

Provisional Rules on the Entry, Exit and Residence of Foreign Nationals,

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Article 1 The entry, exit and residence of foreign nationals (hereinafter referred to as foreigners) within the territory of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as China) shall be governed by these Rules, unless otherwise provided for by laws or regulations.

Article 2 No foreigner may enter the country unless he holds a passport issued by a Chinese embassy or consulate abroad, or an entry permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or an agency designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and inspected, registered and stamped by the inspection station.

Article 3 Foreigners residing in China shall apply to the local public security organ for residence registration and obtain a residence permit.

Regulations concerning the registration of alien residence and the issuance of residence permits shall be separately formulated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central People's Government.

Article 4 Foreigners residing in China must abide by the laws and regulations of the Chinese People's Government.

Article 5 Foreigners residing in China must abide by the household registration management system prescribed by the public security organs of the Chinese People's Government.

Article 6 Foreigners traveling within China must go through travel procedures with the local public security authorities.

Regulations concerning foreign travel shall be separately formulated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central People's Government.

Article 7 Foreigners leaving the country must go through exit procedures with the local public security authorities.

Regulations concerning the exit of foreign nationals shall be separately formulated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central People's Government.

Article 8 Aliens who have any of the following circumstances may be ordered to leave the country:

1. Entering the country without a valid passport.
2. Those who falsely claim to be a licensed person or forge certificates.
3. Those who do not have a residence permit or whose residence permit has expired.
4. Those who have been ordered to be deported.

Article 9 Foreign children under the age of twelve may be noted in the ID column of their parents or guardians when applying for residence, travel, and exit procedures. Those over twelve years old shall be processed as adults.

Article 10 Foreign employees employed by Chinese government agencies, enterprises, schools, and groups shall be handled in accordance with these rules.

Article 11 Stateless nationals shall be handled in accordance with these rules.

Article 12 These rules do not apply to diplomats, consuls, public servants of various countries stationed in China and other persons who, in the opinion of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, are eligible for the same treatment.

Article 13 All implementing regulations concerning the entry, exit and residence of aliens promulgated before the promulgation of these regulations that conflict with these regulations shall be abolished and handled in accordance with these regulations.

Article 14 These rules shall come into force on the date of promulgation by the GAC of the Central People's Government.