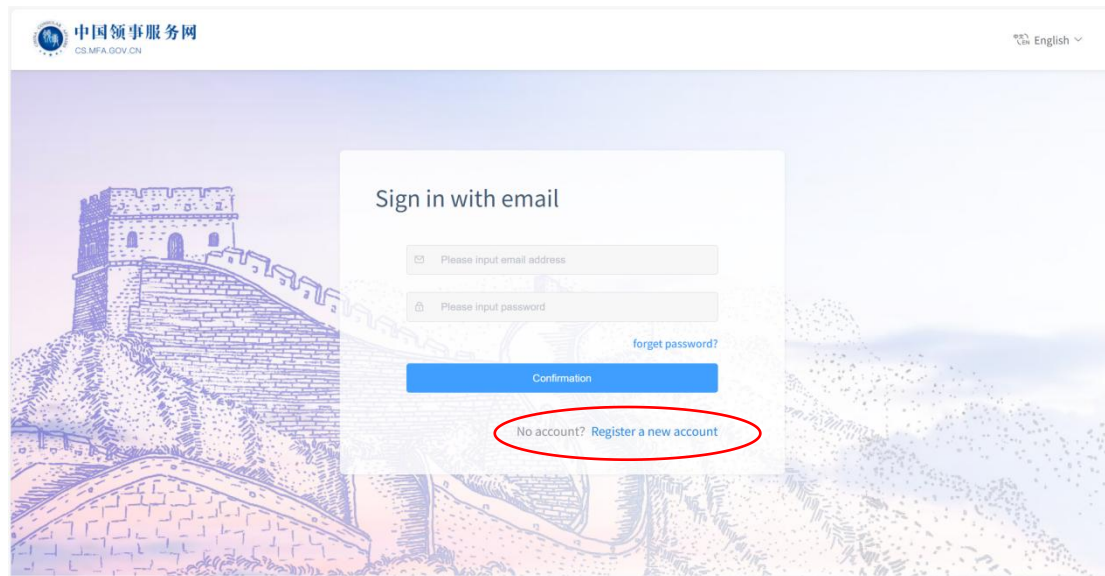


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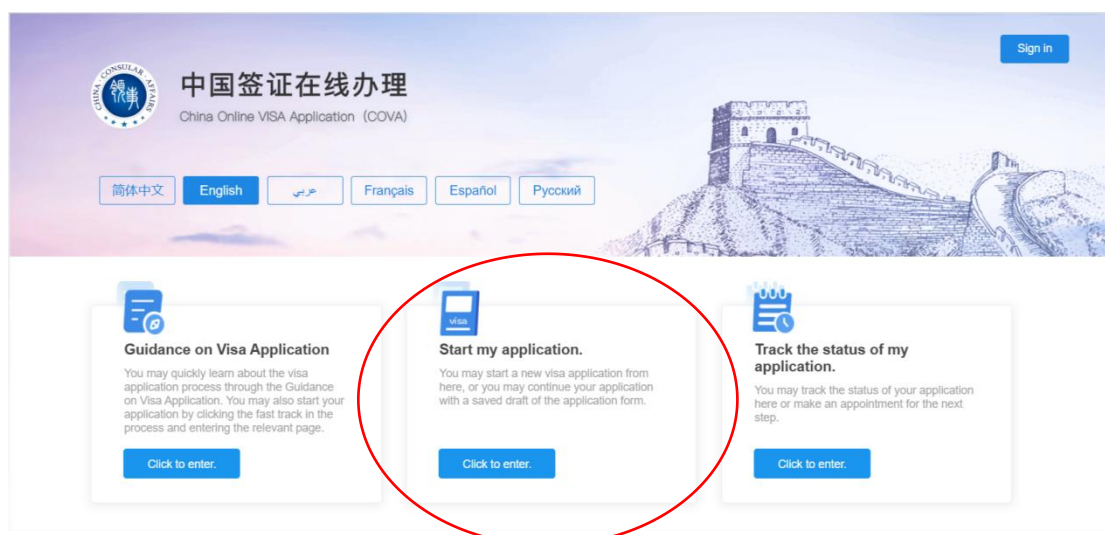
Step 1: Log in <https://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/>. Register an account by using your email address.

