

I General Principle

Non-residents of the Macao Special Administrative Region are required to possess a valid passport and "entry permit" or "visa" for entry to Macao, except for people prescribed by certain law, administrative regulation or international law document.

II Immigration Control

The Immigration Department of the Macao Special Administrative Region keeps a record of the entry and departure of non-local residents on computer, as well as on their passport, travel document or other appropriate document, indicating the limit of stay granted in accordance with Administrative Regulation No.5/2003.

III Transfer and Transit

The transfer or transit of visitors who has no record made at any border and is not issued any "entry permit" at the Macao International Airport, at any immigration checkpoint, or during escort from one immigration checkpoint to another by the authorities is not considered as entry to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

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IV Border Checkpoints

Contacts Means of Different Border Checkpoints	Address:	Tel:	Fax:	Office Hours
Subdivision at Border Gate Checkpoint	Praça das Portas do Cerco, Macau	(853) 8980 0321	(853) 8980 0323	06:00 - 01:00 (next day)
Subdivision at Hong Kong-Macao Ferry Terminal Checkpoint	Largo do Terminal Marítimo, Terminal Marítimo do Porto Exterior, Macau	(853) 8798 5327	(853) 8798 5304	24 hours
Subdivision at Macao International Airport Checkpoint	Avenida de Wai Long, Aeroporto Internacional de Macau, Taipa, Macau	(853) 8898 1317	(853) 2886 1162	24 hours
Subdivision at Cotai Checkpoint	Estrada Flor de Lótus, Posto Fronteiriço de Cotai, Taipa, Macau	(853) 8898 9617	(853) 2887 0163	08H00 – 20H00 (cargos) 24 hours (passengers)
Subdivision at Taipa Ferry Terminal Checkpoint	Estrada de Pac On, Taipa, Macau	(853) 8898 1501	(853) 8898 1510	24 hours
Subdivision at Interior Ferry Terminal Checkpoint	Rua das Lorchas, Macau	(853) 2893 9434	(853) 2893 9403	08H00 - 16H30
Subdivision at Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone Checkpoint Note: Access with special permit for the zone	Avenida de Parque Industrial, Macau	(853) 2827 1327	(853) 8799 3330	00:00 - 07:00 (for mainland workers, students and Macao residents; no vehicles allowed) 24 hours (for pass holders)

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V Documents for Entry to and Departure from Macao

(For details of the requirements to enter the Macao SAR, please see [Section VI](#))

The following non-residents are entitled to enter and depart from the Macao Special Administrative Region if they possess the documents listed below:

1. A valid passport;
2. A One-way or Two-way Exit Permit or other travel documents issued by the authorities of the People's Republic of China;
3. A Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or Re-entry Permit;
4. A Seaman's Identity Book issued by countries having ratified in the International Labour Organization Convention 108 of 13 May 1958;
5. A License or Crew Certificate (subject to travelling on duty only) issued under Annex 1 and 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944;
6. A travel document issued in accordance with Article 28 of the "Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees" of 28 July 1951, which was amended in the protocol of 31 January 1967;
7. Other documents as prescribed by law or international treaties which are applicable to the Macao Special Administrative Region;
8. Other valid travel documents;
9. Nationals or citizens of countries or territories which have reached an agreement with the Macao SAR on passport-free entry to and departure from the Macao Special Administrative Region.

