

### Arriving in China- fill in registration forms of temporary accommodation

All foreigners are required to register with the local police upon arrival in Shanghai. Simply go to the nearest police station in your neighborhood, present your passport, and report where you are staying and for how long. Once registered, you receive a pink form, which is your temporary residence permit and is needed when applying for a longer-term residence permit. For F or L visa holders, the temporary resident permit is your sole proof of residence. For short stays, your hotel or service apartment will register you without notifying you. You can also ask your landlord about registering-some housing compounds are willing to do it for foreign tenants.

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

**Article 29** For lodging at guest house, hotel, inn, hostel, school or other enterprises and institutions or at government organs or other Chinese organizations, aliens shall present valid passports or residence certificates and fill in registration forms of temporary accommodation. They shall present travel permits when seeking accommodation in areas closed to aliens.

**Article 30** When an alien wishes to lodge at the home a Chinese resident in urban areas, the host or the lodger shall, within 24 hours of the lodger's arrival, report to the local public security organ with the lodger's passport and certificate as well as the host's residence booklet and fill in registration forms of temporary accommodation. In rural areas, the host or lodger shall report to the local police station or residence registration office within 72 hours of the lodger's arrival.

**Article 31** When an alien lodges at a foreign institution in China or at the home of an alien in China, the institution in question or the host or the lodger shall, within 24 hours of the lodger's arrival, report to the local public security organ with the lodger's passport or residence certificate and fill in registration forms of temporary accommodation.

■ More info about VISA:

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