(Warm Reminder: Please remember your account password to avoid forgetting and losing your Application data.)



Step 2: Click "Start my application"

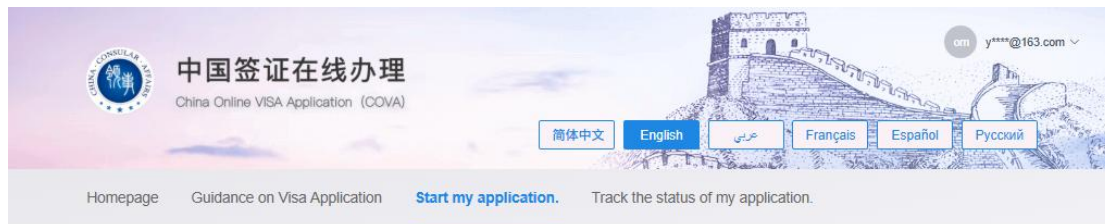
(Warm Reminder: For first-time applicants, you can read the guidance first.)



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Step 3: Select "Asia-Sri Lanka-Colombo" to submit your visa application

(Warm Reminder: Please don't select other places, otherwise your application will be invalidated.)



Select the city for your visa application.

My draft(0)

All **Asia** Africa Europe North America South America Oceania

Select the city where you will submit your application. [Search](#)

Afghanistan KABUL	Argentina BUENOS AIRES	Australia CANBERRA ADELAIDE PERTH MELBOURNE	Albania TIRANA
Austria VIENNA	Algeria ALGER	Angola LUANDA	Andorra Andorra
Antigua and Barbuda ST.JOHN-S	Armenia YEREVAN	Brunei BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN	Bulgaria SOFIA

Reminder

Based on the location you have chosen for your visa application, your application may be automatically redirected to the website of the "China Visa Application Service Center", which will provide visa application services for you.

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Select the city for your visa application. [My draft\(0\)](#)

All **Asia** Africa Europe North America South America Oceania

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ROK (Republic of Korea) GWANGJU JEJU BUSAN SEOUL	Saudi Arabia JEDDAH RIYADH SANAA	Singapore SINGAPORE	Syria DAMASCUS
Sri Lanka COLOMBO	Turkmenistan ASHGABAT	Timor-Leste DILI	Türkiye ANKARA ISTANBUL
Tajikistan DUSHANBE	Thailand PHUKET KHON KAEN CHIANGMAI BANGKOK	UAE (United Arab Emirates) ABU DHABI DUBAI	Uzbekistan TASHKENT

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Step 4: Please read the guidelines carefully before filling out the form, and click "Start filling in the form".

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Guidelines for Filling in the China Online Visa Application (COVA) Form

(*)This website supports the following browsers: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox (version 54.0 and higher), and Safari (version 10.0.1 and higher).

- When filling in the application form, if you want to move to the next or previous page, please click the "Next" or "Previous" button at the bottom of the page, and do not use the forward or backward function of the browser.
- Please fill in each column correctly. The items marked with "*" are mandatory. You have to answer all the mandatory questions on the page before proceeding to the next step. Some of these items have the option of [Not Applicable]. If a question does not apply to you, please tick "Not Applicable" to proceed.
- If you have questions about the items in the COVA, you may click the "Help" button on the upper right corner to get help.
- You may click the [Save] button to save an unfinished form, but the contents can only be kept for 30 days in the system. You can continue to fill in the unfinished form within 30 days by logging in to your account.
- Please make sure the form is correctly completed before you click the "Submit" button. Once the application is submitted, you cannot make any changes.
- After submitting the application, you need to upload the electronic version of the application materials, which should be clear and complete, as required by the relevant Chinese Embassy/Consulate.
- The relevant Chinese Embassy/Consulate may require you to make an appointment for a video interview and subsequently make an appointment for a visit to the Chinese Embassy/Consulate to submit your passport. Please closely follow the status of your application.
- Please fill in the form in **Chinese or English**.
- The system only accepts visa applications for entry dates within the next 90 days. Applications submitted outside of this period will not be processed.**
- Once your application has been approved, please proceed promptly to the visa centre or Embassy or Consulate to complete the visa process, in order to avoid the application becoming invalid.**

Notice: Submitting the COVA Form online does not mean that you will get the visa you have applied for. The final decision on the visa will be made by the Chinese Embassy/Consulate, which may be different from your application.