【 Note:

- (1) Holders of a valid "Non-Resident Worker's Permit" or "Special Stay Permit" of Macao are required to present the Permit as well when entering or departing from Macao;
- (2) Except for the holders of documents listed in Point 6, all other document holders mentioned above in Part V are admissible to the Macao Special Administrative Region only on the condition that their document allows them to enter or re-enter any country or region;
- (3) "One-way Exit Permit" holders and individuals who possess a travel document valid only for entering or returning to the Macao Special Administrative Region and preliminarily have their permanent residence status verified or declare possession of Residence Authorization are exempted from the requirement in (2);
- (4) Under exceptional circumstances where proper reasons are given, other individuals can also be exempted from the requirement in (2);
- (5) In cases specified in (3) and (4), individuals who intend to enter the Macao Special Administrative Region are required to possess prior permit or authorization granted for the purpose of entering the SAR, but One-way Exit Permit holders are not included. 】

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VI Entry Requirements

1. The validity of the passport or travel document and entry or re-entry permit of other countries (or regions) upon the arrival of the visitor should meet the requirement stated in Term 1, Article 9 of Law No.5/2003 (i.e. The maximum limit of stay in the Macao Special Administrative Region granted to all individuals is restricted to 30 days before the expiry date of their passport or travel document and their entry or re-entry permit);

【 Note: The above requirement is not applicable to mainland residents who possess permits issued by the authorities of the People's Republic of China, and exceptionally not applicable to individuals who intend to stay temporarily in Macao for proceeding to another destination and guarantee to have the authorization to enter or re-enter any country or region. 】

2. "Two-way Exit Permit" holders are required to possess a valid "exit endorsement";
3. Visitors are required to possess a valid onward or return ticket unless they can prove that they reside on the Mainland of China or in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The exemption is not applicable to Chinese passport or Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passport holders who transit Macao to a third country or region;
4. Visitors are required to prove that they possess the vital resources of a minimum of MOP5000 for their expected period of stay in Macao;
5. Visitors who are not exempted from a visa and entry permit are required to:
 - i. Apply for an ["Entry Permit" \(aka "Visa-upon-arrival"\)](#) at any of the border checkpoints of the Immigration Department of the Public Security Police upon arrival at Macao 【 Note: Starting from 1 July 2010, visitors from Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and

Vietnam are required to apply for a Macao visa in advance through a Chinese embassy or consulate. For details, please see ["Application for Macao Visa through Chinese Embassy or Consulate" \]](#) ; or

- ii. Apply, by a representative, to the Immigration Department in advance for ["Authorization to Enter and Stay"](#) 【 Note: Refer to the ["Authorization to Enter and Stay"](#) Section for details 】 ; or
 - iii. [Apply for a "visa" of the Macao Special Administrative Region in advance through a Chinese embassy or consulate \(visa sample\).](#)
6. Application for an "Entry Permit" (aka "Visa-upon-arrival")
- A. Individuals who intend to enter the Macao Special Administrative Region but have not applied in advance to any Chinese embassy, consulate or diplomatic mission for a "visa" or the Macao Immigration Department for "Authorization to Enter and Stay" can apply for an "Entry Permit" (aka "Visa-upon-arrival") at the "Visa Room" of the border checkpoint when arriving at Macao. They will be granted "Authorization to Stay" for a maximum of 30 days once the application is approved.

B. Fees

Type	Fee
Individual	MOP100
Family Passport	MOP200
Children under the age of 12	MOP50
Groups comprised of at least 10 people organized by a single travel manager and presenting a collective travel document	MOP50 per head

- C. Individuals who have paid the fee for an "Entry Permit" can enjoy multiple entries within the limit of stay granted (a maximum of 30 days) without making further payments.

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VII "Visa" and "Entry Permit" Exemption

1. Nationals of the following countries are exempted in accordance with the written instruction of the Chief Executive:

Albania	Indonesia	Philippines
Andorra	Ireland	Poland
Australia	Israel	Portugal
Austria	Italy	Republic of Armenia
Belgium	Japan	Republic of Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kingdom of Morocco	Republic of Ecuador
Brazil	Kiribati	Romania
Brunei	Korea (Republic of)	Russia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Samoa
Canada	Lebanon	San Marino
Cape Verde	Liechtenstein	Serbia
Chile	Lithuania	Seychelles
Croatia	Luxembourg	Singapore
Cyprus	Macedonia	Slovakia
Czech	Malaysia	Slovenia
Denmark	Mali	South Africa
Dominica	Malta	Spain
Egypt	Mauritius	Sweden
Estonia	Mexico	Switzerland

