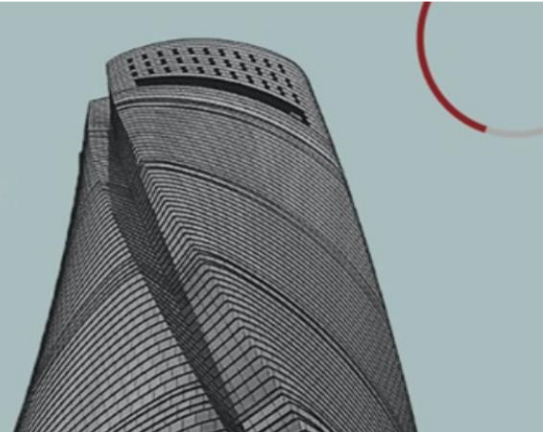


# China Reopens Borders

## Return to China with Our Guided-Entry Visa Solution



### Q&A REPORT

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What is an M visa, and what is an S2 Visa?

An M visa is a single-entry visa for foreigners who intend to go to China for commercial and trade activities. An S2 visa is for foreigners who intend to visit their family members who are foreigners working or studying in China, or for those who intend to go to China for other private matters. The intended duration of stay in China is no more than 180 days.



What are the quarantine rules & COVID tests prior to, and upon, arrival in China? Will travelers know where they will be quarantined before arrival?

Approved travelers, including Chinese nationals and those traveling for short durations to attend essential meetings, should expect to spend 14 days in a quarantine facility. Upon entry into China, an additional nucleic acid test and an antibody test will be administered. Furthermore, if anyone aboard the flight tests positive for COVID-19 on arrival in China, then additional procedures may apply. Travelers will not know in which facility they are to be quarantined.



What if an individual has already been issued with a visa? Is it still valid or is a new application for a visa necessary?

It is still valid but it is retained since 28 March 2020. A new visa issued after 28 March is required if your current visa issued before 28 March.



What are the requirements to be eligible for a visa to China?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and various municipality governments have jointly issued various measures to facilitate the entry into China of essential employees for urgent/ critical business operations, scientific research or humanitarian aid.



### What are some examples of "essential workers"?

The individual must be involved in any urgent or essential project(s) which would be adversely affected due to the individual's inability to travel.



### If I already have an M visa, do I need to get a new one as well as a Letter of Invitation (LOI)? How long is the application process?

Yes, an LOI is required and you need to apply for a new M visa. The application process is four weeks for the LOI and approximately one week for the visa application.



### What is the process for the Singapore-China Fast Lane? Can Newland Chase help clients based in Singapore?

Newland Chase is able to assist residents of Singapore to fly to China visa under the fast track. We can assist with the preparation of documents, secure an appointment at the consulate and file the application on behalf of the client. The fast channel must be applied for before the LOI - in coordination with our team in China, we can secure the LOI.



### When will a US citizen with a multiple entry visa be permitted to return to China?

If the individual has an urgent or critical business operation, they should apply for an LOI issued by the Foreign Affairs Office in China and a new M visa in order to reenter China.



### Can I apply for a Z visa in order to travel to Shanghai?

The Z visa is only issued in very limited circumstances. The most common visa type for essential travelers is the M - Business Visa. The M visa holder is allowed to apply for a work permit and residence permit while staying in Shanghai according to current policy, but the assessment of work eligibility should be carried out beforehand.



### Is China opening its borders to foreigners who do not fall into the essential worker categories?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and various municipality governments have jointly issued various measures to facilitate the entry into China of essential employees for urgent/ critical business operations, scientific research or humanitarian aid.



### What are the required entry requirements and supporting documents from different countries into China for essential travel?

This depends on the country where the visa application will be lodged. Contact your Newland Chase immigration specialist for specific advice, or check with the Chinese embassy where you will apply for your visa.



What rules apply to an individual returning to Shanghai from Singapore after a business trip?

The individual needs to apply for an LOI and a new M visa to reenter China. A 14-day quarantine is required.



If an individual has a valid work permit, but no visa or valid residence permit, can they apply for an LOI under the Essential Worker route and continue with their work permit and residence permit application after arrival in China?

This is permitted in Shanghai, but not in every city. Contact your Newland Chase immigration specialist for specific advice.



Is a work permit application different to a business visa application?

A business visa is the most critical for those who intend to enter China. Watch our webinar on-demand for more information about business visas.

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- A personalized assessment to determine visa eligibility
- Guidance on every step of the visa process, including complex government documents and assistance in obtaining them
- Access to our expert consultant, a single point of contact, who will manage the process from start to finish

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