

## CHINA

Performers & Crew / Entertainers require a “Z” visa.

- **Z VISA** - COMMERCIAL PERFORMANCE (WORK) VISA / ENTERTAINER WORK VISA
  - Chinese Z-Visa Approval Process takes anywhere between 4-6 weeks
  - SINGLE ENTRY ONLY!!
  - VALID FOR 30 DAYS
  - VISA APPROVAL MUST HAS BAR CODE
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All stage performers should have Z visas. M visas are for casual business, and not suitable for working on a commercial performance.

The only way applicants can apply for Z (work) visas at the consulate is if the Chinese promoters are able to provide work approvals. These work approvals are obtained with the local ministry.

- **M VISA – BUSINESS VISA**

M visas are intended for business purposes only (meetings, touring factories, etc). If an applicant will be traveling for a commercial performance, they should be obtaining a Z (commercial performance work) visa.

### ABOUT the “Z” & “M” VISAS

Reason for Coming to China	Visa Type	Considered Short-term Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sports training at local sports organisation (athletes, coaches)</li><li>• Tasks involving technology, research, management or guidance with a local partner</li><li>• Filming</li><li>• Fashion shows, photo shoots</li><li>• Foreign-related, shows and performances for commercial ends'</li><li>• Additional categories can be added at authorities' discretion</li></ul>	Z visa	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintaining, installing, testing, disassembling, training and guidance for machinery and equipment</li><li>• Guiding, supervising and inspecting a project that has won bidding in China</li><li>• Dispatching personnel to work at branches, subsidiaries or Representative Offices (ROs)</li><li>• Participating in sports events (coaches, athletes, assistants)</li></ul>	M visa	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unpaid or volunteer work paid for by a foreign institution</li><li>• Performances approved by the Culture Department but not marked as 'foreign related show or performance for commercial ends'</li></ul>	F visa	No

CHINA EMBASSY – VISA TYPES DETAILED: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/>