Finland	Moldova	Tanzania
France	Monaco	Thailand
Germany	Mongolia	Turkey
Greece	Montenegro	U.S.A.
Grenada	Namibia	United Kingdom
Hungary	Netherlands	Uruguay
Iceland	New Zealand	
India	Norway	

-(a total of 79 countries)-

2. Individuals specified in international treaties;
3. Holders of a "One-way Exit Permit", "Two-way Exit Permit", passport or other travel document issued by the authorities of the People's Republic of China;
4. Holders of a Hong Kong Identity Card, Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or Re-entry Permit;
5. Chinese in possession of a valid document for entering and departing from Macao;
6. Individuals in possession of a travel document valid only for entering or returning to the Macao Special Administrative Region and preliminarily have their permanent residence status verified or declare possession of Residence Authorization;
7. Holders of a Seaman's Identity Book issued by countries having ratified in the International Labour Organization Convention 108 of 13 May 1958;
8. Holders of a License or Crew Certificate (subject to travelling on duty only) issued under Annex 1 and 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944;
9. Nationals and residents of the countries and regions which have reached an agreement with the Macao Special Administrative Region on passport-free entry to and departure from Macao;
10. Holders of a diplomatic or consular identity card issued by the Macao or Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government;
11. Transit visitors who intend to enter the Macao Special Administrative Region for less than 48 hours for the purpose of travelling onward to another destination via the Macao International Airport;
12. Holders of a diplomatic passport;
13. Holders of a "Laissez-Passer" issued by the United Nations, provided they are travelling on duty;
14. Non-Portuguese in possession of a travel document issued by the Portuguese authorities;
15. Holders of a valid "Non-resident Worker's Permit" or "Special Stay Permit";
16. Individuals entering Macao before the expiry date of the "Temporary Authorization to Stay for Non-resident Workers" which is granted while pending the "Non-resident Worker's Identification Card";
17. Individuals entering Macao before the expiry date of the "Special Authorization to Stay" which is granted for study purpose or to the reuniting family of a non-resident worker;
18. Individuals entering Macao not later than the designated reporting date indicated on the "receipt" of the "Special Authorization to Stay" application or extension which is made for study purpose;
19. Individuals entering Macao before the expiry date of the "Extension of Stay" which is granted in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of Administrative Regulation No.5/2003;
20. Individuals who have proof of having been granted Residence Authorization of the Macao Special Administrative Region;
21. Individuals entering Macao before the expiry date of the "Special Authorization to Stay" which is granted for the purpose of residence application;
22. Individuals granted "Visa" and "Entry Permit" exemption by the Chief Executive;
23. Under exceptional circumstances where proper reasons are given, individuals not meeting the legal requirements for entry or stay but granted Authorization to Enter and Stay in the Macao Special Administrative Region through the written instruction of the Chief Executive.

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VIII Limit of Stay Granted upon Arrival

A. General Regulation

1. The maximum limit of stay in the Macao Special Administrative Region is restricted to 30 days before the expiry date of the passport or travel document and the entry or re-entry permit.
 2. The above regulation is not applicable to mainland residents who possess permits issued by the authorities of the People's Republic of China, and exceptionally not applicable to individuals who intend to stay temporarily in Macao for proceeding to another destination and guarantee to have be admissible or re-admissible to any country or region.
- B. Limit of Stay
1. Individuals who are not exempted from a "Visa" or "Entry Permit" will be granted Authorization to Stay for a maximum of 30 days upon arrival with a "Visa", "Entry Permit" or "Authorization to Enter and Stay". They can enjoy multiple entries within the 30 days without applying for another "Visa", "Entry Permit" or "Authorization to Enter and Stay".
 2. Individuals exempted from a "Visa" or "Entry Permit":

