Canada:

- As of 1st Jan. 2019, applicants who are aged between 14 to 70 inclusive applying for Chinese visas are required to submit the application in person to get fingerprints and photo taken at the Visa Application Centres.
- The Centre can’t accept any application without an appointment. An on-line appointment must be booked before you come to the Chinese Visa Application Centre to submit your application. The appointment contact information must be same as the applicant's.
- Express service is available from 9:00-12:00. Be sure to book the right time slot if you need express service.
- Documentation needed:
  - Passport - Original passport with at least six months of remaining validity and with at least two blank visa pages, a photocopy of the passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate.
  - Signed Visa Application Form and Photo - One Visa Application Form completed on the computer and signed by hand with a recently-taken colour passport photo (bare-head, full face) against a light background (size: 48mm x 33mm) attached.
    - You may complete an Online Application Form (where a Visa Centre provides such service), print it out and sign it.
    - Please remember to bring the completed form to the Visa Centre to submit your application.
  - Proof of legal status (applicable for those not applying for the visa in their country of citizenship)
  - Photocopy of previous Chinese passports and previous Chinese visas (applicable for those who were Chinese citizens and have obtained foreign citizenship).
  - Documents concerning commercial activity issued by a trade partner in China, or trade fair invitation, etc. The invitation letter should contain:
    - Information of the applicant (incl. full name, gender, date of birth, etc.);
    - Details of the planned visit (incl. purpose of visit, arrival and departure dates, place(s) to be visited, relationship between the applicant and the inviting party, details of any financial support to be provided during the stay in China);
    - Information of the inviting party (incl. name, contact telephone number, address, official stamp, signature of the legal representative or individual).
    - The invitation letter may be in the form of fax, photocopy or computer printout, but the consular officer may require the applicant to submit the original of the invitation letter. An issuer of invitation letter who is an individual in China should also provide a photocopy of his/her Chinese ID.
    - If necessary, the consular officer may require the applicant to provide other proof documents or supplementary materials or require an interview with the applicant.
    - The consular officer will decide on whether or not to issue the visa and on its validity, duration of stay and number of entries in light of specific conditions of the applicant.
- If you have obtained Chinese visas before and apply for a Chinese visa with a renewed passport that does not contain any Chinese visa, you should present the photocopy of the previous passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate, as well as the previous Chinese visa page (If your name on the current passport differs from that on the previous one, you must provide an official document of name change). If you cannot provide the documents mentioned above, please prepare documents as you apply for the first time.
- Processing time and fees:
  - Canadian passport holders: $100 for all visa types
  - Regular service: 4 working days
  - Express service: 2 working days (visa can be picked up on 3rd day) – additional $35 fee