Instructions for visa applications at the Embassy/Consulate:

中国签证简介及申办须知: http://lk.china-embassy.gov.cn/lsfw/lhqzh/201806/t20180607_1999010.htm
Chinese Visa Instruction for Sri Lanka passport holders: http://lk.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/lsfw/qz/201804/t20180416_1999850.htm

The city you have chosen for your visa application is: **COLOMBO**

Start filling in the form.

Step 5: Fill in the form online

(Warm Reminder: Before upload your photo, please view the photo requirements. Before going to the NEXT page, please save the page you have completed to avoid losing and having to re-enter it.)

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1. Personal information

Please fill in the form in Chinese or English.

1. Personal information

* Upload your photo.

Click to upload.

[View the photo requirements.](#)

* Data page of the passport

* Please upload a screenshot of the data page of your passport.

Click to upload.

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Photo Clipping

Please upload a photo and crop it.

600 x 800

Rotate

Reset

Select again

Finished

Help

Use your mouse to drag the frame so that the image is in the center of the frame. Zoom the image so that the head (from chin to crown) in the image is no bigger than the large oval and no smaller than the small oval, as shown below. The image inside the square frame will be cut out as the result.

Notice:

1. The photo you provide must be large enough to crop out a 354x472 pixel area around the head.
2. Click the "Select Photo" button to select your photo.
3. If necessary, please rotate to turn the head upright.
4. Left-click the frame and drag it so that the image is in the center of the frame.
5. Zoom the image so that the head (from chin to crown) in the image is no bigger than the large oval and no smaller than the small oval.
6. Click the "Save Image" button to save the image inside the frame. A preview of the cropped image will be

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Please fill in the form in Chinese or English.

1. Personal information

* Upload your photo.

Your photo is accepted.
[View the photo requirements.](#)

* Data page of the passport

* Please upload a screenshot of the data page of your passport.

Click to upload.

1.1 Name

Help

1、Personal information

Passport OCR (Optical Character Recognition)

Please confirm that the following passport details are accurate. Please make the necessary amendments if there are any errors.

* Family name

* Given name

* Passport No./ID

* Expiration date

* Date of birth

* Gender ☐ Male ☒ Female

* 1.7C Issuing country/region of the passport/travel document

* Current nationality

Please select.

Confirm the auto-filled passport details on the application form.

* 1.1A Family name (as shown on your passport, if any) ☐ Not applicable

* 1.1B Given name(s) (as shown on your passport, if any) ☐ Not applicable

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* 1.6F Do you have permanent resident status in any other country or region?

☐ Yes ☒ No

* Have you ever had any other nationalities or resident status?

☐ Yes ☒ No

1.7 Passport information

* 1.7A Type of passport/travel document

☒ Ordinary ☐ Service ☐ Diplomatic ☐ Official ☐ Special ☐ Other

* 1.7B Passport/travel document number

* 1.7C Issuing country/region of the passport/travel document

* 1.7D Place of issue

* 1.7E Expiration date(Please make sure your passport will be valid for no less than 6 months.)

Save Next

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(Warm Reminder: Please choose the corresponding visa type according to your actual purpose of visit.)

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2、Type of visa

* 2.1 The type of visa that you are applying for and the main purpose of your visit to China

(M) Commercial and trade activities

Trade activities

Participation in competition(s)

Other commercial activities

Courtesy visas are issued at the discretion of the Chinese authorities.

2.2 Service type

Notice: Express service does not start from the date of submitting the application form, but starts from the date when you submit your passport.

Normal

Express

Express service requires an extra fee and cannot be canceled once you have applied for it. You would not get a refund for the express service fee if the consular officer decides to prolong the review time based on the circumstances of your application.

