

Entry Visa – J-1 Visa & J-2 Visa

Foreign Correspondent Visa (J-1 Visa) or Short-term Foreign Correspondent Visa (J-2 Visa)-J visas are given to journalists or foreign correspondents on assignment. J-1 visas can sponsor family members' residence permits as well. If you plan to join a company job immediately upon arrival, your employer should take care of all visa processing. Most companies issue a short-term Z visa before departing and convert these to a longer work visa and grant a residence permit once in the country. If you are a job seeker, your F or L visa can be extended in Shanghai for a certain period of time until you find a full-time job. At the time of writing, applicants must leave Shanghai and re-enter in order to change an L or F visa to a work Z visa. Most companies will pay for this required trip to Hong Kong for visa processing.

■ According to [Rules Governing the Implementation of the Law of the PRC on the Entry and Exit of Aliens](#):

Article 4 Ordinary visas shall be marked with different Chinese phonetic letters and issued to different aliens according to their stated purposes of visit to China:

(8) Visa J-1 to resident foreign correspondents in China; Visa J-2 to foreign correspondents who make short trip to China on reporting tasks.

Article 6 The supporting papers mentioned in Article 5(3) of these rules refer to the following:

(8) In application for Visas J-1 and J-2, a certificate from the competent department.

Aliens who come to China for permanent residence or for residence of one year and upwards shall, in applying for entry visas, submit for examination health certificates issued by health or medical institutions designated by the governments of the countries of their current residence or those issued by health or medical institutions and certified by notarial organs.

Health certificates are valid for six months from the date of issuance.

■ More info about VISA:

http://www.cbize.com/document/biztool_detail.php?topicid=12

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