

## Notice on Upgrading the Online Review Mode of Chinese Visa Applications

### Dear Applicants:

In order to further improve the efficiency of visa applications and optimize the service process, the Chinese Visa Application Service Center in Macao will cooperate with the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao to launch the online visa review mode. Starting **from March 31, 2025**, all applicants (excluding those applying for visas to Hong Kong, China) are required to fill out the application form and submit the materials online first. Only after the online review is approved can they submit the materials at the Macao Visa Application Center (Applicants for diplomatic, official, and courtesy visas should still submit their applications to the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao).

To ensure the smooth upgrade of the system, **the Macao Visa Application Center plans to conduct a system upgrade on March 28, 2025. After the upgrade, all forms filled out on the existing website will no longer be usable. Therefore, applicants who have already filled out forms on the existing website are requested to submit their materials to the Macao Visa Application Center before 15:00 on March 28, 2025.**

**In addition, during the system upgrade period (from 17:00 on March 27 to 24:00 on March 28), it is recommended that you suspend filling out forms to avoid information loss.**

**After the upgrade to the online review mode via the visa APP, the visa application process is as follows:**

#### **(1) Prepare Visa Application Materials**

Please prepare the relevant visa application materials in advance according to the type of visa you are applying for.

#### **(2) Fill out the "Visa Application Form" Online and Upload the Application Materials**

Please log in to the website of the Chinese Visa Application Service Center (hereinafter referred to as the "Visa Application Center") at [www.visaforchina.cn](http://www.visaforchina.cn), select the Macao Visa Application Center, register and then log in. Fill out the "Visa Application Form" online according to the prompts, upload the application materials and submit them, and wait for the preliminary review to be approved. All applicants (excluding those applying for visas to Hong Kong, China) are required to use this website to fill out the application form online and complete the upload of the application materials.

#### **Special Reminder:**

After submitting the application, the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao or the Chinese Visa Application Service Center in Macao may request you to provide further materials at any time. Please go to the "Application Progress Inquiry" section to keep abreast of the application processing progress in a timely manner. When the application status is "Passport Submission Pending", print the first and last pages of the "Visa Application Form" and sign them.

### **(3) Submit Visa Application Materials and Pay the Fees at the Visa Application Center**

1. If the application status is "Passport Submission Pending" and you have received the confirmation email, the applicant can bring the printed "Visa Application Voucher" and submit the visa application materials, collect biometric information, and pay the fees at the Macao Visa Application Center from 9:00 to 15:00 on working days.
2. The following materials should be submitted at the Macao Visa Application Center:
3. The printed "Visa Application Voucher";
4. The original passport;
5. The first and last pages of the "Visa Application Form" with your signature;
6. One (1) ID photo (taken within the last 6 months, bare-headed, in color against a white background, 1.5 inches in size, and no accessories should be worn);
7. The original materials required in the "Visa Type and Material List" and other relevant materials (such as the Blue Card, Stay Permit Slip, Macao Permanent/Non-permanent Resident Identity Card, Employer's Guarantee Letter, Company Letter, Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Chinese and English versions of the Work Permit Notice, Invitation Letter, etc.).

**Applicants are required to have their ten fingerprints collected at the visa application center.**

**The following visa applicants are exempt from fingerprint collection:**

- ① Persons under 14 years old or over 70 years old;
- ② Persons holding diplomatic passports or meeting the criteria for the issuance of diplomatic, official, and courtesy visas of China;
- ③ Persons who have applied for a visa at the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao or the Chinese Visa Application Service Center in Macao with the same passport within the past five years and have had their fingerprints recorded;
- ④ Persons with all ten fingers or those whose fingerprints cannot be recorded;
- ⑤ From September 2, 2024, to December 31, 2025, the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao will exempt all applicants for short-term visas (with a stay of no more than 180 days) for one or two entries from fingerprint collection.
- ⑥ Since October 16, 2024, foreign Macao residents (If they have had their fingerprints recorded at a Chinese visa-issuing authority abroad and been issued a visa, they may be exempt from fingerprint collection when applying for a visa at the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao).

**The Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs solemnly reminds: Applicants must go in person to have their fingerprints taken. If it is found that someone else poses as the applicant to have their fingerprints taken, the person involved will be refused entry into China and bear the corresponding consequences.**

All fees, including the visa fee and the visa service fee, must be paid when submitting the application materials.

**Special Notice:** The Macao Visa Application Center does not participate in the approval process of Chinese visas; the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao decides whether to issue a visa, what type of visa to issue, and the validity period of the visa according to relevant Chinese laws and regulations. If the visa application is not approved by the Office of the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs in Macao, or is rejected, or the number of entries, validity period, and duration of stay are changed, the visa fee paid will be subject to the actual situation, but the service fee will not be refunded.

#### **(4) Collect the Document**

Please inquire about and collect the document at the Macao Visa Application Center within the corresponding estimated collection time by presenting the receipt issued when you submitted the application.

Special Notice: If the visa officer requests supplementary materials or the application is still under review, the date of collecting your document will be postponed.

Macao Visa Application Center

Date: March 14, 2025