* 2.3 Visa application information

2.3A Visa validity of your application (months)

6

2.3B Maximum duration of stay of your application (days)

30

2.3C Entries of your application

Single

Double

Multiple

The decision pertaining to the entries, validity, and duration of stay of each visa is made by the Chinese Embassy/Consulate General, and the result may be different from your application.

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3、Work information

* 3.1 Current occupation

Please select.

* 3.2 Work experience in the past five years

* 3.2A Date from

Please enter the year (yyyy).

Please select. (Month)

Date to

Please enter the year (yyyy).

Please select. (Month)

* 3.2B Name of your employer

Please fill in the full name of the employer without abbreviations.

Please enter.

* Address of your employer

Please enter.

* Telephone number of your employer

Please enter.

* 3.2C Supervisor's name

Please enter.

* Supervisor's telephone number

Please enter.

2.2D Position

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Please fill in the form in Chinese or English.

4. Education

* 4.1 Highest diploma/degree ☐ Not applicable

* 4.1A Name of institute of education
Please enter.

* 4.1B Diploma/degree
Please select.

4.1C Major
Please enter.

Add

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5. Family information

* 5.1 Current home address

* 5.1 Current home address
Please enter.

* 5.2 Phone number
Please enter.

* 5.3 Mobile phone number
Please enter.

5.4 Email
Please enter.

5.5 Family members

5.5A Spouse

* Family name ☐ Not applicable
Please enter.

* Given name ☐ Not applicable
Please enter.

* Nationality
Please select.

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* 6.1A Date of arrival The system only accepts visa applications for entry dates within the next 90 days. Applications submitted outside of this period will not be processed.

Please enter the year (yyyy).

Please select. (Month)

Please select. (Day)

6.1B Arrival train/ship/flight No.

Please enter.

* 6.1C The city of your destination

Please select.

* 6.1D City to stay

Please select.

6.1E Address to stay

Please enter.

* 6.1F Date of arrival

Please enter the year (yyyy).

Please select. (Month)

Please select. (Day)

* 6.1G Date of departure

Please enter the year (yyyy).

Please select. (Month)

Please select. (Day)

⊕ Add

* 6.1H Date of departure

Please enter the year (yyyy).

Please select. (Month)

Please select. (Day)

6.1J Departure train/ship/flight No.

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7、Information on previous travel

7.1 Have you ever been to China?

* 7.1A Have you ever been to China?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7.2 Previous Chinese visa

* 7.2A Have you ever gotten a Chinese visa?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7.3 Do you have any valid visas issued by other countries?

* 7.3 Do you have any valid visas issued by other countries?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7.4 Countries you have visited in the past 12 months

* 7.4A Have you traveled to any other country in the past 12 months?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Please fill in the form in Chinese or English.

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* 8.1 Have you ever been refused a Chinese visa or denied entry into China?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.2 Has your Chinese visa ever been canceled?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.3 Have you ever entered China illegally, overstayed, or worked illegally in China?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.4 Do you have any criminal record in China or any other country?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.5 Do you have any serious mental disorders or infectious diseases?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.6 Have you ever visited countries or regions in the past 30 days where there is an epidemic?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.7 Do you have or have you ever been trained to have any special skill in terms of firearms, explosives, or nuclear devices, or in the biological or chemical fields?

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 8.8 Are you serving or have you ever served in the military?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Please fill in the form in Chinese or English.

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* 9.1 The person who fills in the form

☒ Applicant ☐ The person who fills in the application on behalf of the applicant

9.1 To be filled in by the applicant

* 9.1A Declaration

I hereby declare that I have read and understood all contents of this application form and shall bear all legal consequences for the authenticity of the information and application materials I provide.
I understand that the final decision on whether to grant a visa and the visa type, number of entries, validity, and duration of each stay will be determined by the consular officer, and that any false, misleading, or incomplete statement may result in the refusal of a visa for or denial of entry into China.
I understand that express visa service needs to be approved by the consular officer, and an extra fee will be charged.
I understand that, according to Chinese law, even an applicant with a Chinese visa may be denied entry into China.
My visa application will be submitted at COLOMBO (city) to the Chinese visa issuing authorities.
Notice: A parent or guardian should sign on behalf of a minor under the age of 18.