Types of People	Limit of Stay
1. Holders of a valid passport or travel document	A maximum of 30 days
2. -- Holders of a passport issued by a European Union or Schengen Agreement member state (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland) -- Holders of a passport issued by Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Croatia, Dominica, Egypt, Grenada, Japan, Kingdom of Morocco, Korea (Republic of), Macedonia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Republic of Armenia, Serbia, Tanzania, Uruguay.	A maximum of 90 days
3. Holders of a passport issued by Brunei.	A maximum of 14 days
4. Holders of a passport issued by Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon, New Zealand.	A maximum of 3 months
5. British citizens holding a British passport	A maximum of 6 months
6. Holders of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or a Re-entry Permit	A maximum of 1 year
7. Holders of a diplomatic passport, "Laissez Passer" issued by the United Nations, "diplomatic or consular identity card" issued by the Macao Special Administrative Region	No limit
8. Holders of a Seaman's Identity Book issued by countries having ratified in the International Labour Organization Convention 108 of 13 May 1958	The period the ship is berthed at a harbour in Macao
9. Holders of a License or Crew Certificate issued under Annex 1 and 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944	During the interval of service of the flight
10. Nationals and residents holding a passport issued by countries and regions which have reached a mutual visa-free agreement with the Macao Special Administrative Region	Not longer than the period stated in the agreement
11. Holders of a "Two-way Exit Permit" issued by the authorities of the People's Republic of China with a valid "Exit Endorsement to Macao" ⁽¹⁾	The period indicated in the endorsement, but not more than 90 days
12. Mainlanders holding a "Permit for Travelling to and from Taiwan" with an "Exit Endorsement to Taiwan"	A maximum of 7 days (no matter traveling to Taiwan via Macao or returning to the mainland via Macao)

13. Holders of a passport or travel document issued by the authorities of the People's Republic of China (with a flight ticket to and entry visa of a third country)	A maximum of 7 days (for transit)
14. Holders of a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passport (with a flight ticket to and entry visa of a third country or region)	A maximum of 7 days (for transit)
15. Holders of a Macao "Non-resident Worker's Permit" ⁽²⁾	Until the expiry date of the Permit (with multiple entries)
16. Individuals granted "Special Authorization to Stay" for study purpose or as reuniting family of a non-resident worker (in accordance with Article 8 of Law No. 4/2003) ⁽²⁾	Until the expiry date of the Authorization (with multiple entries)
17. Individuals granted Extension of Stay in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of Administrative Regulation No. 5/2003 ⁽²⁾	Until the expiry date of the extended Authorization to Stay (with multiple entries)
18. Holders of a "Special Stay Permit" ⁽²⁾	Until the expiry date of the Permit (with multiple entries)
19. Individuals granted "Special Authorization to Stay" in accordance with Term 6, Article 8 of Law No. 4/2003 for the purpose of residence application.	Until the expiry date of the Authorization (with multiple entries)

【 Note:

1. Holders of an endorsement with a comparatively longer limit of stay in Macao for work or study purpose should go to the Immigration Department in person and apply for an extension of stay before their endorsement expires if they intend to stay for more than 90 days. They will be regarded as overstayers if they do not apply for an extension while the "Authorization to Stay" granted upon arrival expires. In addition, if they renew their endorsement and are granted a new endorsement during their legal stay in Macao and before the expiry date of their current endorsement, they are required to go to the Immigration Department to extend their "Authorization to Stay" accordingly. Otherwise, they will also be regarded as overstayers.
 2. In cases where the limit of stay granted upon re-entry extends beyond the expiry date of the "Non-Resident Worker's Permit", "Special Stay Permit", "Special Authorization to Stay" or "Extension of Stay", the Immigration Department will make the following arrangements:
 - (1) For individuals who do not enjoy the exemption specified in VII and choose to apply for an "Entry Permit", they are required to pay the fee for the "Entry Permit". When their relevant document/Authorization to Stay expires, they can then remain in Macao until the expiry date of the "Authorization to Stay" which is granted to visitors upon their arrival;
 - (2) For individuals who choose not to apply for an "Entry Permit", they can remain in Macao until the expiry date of their "Non-Resident Worker's Permit", "Special Stay Permit", "Special Authorization to Stay" or "Extension of Stay".]
- C. Individuals making use of the Macao International Airport for transit to other destinations within 48 hours can enter and stay in Macao without a "Visa" or "Entry Permit" within this period.

