

Overstaying Your Visa

If you don't extend your visa in time and are still in China, you may face stiff fines. For each day you stay past the expiry date, the fee is a minimum ¥500. The maximum fee is ¥5,000 (10 days). Some offenders have been able to negotiate a lower fee or get out of paying all together, but it's not guaranteed. Also keep in mind that visas expire when your passport does, so apply for a new passport well ahead of time.

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

Article 42

Aliens who illegally stay in China in contravention of the provisions of Articles 16, 19 and 20 of the present Rules may be served a warning, fined 500 yuan (RMB) per day for the period of his/her illegal stay in China with the total sum of fine not exceeding 5,000 yuan (RMB), or detained from 3-10 days. Those whose offenses are serious may at the same time be ordered to leave the country within a specified time.

Aliens who violate Article 21 and 22 of the present Rules may be served a warning or fined up to 500 yuan. Those whose offenses are serious may at the same time be ordered to leave the country within a specified time.

Aliens who violate Article 23 of the present Rules and fail to carry out the decision of the public security organs may, while being compelled to carry out the decision, be served a warning or fined from 1,000 to 10,000 yuan. Those whose offenses are serious shall be ordered to leave the country within a specified time.

■ More info :

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

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