☐ I understand and agree with the above.

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Step 6: Upload materials

(Warm Reminder: Upload materials in formats eg.PDF/JPG etc. If you are not sure what materials you should upload, you can click on the “**See samples**”. Please save the page you have completed to avoid losing and having to re-upload it.)

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3 Please confirm the information entered is correct.

4 Payment

The following materials need to be uploaded:

Please ensure that the uploaded materials are **complete, with clear images and even light**. For samples of the materials, please refer to or download from the website of the Embassy/Consulate.

护照 [See examples](#)
photocopy of the passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate.

有效期为6个月以上，有空白签证页。
Original passport with at least six months of remaining validity and blank visa pages, and a photocopy of the passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate.

+

Click to upload.
护照(Required field)
passport's data page

Please upload.

斯里兰卡有效签证及出入境章，或居留许可 [See examples](#)
Proof of legal stay or residence status (applicable to non-Sri Lankan)

如您不在国籍国申请签证，您需提供在斯里兰卡合法停留、居留、工作、学习的有效证明或有效签证的原件和复印件。
If you are not applying for the visa in the country of your nationality, you must provide the original and photocopy of your valid certificate or visa of stay, residence, employment or student status, or other valid certificates of legal staying of the country where you are currently staying.

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Click to upload.
斯里兰卡有效签证或出入境章 (Optional)
SL valid visa & stamps.

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Click to upload.
斯里兰卡居留许可 (Optional)
SL residence permit

邀请函 (TE)、邀请核实单打印件或复印件，外国专家来华邀请函原件 [See examples](#)
printout or photocopy of "Invitation Letter(TE)"or "Verification Letter of Invitation",or Original "Invitation Letter for Foreign Experts"

邀请函 (TE)、邀请核实单打印件或复印件，外国专家来华邀请函原件
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Click to upload.
邀请函特 (Optional)
Invitation Letter(TE)

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Step 7: Please confirm the information entered is correct

The screenshot shows the COVA interface for Colombo. The progress bar at the top indicates four steps: 1. Fill in the form online (completed), 2. Upload materials (completed), 3. Please confirm the information entered is correct (current step), and 4. Payment. The left sidebar lists 10 categories of information. The main content area is titled '1. Personal information' and includes a 'Photo' section with a placeholder image and a 'Data page of the passport' section with a placeholder image. A 'Modify' link is visible next to the section title.

A confirmation dialog box is displayed with a yellow warning icon. The text reads: 'Are you sure you want to submit your application? You cannot make any changes to the application form after submission.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Confirm' (highlighted with a red circle) and 'Cancel'.

Step 7: Online payment is not supported. Please skip payment and confirm the application submission

The screenshot shows the COVA interface at the 'Payment' step. The progress bar at the top indicates four steps: 1. Fill in the form online (completed), 2. Upload materials (completed), 3. Please confirm the information entered is correct (completed), and 4. Payment (current step). The main content area is titled 'Offline payment OFFLINE PAYMENT' and displays the application form number (2025061188420004990) and the amount due (8955). A red warning message states: 'The payment cannot be refunded once it is successfully made.' Below this, the 'Payment method PAYMENT METHOD' section shows 'Pay at the Embassy/Consulate' as the selected option. Contact information for the Colombo office is provided, including the address, inquiry mailbox, official website, and office hours. At the bottom right, a 'Confirm and submit' button is highlighted with a red circle.

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Step 8: Track the status of your application

(1) If you want to cancel the application, you can click “Cancel application”.

The screenshot shows the COVA interface. On the left is a sidebar with a user profile (s****@163.com), account settings, sign out, and a dedicated service menu (Visa, My application form, My appointment, My draft, My refund, Message center). The main area displays application details for form No. 2025061188420004990, submitted on 2025-06-11 10:17:15. The status is 'Preliminary review in progress'. A red circle highlights the 'Cancel application' button. Other buttons include 'Inquiry' and 'View details'.

