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Foreword

Dear foreign friends,

Welcome to Weihai, a beautiful coastal city.

“It is always a pleasure to greet a friend from afar.” This Service Guide for Foreign Nationals in Weihai (the Guide) is prepared to provide you with the service information required to live, work and study in convenience, peace and contentment in Weihai.

The Guide is compiled in four languages (Chinese, English, Korean and Japanese) , covering practical information on city overview, identification documents and permits, public services, laws and regulations, recreation and entertainment, and emergency rescue as of October 2021.

We hope the Guide can facilitate your work and life in Weihai. We are looking forward to sharing a “Fine City, Happy Weihai” with you.

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City Overview

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I. Brief introduction

With a total area of 5,799.84 km² and a permanent population of about 2.9 million, Weihai is located on the easternmost end of the Shandong Peninsula and surrounded by sea on three sides. Established as a prefecture-level city in 1987, Weihai now administers Huancui District, Wendeng District, Rongcheng City and Rushan City, and has set up Weihai Torch Hi-tech Science Park, Weihai Economic and Technological Development Zone, Weihai International Port Economic and Technological Development District, Weihai Integrated Free Trade Zone and Weihai Nanhai New Area.

A fine city with a pleasant living environment. The beauty of nature, ecology and refinement is evident everywhere in Weihai, a city blessed with four distinct seasons, known for pleasant climate, surrounded by blue waters and embraced by layers of green mountains. As the first National Health City and a National Model Urban Cluster for Environmental Protection in China, Weihai successively won the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award, the China Habitat and Environment



Award and the China Environment Award (the top environmental protection award in the social field), and has been selected as a National Demonstration City for Ecological Development, a National Garden City, a National Model City for Greening and a National Forest City, topping the list of the most livable cities in China. The efforts in accurate planning, attractive design, meticulous development, fine management, targeted services and smart growth accelerate the development of Weihai into a fine city and allow Weihai to be approved as the first National Pilot City for Beautiful City Construction and a National Pilot City for Zero Waste City Construction. Sparing no effort to set a model for rural revitalization in Shandong Province to promote the overall coordinated development between urban and rural areas with 69.2% urbanization of permanent resident population, Weihai has been one of the First Demonstration Cities for China-EU Urbanization Partnership in China and has been selected as a National Comprehensive Pilot City for New-type Urbanization. Weihai, the founder of the China Weihai International Habitat Festival, has been crowned as the “most livable city for human beings” by friends at home and abroad.

A vibrant and open city. With 4 national Class I ports open to foreign countries, Weihai is one of the first open coastal cities in China and an important node city in the Belt and Road Initiative, which vigorously implements the urban internationalization strategy and boosts its development from an open city to an international city. As the closest Chinese city to the South Korea by sea, Weihai opened the first maritime route between China and South Korea in 1990 and served as the first pilot port for coordinated sea-land transportation between China and South Korea. 5 China-South Korea regular passenger-cargo liner routes and 11 China-South Korea and China-Japan container shipment routes promote the “Linkage of Four Ports” between Weihai and Incheon and make up a golden seaway for trade between China and South Korea. As Weihai has been selected as a Demonstration Area for Local Economic Cooperation under China-South Korea Free Trade Area together with Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ), it became the first Chinese city that has been included into free trade agreements. Weihai has been approved as a National Comprehensive Pilot Zone



for Cross-border E-commerce and has been included into the Pilot Program of Innovative Development of Trade in Services for three times in succession. The Weihai Service Trade Industrial Park has been selected as the Best Practice Case of National Pilot Programs.



A thriving city of industries. Upholding the “industry-oriented, project-oriented, and enterprise-oriented” principles, Weihai takes advantage of the significant opportunities brought about by the construction of the Comprehensive Test Area for New and Old Kinetic Energy Conversion in Shandong Province to build a more competitive modern industrial system through accelerating the development of seven industrial clusters, including new generation of information technology, new pharmaceuticals and medical devices, advanced equipment and intelligent manufacturing, carbon fiber and other composite materials, marine organisms and health food, fashion and leisure sports products, and medical tourism. By planning and building ten high-end characteristic industrial parks, such as a carbon fiber industrial park, a medical device and biomedicine industrial park and a electronic information and intelligent manufacturing industrial park, Weihai has developed into an important base for the production of fishing gear, tires, carpets, medical polymer products, dedicated printers and new materials in China. Weihai has been approved to develop as a National Demonstration City for High-quality Development.

