43	Mongolia	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs	1989.04.30	
44	Montenegro	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs"	1980.01.09	*1
45	Myanmar	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1998.03.05	
46	Nepal	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2006.10.16	
47	Oman	Diplomatic, service/special passports	2010.04.16	
48	Pakistan	Diplomatic, service/official passports	1987.08.16	
		Passports for public affairs	1988.04.30	
49	Peru	Diplomatic, service/special passports	2004.05.12	
50	Poland	Diplomatic, service passports, seafarer's passports, crew member certificates	1992.07.27	
51	Romania	Diplomatic, service passports	1981.09.16	
52	Russia	Ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)	2000.12.01	
		Diplomatic passports, trainmen onboard an international train for public affairs, members of designated regular aircrew, seafarers travelling with seafarer's passports for public affairs	2001.05.25	
53	Samoa	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2011.02.18	
54	San Marino	Diplomatic, service passports and ordinary passports	1985.07.22	
55	Serbia	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs	1980.01.09	*1

		and ordinary passports marked with “For Public Affairs”		
56	Seychelles	Diplomatic, service passports	1992.02.20	
57	Slovakia	Diplomatic, service/special passports	1956.06.01	*2
58	Singapore	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs	2011.04.17	
59	Slovenia	Diplomatic, service passports	1994.07.01	
60	South Africa	Diplomatic passports	2010.11.27	
61	Sudan	Diplomatic, service /special, official passports	1995.10.26	
62	Tajikistan	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs and ordinary passports marked with “For Public Affairs”	1993.06.01	
63	Tanzania	Diplomatic, service passports	2005.07.11	
64	Thailand	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2003.10.18	
65	The Philippines	Diplomatic, service/official passports (for temporary visits only)	2005.02.28	
66	Trinidad and Tobago	Diplomatic, service/official passports	2006.11.23	
67	Tunisia	Diplomatic, service/special passports	2006.09.29	
68	Turkey	Diplomatic, service/special passports and passports for public affairs	1989.12.24	
69	Turkmenistan	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs, ordinary passports marked with “For Public Affairs”; ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)	1993.02.01	
70	Ukraine	Diplomatic, service passports, seafarer's passports	2002.03.31	
71	United Arab Emirates	Diplomatic passports	2012.03.21	
72	Uruguay	Diplomatic, service/official passports held by members of diplomatic or consular missions in the other contracting country	1988.11.07	
		Diplomatic passports	1994.01.01	
73	Uzbekistan	Diplomatic passports	2010.07.09	
74	Venezuela	Diplomatic, service passports	1989.07.13	
75	Vietnam	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs	1992.03.15	

Note:

***1. The agreement signed between China and the former Yugoslavia is applicable.**

***2. The agreement signed between China and the former Czechoslovakia is applicable.**

*** According to the *Detailed Rules of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Facilitation of Legal Travel and Cooperation to Combat Illegal Immigration* effective since 25 October 2007, the contracting parties shall exempt visa requirements for all diplomatic passport holders and some service passport holders.**

*** Exemption of visa requirements does not mean permission to stay and reside in the other contracting country for an indefinite period of time. According to the agreements, holders of valid specified passports are permitted to stay for less than 30 days upon entry into the other contracting country. If a passport holder intends to stay for over 30 days, he or she should go through residence formalities with the local authorities according to relevant regulations as soon as possible.**