(2) “Feedback from the preliminary review”: Please follow closely the status changes of your application and **modify the application form** or **upload supplementary material** according to the preliminary feedback. If you do not handle it in time, it will affect your processing process.

This screenshot shows the 'Preliminary review in progress' status page. A progress bar at the top indicates the current stage: 'Feedback from the preliminary review' (highlighted with a red circle). Other stages include 'To be paid', 'Passport to be submitted', 'Passport to be collected', and 'Finished'. Below the progress bar, the 'Application information' section contains a barcode (highlighted with a red circle) and the application number 2025061188420004990. The application details table below provides further information:

Type of service:	(M) Commercial and trade activities	Embassy/Consulate:	COLOMBO
Application form No.:	2025061188420004990	Amount due:	CNY 8955
Application date:	2025-06-11 10:17:15	Payment method/payment status:	Pay at the Embassy/Consulate./ Skip payment
Applicant name:	[Redacted]	Refund amount:	-

At the bottom, there is a section for 'Information on Materials to Submit to the Embassy/Consulate through Post or Visit' with instructions in Chinese and English.

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Rejected and to be modified

Reply from Embassy/Consulate: 等表格更改信息

To be paid 2025-06-09 15:18:16

Rejected and to be modified

Account settings Sign out

Dedicated service

Visa

My application form

My appointment

My draft

My refund

Message center

Application form No. : 2025060628030001660 Copy Submission time: 2025-06-11 17:09:49

Type of service: (L) Tourism Applicant name: [redacted]

Status of the application form: **Rejected and to be modified**

Description: Reply from Embassy/Consulate: [redacted]

Modify the application form View details

Application form No. : 2025060925870003280 Copy Submission time: 2025-06-09 16:18:01

Type of service: (S1) Family member of a foreigner staying or residing in China or person who needs to stay in China for personal matters (more than 180 days) Applicant name: [redacted]

Status of the application form: **Rejected and to be modified**

Description: Reply from Embassy/Consulate: [redacted]

Modify the application form View details

(3) If the application and supplementary materials you submit still do not meet the requirements, your application will be canceled and you can choose to re-apply.

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Canceled

Your application has been canceled. You can make a new application.

To be paid 2025-06-09 15:15:24

Canceled

Application form No. : 2025060951550003010 Copy Submission time: 2025-06-09 15:15:04

Type of service: (L) Tourism Applicant name: [redacted]

Status of the application form: **Canceled**

Description: Your application has been canceled. You can make a new application.

Re-apply View details

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(4) "Passport to be submitted": when the application status changes to "Passport to be submitted", bring your passports and barcode to the embassy on working days & working hours, no need of appointment.

Please read the "Additional reminders from the embassy" before you come.

The screenshot displays the China Online Visa Application (COVA) system interface. At the top, the header includes the logo and text "中国签证在线办理" (China Online Visa Application - COVA). Below the header, a navigation bar shows "Homepage" and "Personal Centre". The main content area features a status bar with five stages: "To be paid" (green checkmark), "Feedback from the preliminary review" (green checkmark), "Passport to be submitted" (blue circle), "Passport to be collected" (grey circle), and "Finished" (grey circle). The "Passport to be submitted" stage is currently active. Below the status bar, there is a section titled "Application information" which includes a barcode and the application number "2025060628030001660". A red circle highlights the "Passport to be submitted" status in the progress bar. Another red circle highlights a notification box in the top right corner that reads: "Your application has passed the preliminary review. You can submit your passport and previous passports (if have) in person or through a relative or friend. On working days, the office open from 8:30-11:30am, 2:00-5:00pm." Below this notification is a blue button labeled "Additional reminders from the consul".

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Passport to be submitted

Please visit the Embassy/Consulate for your application. Please check the office address and office hours before your visit.

To be paid
2025-06-19 08:04:11

Feedback from the preliminary review
2025-06-19 15:45:15 [View details](#)

Passport to be submitted **Passport to be collected** **Finished**

Application information

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