A city of ocean with distinctive features. The coastline of Weihai covers a length of 985.9 km, about one-third of that of Shandong Province and one-eighteenth of that of China. Weihai abounds with more than 300 marine





products, such as prawns, sea cucumbers, abalones, shellfish, algae and all kinds of economic fish, and enjoys a good reputation at home and abroad for “Weihai stichopus japonicus”, “Rongcheng kelp”, “Rushan oysters” and other products of geographical indication. As the largest fishery production base in China with over 10,000 fishing vessels of all types (including 361 specialized ocean-going fishing Zvessels), Weihai takes a leading position in ocean-going fishing, rare seafood culture and aquatic product processing in China. Additionally, Weihai has been approved as the first National Demonstration Area for Green Development of Aquaculture and identified as a Pelagic Aquatic Product Processing and Logistics Base and a City Famous for Seafood in China. By virtue of the enhanced strategy of “Five Orientations” (i.e., to make use of the sea area in a scientific way; to revitalize the sea area through technology; to strengthen the sea area by industries; to protect the ecological environment of the sea area; to invigorate the sea area by opening-up policies) and a great effort to strengthen urban development by developing the sea area, Weihai has been approved as a National Pilot City for Marine High-tech Industrial Bases, a National Demonstration City for Innovative Development of Marine Economy, a National Demonstration Zone for Marine Economy Development and a National

Demonstration Zone for Marine Ecological Development. An international marine science and technology city has been developed across the City of Weihai. The completion of 14 national demonstration areas of marine ranching and 21 national demonstration bases of recreational fishery enables Weihai to be rated as the Capital of Recreational Fishery, the Capital of Fishing Tackles, the Capital of Seafood and the Charming City of Recreational Fishery Tourism in China.

An energetic and innovative city. “An innovation chain runs parallel with a thousand-mile coastline.” Along a coastline of nearly 1,000 km, there are campuses of 11 colleges and universities, including Shandong University, Harbin Institute of Technology and Beijing Jiaotong University, and 378 R&D platforms at the provincial level and above, which have contributed to the setting up of a national center for regional innovation, the Weihai Industrial Technology Research Institute (Guo Yonghuai Institute of Advanced Technology), the Comprehensive Research Center of Electronic Information Technology in the MIIT, the Innovation Center for Advanced Medical Devices of Shandong Province, the Weihai Innovation and Entrepreneurship Park of Harbin Institute of Technology and the Weihai Institute of Industrial Technology of Shandong University; the settling down of the Weihai Institute of Ocean Research of Peking University, the Weihai Innovation Institute of Qingdao University, the Weihai Institute for Bionics of Jilin University and other high-end innovation platforms; and the setting up of the “1+4+N” innovation platform system in Weihai. There are 738 high-tech enterprises and 1,721 national technology-based small and medium-sized enterprises in Weihai, with the output value of high-tech industries accounting for 68.69% of that of all industries. As the innovation environment index of Weihai ranks first in Shandong, Weihai has been recognized as one the first National Advanced Cities for Entrepreneurship. Breakthroughs in improving business environment have allowed Weihai to be placed in the top 20 of the Ranking List of Chinese Cities in Terms of Government-Business Relationship and rated as a benchmark city for the building of an international business environment in China.

A well-known tourist city. “A landscape painting stretches along a thousand-



mile coastline.” 185 islands and beautiful beaches scatter along the nearly 1,000-km coastline of Weihai, resembling a long scroll of natural landscape with mountains, sea, bays, beaches, islands and springs echoing with each other. As the first city cluster composed of Excellent Tourist Cities of China, Weihai has been rated as a National Demonstration City for Tourism Standardization. There are 48 tourist attractions at the rating of A and above in Weihai, including 2 National 5A Tourist Attractions (i.e., Liugong Island and Huaxia City) and 12 National 4A Tourist Attractions (e.g., Chengshantou Scenic Area, Tangpo Hot Spring, etc.). Relying on 801 km of sightseeing highways and 200 km of coastal trails, Weihai integrates all tourism resources to build a 1,000-km sightseeing highway for self-driving tour. Weihai also makes a great effort to develop high-quality tourism through building a new business system integrating coastal sightseeing, leisure and recreation, hot springs, and health caring and boosting the popularity of the season-based tourism brand of “initial encounter in spring, intense emotion in summer, strong feeling in autumn, love confession in winter”. As the host city of international sports events, including the ITTF Men’s and Women’s World Cup, the ITU Triathlon World Cup and the Hobie Open Regatta, Weihai will develop into an international city of leisure sports.

