How to read your Chinese Visa?

Note: All visas issued outside of china are just temporary; you are required to leave china regularly, normally every 30 days or 60 days.

1. **Category:** the types of your Chinese Visa.
2. **Enter Before:** You are required to enter into China before the date or your visa will be invalid.
3. **Issue Date:** Chinese Visa issue date (format might be different from MM-DD-YYYY)
4. **Full Name:** Name of Chinese visa holder
5. **Birth Date:** Birth date of passport holder (format might be different from MM-DD-YYYY).
6. **Remarks:** Chinese Visa remarks
7. **Entries:** Number of allowed entries to China (subject to visa validity dates). There are only four kinds of entries: 00=Zero, 01=Single, 02=Double, M=Multiple
8. **Duration of Each Stay:** Maximum duration of stay in China per each entry
9. **Issued AT:** Chinese Consulate that issued a visa
10. **Passport No:** Traveler's passport number
11. **Visa No:**
12. **Machine Readable Area:**
13. **Chinese national emblem:** If your visa was issued outside of Chinese Mainland, there should be a Chinese national emblem. If your visa was issued in Chinese Mainland, there will be no Chinese national emblem.

Entries - Refers to the number of entries the visa holder is permitted to enter China. When all entries permitted are used up, the visa will not be valid any more. When there is still entry unused, but the validity of entry runs out, the visa is not valid either. In either case, the visa holder should apply for another visa before they go to China.

The validity of visa (Enter before)
Before the entries are used up, the visa holder can enter China any day within the validity of the visa. The visa holder is allowed to enter China before 24:00 the day it expires. A single or double entry visa is usually valid for entry within 3 months from the date of issue. The multi-entry visas are of three categories, which are valid for six months, one year and two years respectively.

Duration of each stay
It refers to the longest period of time the visa holder can stay in China from arrival each time and is not related to the validity of visa. If the visa holder needs to stay longer than the duration of stay, he or she should apply for extension of duration to the local Public Security Bureau(PSB) of China in advance.

The duration of each stay on X, Z, D, or J-1 visa is 000 day. Those visa holders should go through the procedure for obtaining residence permit in the local public security bureau of China within 30 days from the date of entry.