

Benefits of holding a Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit in China

The Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit is a legitimate identification document for foreigners who qualify for permanent residency in China, allowing them to reside within the Chinese territory independently. Individuals holding a Chinese Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit are entitled to the following benefits:

1. In principle, apart from specific rights and obligations that are not allowed by political rights and legal regulations, foreigners holding a Chinese Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit enjoy the same rights and bear the same responsibilities as Chinese citizens.
2. There is no time limit on the residence period in China for individuals holding a Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit. They can enter and exit China's borders with a valid passport and Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit without the need for additional visa procedures. Spouses and direct relatives can apply for corresponding visas, residence permits, or the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit in accordance with relevant regulations.
3. Procedures for personal items for entry and exit will be handled in accordance with Customs regulations for settled travelers.
4. For employment in China, there is no need to apply for a Foreigner's Work Permit. Those meeting the conditions may prioritize obtaining a Foreign Expert Certificate, Certificate for Expert Returning to (Visiting) China, and various local talent residence permits.
5. Individuals may establish foreign-invested enterprises through methods such as technical equity participation or investment and are legally allowed to conduct foreign direct investment in Renminbi within the Chinese territory.

6. When investing in projects or establishing foreign-invested enterprises in China, relevant departments such as the National Development and Reform Commission, Commerce, Industry and Commerce, and Foreign Exchange will simplify approval and approval procedures in accordance with relevant regulations on foreign investment management, aiming to improve efficiency.
7. Individuals are eligible to participate in the assessment for professional and technical positions and examinations for professional and technical qualifications in accordance with the regulations.
8. Dependent children are eligible for compulsory education enrollment. Those meeting the criteria may enjoy relevant policies. The education administrative department in their place of residence will handle enrollment or transfer procedures based on the principle of proximity. No fees beyond those stipulated by the state will be charged.
9. Individuals holding a Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit can use it as a valid identification document to handle various procedures for participating in social insurance. Those employed within China are required to participate in various social insurance programs in accordance with the relevant provisions of the People's Republic of China Social Insurance Law. Residents within China who are not employed but meet the specified conditions in coordinated regions can refer to domestic urban residents participating in basic medical insurance and social pension insurance for urban residents. They are entitled to receive social insurance benefits. For procedures such as the transfer, continuation, or termination of social insurance relationships, social insurance agencies will simplify the process and provide convenience in accordance with relevant regulations.

10. Individuals may, in accordance with regulations such as the Housing Provident Fund Management Regulations, contribute to and use the housing provident fund at their workplace. When leaving the region, they can process the withdrawal or transfer procedures for the housing provident fund as stipulated.

11. Individuals are exempt from the restrictions outlined in the Opinions on Regulating the Access and Management of Foreign Capital in the Real Estate Market, which stipulates that overseas individuals must work or study in the country for more than one year to purchase residential properties for personal use. Instead, they can follow other relevant regulations to purchase residential properties for personal use within the country.

12. Regarding the payment of income tax, individuals are required to fulfill corresponding tax obligations in accordance with China's tax laws and regulations, as well as the provisions of tax treaties.

13. When conducting financial transactions such as banking, insurance, securities, and futures within the country, the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit can be used as an identification document. Holders are entitled to the same rights, obligations, and statistical attributes as Chinese citizens.

14. Income obtained within the country should be legally taxed, and after obtaining the tax certificate for foreign payments issued by the tax authorities, it can be exchanged for foreign currency to remit overseas. The Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit can be used as an identification document to process foreign exchange transactions in accordance with relevant foreign exchange management regulations.

15. When shopping, purchasing park tickets, or engaging in cultural and entertainment activities, business, and travel-related consumption within the country,

individuals holding a Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit are entitled to the same treatment and prices as Chinese citizens.

16. When taking domestic flights in China, relevant boarding procedures can be completed with the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit. For train travel within the country, individuals can purchase train tickets with the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit. When staying in domestic hotels, relevant check-in procedures can be completed with the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit.

17. In the application for a motor vehicle driver's license and the registration of motor vehicles, individuals holding a Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit are entitled to the same treatment as Chinese citizens. For the initial application or exchange of a foreign driver's license for a People's Republic of China Motor Vehicle Driver's License, individuals meeting the application or exchange conditions can, upon presenting the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit, accommodation registration certificate issued by the public security department, proof of physical condition, and passing the required examination, receive the People's Republic of China Motor Vehicle Driver's License issued by the public security agency. When applying for the registration of motor vehicles, individuals can present the Foreigner's Permanent Residence Permit, accommodation registration certificate issued by the public security department, as well as relevant certificates and documents related to the motor vehicle to process the motor vehicle registration with the public security department.

18. Joining or restoring Chinese nationality will involve simplified procedures, with the public security department expediting the process.

19. The interpretation of these measures is jointly conducted by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and the Ministry of Public Security, along with relevant departments.

20. These measures shall take effect from the date of issuance.