At present, aiming at the general goal of “developing Weihai into a fine city” as instructed by General Secretary Xi Jinping under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Weihai focuses on high-quality development, vigorously promotes industrial modernization, urban internationalization, new-type urbanization, green development and modern governance, strives to take a leading role in building a modern and powerful province in the new era, and spares no effort to create a new chapter as a “Fine City, Happy Weihai”.



II. International sister cities

Weihai has developed and maintained sister city relations (friendly relations and cooperation) with 20 cities in 14 countries.

Sister cities

No.	Name	Date
1	Cheltenham, UK	May 21, 1987
2	Ube, Japan	May 18, 1992
3	Biella, Italy	October 28, 1993
4	Santa Barbara, USA	December 1, 1994
5	Yosu, South Korea	February 27, 1995
6	Sochi, Russia	October 18, 1996
7	Timaru, New Zealand	July 30, 1999
8	Sousse, Tunisia	August 24, 2007
9	Nampo, North Korea	July 17, 2012
10	Ghent, Belgium	September 24, 2013

Cities with friendly relations and cooperation with Weihai

No.	Name	Date
1	Bucheon, South Korea	January 7, 2000
2	Hwaseong, South Korea	May 28, 2008
3	Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea	June 15, 2007
4	Brazzaville, Republic of Congo	May 24, 2004
5	Alkmaar, Netherlands	March 24, 2013
6	Gunsan, South Korea	October 29, 2014
7	Mykolaiv, Ukraine	September 13, 2019
8	Suseong-gu, Daegu, South Korea	October 16, 2019
9	Izumisano, Japan	October 16, 2019
10	Miri, Malaysia	November 12, 2021





Visa, Stay
Permit,
Residence
Permit and
Work Permit

Visa, Stay Permit, Residence Permit and Work Permit

I. Extension, reissuance or replacement of visas

Foreigners who need to stay in China for reasons other than diplomatic or official purposes after their entry into China with ordinary visas may, in accordance with relevant regulations, apply to exit-entry departments of public security organs for extension, replacement or reissuance of visas. The applicant shall go through relevant formalities at exit-entry departments of public security organs. In any of the following cases, the inviting entity or individual, relatives of the applicant and relevant professional service agencies may file the application on behalf of the applicant:

- (i) The applicant is under the age of 16 or over the age of 60 or it would unduly inconvenience the applicant due to illness or other reasons;
- (ii) The applicant's current entry is not his or her first entry into China and the applicant has good records of stay or residence in China;
- (iii) The inviting entity or individual has guaranteed to cover the necessary expenses of the applicant incurred in China.



- Application materials:
1. The original valid passport or other international travel documents of the applicant and their photocopies
 2. A completed Visa Application Form
 3. A photograph conforming to relevant requirements
 4. Supporting documents related to purposes of the application



Working hours: Working day: 8:30-12:00; 13:30-17:30

Processing time limit: 7 working days

Fees: ★ Non-reciprocal countries:

Zero-entry and Single-entry Visa – RMB 160 per person

Adding or reducing accompanying persons - RMB 160 per person

Double-entry Visa – RMB 235 per person

Multiple-entry Visa valid for no more than half a year (inclusive) – RMB 425 per person

Multiple-entry Visa valid for no more than one year (inclusive) – RMB 635 per person

★ Reciprocal countries:

Subject to the fees set by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

Processed by: Weihai Public Security Bureau

Address: Service Window No. 7 & 8, Exit-entry Reception Hall, Weihai Public Security Bureau, No. 89, Wenhua Middle Road, Weihai

Tel.: 0631-5192254

II. Stay permit

Where a foreigner who had a visa-free entry into China needs to stay in China longer than the visa-exempt period; where foreign crew members and their accompanying family members need to lead the cities where the ports are located during their stay in China; or in case of other circumstances where foreigners need to apply for stay permits, a stay permit shall be applied for in accordance with relevant regulations.

(i) Application for stay permits

Application materials:

1. The original valid passport or other international travel documents of the applicant and their photocopies
2. A completed Visa Application Form
3. A photograph conforming to relevant requirements
4. Supporting documents related to purposes of the application

Working hours: Working day: 8:30-12:00; 13:30-17:30

Processing time limit: 7 working days

Fees: RMB 160 per person

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(ii) Replacement or reissuance of stay permits

1.A foreigner holding a stay permit who, due to objective reasons, is unable to leave China within the period of validity of the stay permit may apply for replacement of the stay permit.

