



## CHINA EASES VISA RULES FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN NATIONALS

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Effective 1 Aug 2019, China's National Immigration Administration (NIA) has 12 new [policies](#) (Chinese) that aim to ease the residency and work permit rules for certain highly skilled foreigners.

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Permanent residence.** Highly skilled foreign nationals will qualify for permanent residence if they:

- Have worked in China for at least four years and resided there for at least six months each year.
- Earn an income of at least six times the average urban salary of local employees and pay at least 20% of their salary in annual personal income tax.
- Have made significant contributions to meet state needs or have skills that are in special demand.

The spouse and minor children of a qualifying employee also will be eligible for permanent residence.

**Long-term work permits.** Foreigners who meet one of the following conditions can apply for a residence permit for up to five years:

- High-level, professional or technical workers with special skills meeting national needs who are invited by key universities, scientific research institutes or well-known enterprises in key fields
- Graduates from key domestic or internationally renowned universities who want to start a business or innovate in China

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- [Announcement](#) (Chinese) (Xinhau News Agency, 17 Jul 2019)

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