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IX Entry Refusal

A. Legal Reason

1. Non-residents are refused entry to the Macao Special Administrative Region for the following reasons:
 - (1) Having been deported;
 - (2) Interdicted from entering, staying at or transiting the Macao Special Administrative Region in accordance with the international law documents applicable to Macao;
 - (3) Interdicted from entering the Macao Special Administrative Region in accordance with

- the law.
2. Non-residents will be refused entry to the Macao Special Administrative Region for the following reasons:
 - (1) Attempting to evade the regulation on stay and residence and having frequent entries to the Macao Special Administrative Region within short intervals without appropriate justification;
 - (2) Having been sentenced to a penalty of freedom deprivation in or outside the Macao Special Administrative Region;
 - (3) Existence of strong indication of having committed or preparing to commit a crime;
 - (4) No guarantee of return to last port of embarkation, existence of sufficient reason to suspect the authenticity of the travel document, no possession of the vital resources for the expected period of stay, no possession of transportation document necessary for return to last port of embarkation.
 3. The power of entry refusal remains the competence of the Chief Executive; this power can be authorized to another person.
- B. Transporter's Responsibility
1. If a sea or air transporter carries a passenger, seaman or crew member to the Macao Special Administrative Region who is refused entry, the transporter should immediately carry the person back to the first location where he or she boards a means of transport of the transport corporation. If it is not possible to carry the person back to the location, the transporter should carry him or her to the country or region where his or her travel document was issued.
 2. If the transporter fails to remove the passenger, seaman or crew member who is refused entry in accordance with the above stipulation, it will be liable for all costs incurred by the person during his or her stay in the Macao Special Administrative Region, particularly accommodation expenses, costs of meals and health care expenses.
 3. Airlines which carry inadmissible passengers and crew members to the Macao Special Administrative Region will be fined MOP10,000.00 per head, no matter whether the passengers and crew members are admissible afterwards, except if there is an indication under concrete circumstances that it is impossible to reasonably require the airlines to know the status of the passengers and crew members.
 4. Payment for the above fine should be made within 10 days from the date of notification.
 5. If the violator fails to voluntarily pay the fine in accordance with the above stipulation, the Immigration Department will send the notes of executory effect to the jurisdictional court for mandatory collection of the fine.

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X Penalty for Overstaying

1. According to Administrative Regulation No. 14/2014 'Amendments to the Provision on Overstay in the 《Regulations of the Entry, Stay and Residence Authorization》', persons who still stay in the Macao SAR but not over 30 days after the expiry of the authorization granted is fined MOP500 per overdue day from 9/7/2014. The violators are required to pay the fine immediately after they are arrested or report themselves to the police. The above mentioned penalty regulation is not applicable to those who have overstayed in Macao within one year. Those will be considered to be illegal immigrants if they do not pay the fine and the penalty regulation is not applicable to them. Moreover, they cannot make any application for Residence Authorization, extension of Authorization to Stay and Authorization to Stay for Non-resident Workers within two years to the Immigration Department.
2. According to Law No. 6/2004, persons who are considered to be illegal immigrants will be deported and interdicted from entry to the Macao SAR for the period indicated in the deportation order.

XI Departure of Non-residents with Loss of Document

【 Note: Go to ["Processing of Cases of Loss of Entry Identification Documents for Non-residents"](#) for details. 】

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