2.A foreigner whose stay permit is lost, damaged, destroyed, stolen or robbed may apply for reissuance of a stay permit for the appropriate period.

III. Residence permit

Foreigners whose visas indicate that they need to apply for a residence permit upon entry, who meet relevant national regulations on professionals and investors or who need to change a stay permit to a residence permit due to humanitarian reasons and other reasonable reasons may apply for a residence permit.

(i) Application for residence permits

(ii) Extension or replacement of residence permits

(iii) Reissuance of residence permits

Application materials:

1. The original valid passport or other international travel documents of the applicant and their photocopies
2. A completed Visa Application Form
3. A photograph conforming to relevant requirements
4. Supporting documents related to purposes of the application

Working hours: Working day: 8:30-12:00; 13:30-17:30



Processing time limit: 15 working days

Fees: A residence permit valid for no more than a year – RMB 400 per person

A residence permit valid for more than a year (inclusive) and up to three years – RMB 800 per person

A residence permit valid for more than three years (inclusive) and up to five years (inclusive) – RMB 1,000 per person

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IV. Work permit

Foreigners who work in China shall obtain work permits and work-type residence permits in accordance with relevant regulations. No entities or individuals shall employ foreigners who have no work permits or work-type residence permits.

(i) Essential criteria for employers

1. Be legally established, without record of severe illegal behaviors or lack of credit; employ foreigners for specialized posts that comply with national regulations, when no suitable Chinese candidates are available; pay foreigners at no less than local minimum wage standard;
2. Obtain approval if pre-approval from competent authorities of the industry is needed according to laws and regulations.

(ii) Essential criteria for applicants

1. Be aged over 18, in good health; have no criminal record; have a definite employer in China; have the necessary professional skills and knowledge;
2. Must apply for positions that are much needed in China and facilitate China's economic development;
3. Comply with laws or regulations about foreigners' work in China.

★ High-end foreign talents (Category A)

High-end foreign talents are scientists, top technological talents,

international entrepreneurs and special talents who are top-notch and needed by the market and whose achievements will contribute to China's economic and social development. This category also includes talents who score enough points on the work permit point table for high-end foreign talents. High-end foreign talents are free from restrictions on age, educational background and working experience. See the Classification Standards for Foreigners to Work in China (Trial Version) for details.

★ Foreign professionals (Category B)

Foreign professionals are foreigners who meet the requirements of the Catalogue of Guidance for Foreigners Working in China and certain jobs and who are urgently needed for China's economic and social development. Talents of this category shall hold a bachelor's degree or above, have more than two years (inclusive) of relevant working experience and are aged under 60. Restrictions on age, educational background and working experience can be eased for innovative and entrepreneurial talents, skilled professionals, outstanding foreign graduates and professionals who score enough points on the work permit point table for foreign professionals and who come to China to execute intergovernmental treaties or agreements. See the Classification Standards for Foreigners to Work in China (Trial Version) for details. Other relevant national regulations on professionals and government project staff shall be complied with.

★ Other foreigners (Category C)

Other foreigners are foreign nationals who meet the needs of the domestic labor market and the requirements of relevant policies. See the Classification Standards for Foreigners to Work in China (Trial Version) for details.

(iii) Application for work permits (for a working period of more than 90 days)

1. Application for Notification Letter of Foreigner's Work Permit of the People's Republic of China

- Application materials:
1. Application Form for Foreigner's Work Permit (1 original or photocopy in hard copy/digital form)
 2. The proof of working experience (1 original in hard copy/digital form)



3. The certificate of the highest degree or relevant approval documents; occupational qualification certificates (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 4. The certificate of no criminal record (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 5. The certificate of physical examination (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 6. The employment contract or certificate (including a dispatch letter from a multinational) (1 original or photocopy in hard copy/digital form)
 7. The passport or other international travel documents of the applicant (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 8. A bareheaded and full-faced photograph of the applicant taken within six months (1 original in digital form)
 9. Supporting documents related to accompanying family member(s) (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
2. Application for Foreigner's Work Permit of the People's Republic of China
- Application materials:
1. Z Visa, R Visa or valid residence permit of the applicant (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 2. The employment contract (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 3. The certificate of physical examination (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
- (iv) Application for extension of Foreigner's Work Permit
- Application materials:
1. Application Form for Extension of Foreigner's Work Permit (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 2. The employment contract or certificate (1 original in hard copy/digital form)
 3. The visa or valid residence permit (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

4. The Foreigner's Work Permit (1 original permit)

(v) Application for alteration of Foreigner's Work Permit

Where the personal information (e.g., name, passport number, job or talent category) or other information of the applicant is altered, an application shall be submitted to the permit-issuing authority within 10 working days from the date of alteration.

