FAQ for Immigration and Visa Issues

We've constantly checked with Chinese embassy in many different countries and were informed that student visa application hasn't been resumed yet except the one in Korea. We also asked several students to communicate with Chinese embassy, but the answer students got was the same. The University has never stopped communicating with the government to welcome our international students back. If there is any update, we will let you know immediately.

Q: What is the current immigration policy for international students?

A: Chinese student residence permit, even though it may still be valid, is not allowed to enter China at current stage and most Chinese Visa Centres abroad haven't resumed student visa application yet.

In some cases, if you can get a new student visa and successfully book a flight ticket, please get in touch with Global Engagement Office (international@nottingham.edu.cn) as soon as possible. Your arrival information is mandatory for the University to apply for campus entry permit for you according to the directives of the University and local government.

Q: When is the expected date of returning to the campus?

A: We understand how difficult it is for those of you who are overseas and cannot go back to the campus this year. Unfortunately, we are sorry to let you know that the University still hasn't got a firm confirmation from the government on when the travel restriction will be lifted. Over the past few months, we have been working with local, provincial and national governments and making every effort to find a solution to welcome our international students back. However, due to the changing situation of COVID-19 worldwide, it still takes time to get a permission for your returning. We will keep you updated once there is any information from the government.

Q: Could students get a TU/PU letter for applying a quicker entry?

A: Sorry, as we asked with Zhejiang provincial government for many times, TU/PU letter is not available for all international students. It requires for working supporting documents with official working purpose.

Q: For students enrolled in September 2020, how to apply a student visa to enter China when the border reopens?

A: New visa application documents such as JW202 form will be updated for students 2 months before student visa application resumes abroad. The approval procedure is currently paused due to border restrictions.

Q: What if student residence permit expires before border reopens?

A: Please contact Global Engagement Office (international@nottingham.edu.cn) if your student residence permit expires. We will apply visa application documents with the government for you and send it to you by DHL. New visa application documents will be updated for students 2 months before student visa application resumes abroad. The approval procedure is currently paused due to border restrictions.

Q: What is the current quarantine policy?

A: There are "14+7+7" health management measures required for all travelers entering Chinese mainland, which means

- 14 days quarantine in government designated hotel
- +7 days LA hotel isolation
- +7 days daily health monitoring

Please notice that the first 7-day isolation and the second 7-day daily health monitoring will be both at LA hotel, which means you will live at LA hotel for 14 days. Fees of accommodation, meals and COVID-19 tests at LA hotel will be covered by the University.

During the first 7 days, you would not leave the hotel. During the second 7 days, you are required to reduce unessential activities and outings; should not attend meetings, exhibitions, tourism, offline teaching activities, dinner parties and other gathering activities; should not enter theaters, bars, public bathrooms, internet cafes and other indoor confined places; wear a mask and keep social distance at public places.

Q: What will happen to my BoC account if my account expires?

A: If you have any enquiry regarding BoC bank account, please contact <u>StudentFinancialService@nottingham.edu.cn</u>.