Application materials: 1. Application Form for Alteration of Foreigner's Work Permit (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

2. Supporting documents related to purposes of the application (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

(vi) Application for cancellation of Foreigner's Work Permit

Application materials: 1. Application Form for Cancellation of Foreigner's Work Permit (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

2. Supporting documents related to the termination of employment or contracts, or other reasons for cancellation (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

(vii) Application for reissuance of Foreigner's Work Permit

Application materials: 1. Application Form for Reissuance of Foreigner's Work Permit (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

2. The statement on the lost or damaged work permit (1 original in hard copy/digital form)

Working hours: Working day: 8:30-12:00; 13:30-17:00

Procedures: 1. (<http://fwp.safea.gov.cn/>) The employer or the entrusted professional service agency logs in to the Service System for Foreigners Working in China (<http://fwp.safea.gov.cn/>) to submit an application online;

2. Pre-examination will be conducted for the application.

3. The original application materials will be checked after the pre-examination, and a Foreigner's Work Permit will be issued after the materials have been checked to be correct.

Processing time limit: 4 working days (instant service for high-end foreign



talents)

Fees: Free of charge

Processed by: Foreign Expert Service Office of Weihai Administrative Approval Service Bureau

Address: Integrated Social Affair Service Window No. 3-4, 2/F, Weihai Administrative Approval Service Bureau (No. 86, Wenhua Middle Road, Weihai)

Tel.: 0631-5897030





Public Services

Public Services

I. Government services

(i) Weihai Government Service Center

Weihai Government Service Center is located at No. 86, Wenhua Middle Road, Weihai City. The center is composed of 3 functional areas (an integrated service area for market access, an integrated service area for investment and construction and an integrated service area for social affairs) 8 sub-centers for vehicle management, exit and entry, real estate, housing provident fund, social security, medical insurance, human resources and notarization respectively. 32 departments and authorities and 8 public service providers (including suppliers of water, electricity, heating, gas, broadcasting and TV services, etc.) have set up service windows in the center to provide 1,122 government services and public services.

List of government service centers in Weihai

Name	Address	Tel.
Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Huancui District	No. 59, Wenhua Middle Road, Weihai	5180072
Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Wendeng District	No. 80, Century Avenue, Wendeng District	8474666
Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Rongcheng City	No. 59, Yuehu Road, Rongcheng City, Weihai	7586156
Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Rushan City	Citizen Service Center, No. 108-7, Shenzhen Road, Rushan City	6660308
Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Weihai Torch High-tech Industrial Development Zone	No.1, Fushun Road, Weihai Torch High-tech Industrial Development Zone	5625417
Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Weihai Economic and Technological Development Zone	Government Service Center, No. 66, Qilu Avenue, Weihai Economic and Technological Development Zone	5988690

Administrative Approval Service Bureau of Weihai International Port Economic and Technological Development District	Government Service Center, No. 15-1, Jiangsu East Road, Weihai International Port Economic and Technological Development District	5551102
Approval Service Bureau of Weihai Nanhai New Area	Government Service Center, No. 47, Xiandai Road, Weihai Nanhai New Area, Weihai	8850269

Website: Weihai Government Services: <http://whzfwf.sd.gov.cn/wh/public/index>

Address: No. 86, Wenhua Middle Road, Weihai

Tel.: 0631-5897165

(ii) Government service hotline 6012349

Founded in August 2021, Weihai Cloudwise Elderly Care and Government Service Center is a 5A Social Organization consisted of four work stations (in Wendeng, Yatou, Rushan and Shidao respectively) and a credit-based elderly care center. It is also the first city-wide integrated government service call platform that provides home-based elderly care services and government services for all residents in urban and rural areas of Weihai City. By calling the hotline at 6012349, residents with enquiries about daily life can access to the answers given by the center based on the first consultant accountability system and those with demands for services can access to the door-to-door services provided by appropriate service agencies that are selected by the center on the principle of business suitability, proximity and high-quality enterprises preferred.

