

This guidance is based on the Immigration Rules.

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About this guidance	Immigration Rules, paragraphs 56G – 56J This guidance tells you how to consider applications from a visitor under the Approved	In this section
Key facts	Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China as described in paragraphs 56G-56J of the Immigration Rules.	Changes to this guidance
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requirements	For more information on the Immigration Rules, see the related link: Immigration Rules – Part 2: paragraphs 40-56Z.	<u>Contacts</u>
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	The UK/China ADS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 21 January 2005.	
		Links to staff intranet
	The aim of the MoU is to assist groups of Chinese tourists to travel to the UK.	removed
	The category of ADS visitor is designed to reflect the terms of the MoU, and cater for Chinese nationals wishing to travel to the UK as part of a tourist group of five or more people.	
	The ADS visitor category does not replace the general visitor category for Chinese nationals, and you must continue to treat ordinary visit applications from Chinese nationals in the normal way.	
	The ADS scheme operates through a limited number of designated tour operators, accredited and trained by the British embassy in China, who submit visa applications to the British embassy for each member of a tour group.	
	There are no provisions within the Immigration Rules to grant:	
	 Indefinite leave to remain (settlement) in any of the visitor categories. Entry to the UK as a dependant of a visitor. A dependant or family member will need to qualify in their own right in one of the visitor categories. 	

This page lists the key facts on visitors under the Approved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China.

Category: Visitor under the Ap	proved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China.
Eligibility requirements	The applicant must:
	 Be genuinely seeking entry as a visitor for a limited period as stated by them, not exceeding 30 days. Leave the UK at the end of the period of the visit. Maintain and accommodate themselves and any dependants without using public funds. Meet the cost of the return or onward journey. Be a national of the People's Republic of China. Evidence of this can be one of the following: an original and genuine passport an original and genuine ADS agreement visit visa an original and genuine birth certificate accompanied by other genuine photographic proof of identity. Intend to enter, leave and travel in the UK as a member of a tourist group under the ADS agreement. Hold a valid ADS agreement visit visa.
	The applicant must not:
	 intend to live in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits intend to take employment
	 intend to produce goods or provide services within the UK intend to undertake a course of study be a child under the age of 18 intend to marry or form a civil partnership
	 intend to give notice of a marriage or civil partnership intend to receive private medical treatment
	 be in transit to a country outside the common travel area intend to do any of the activities of a business, sports or entertainer visitor.
Application forms	Application made outside the UK - VAF1A Extension (within the UK) – not applicable Indefinite leave to remain – not applicable
Cost of application:	UK Visas and Immigration fees
Entry clearance mandatory?	Entry clearance takes the form of a visa for Chinese nationals. A valid ADS agreement visit visa is required.
Is biometric information	No

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required for applications	
made in the UK?	
Code of leave to enter	Code 3
granted	
Entry clearance	C: VISIT: ADS: 30 DAYS: CODE 3
endorsements	
Conditions of leave to enter	No work or study. No recourse to public funds.
How long is leave to enter	Leave to enter is granted for a maximum of 30 days, there are
normally granted for?	no provisions in the rules to grant an extension of stay.
Are dependants allowed?	No – dependants must qualify as a visitor in their own right.
Work and study allowed?	No
Is switching into this category	No
allowed?	
Does this category lead to	No
settlement (indefinite leave to	
remain)?	
Is knowledge of language	No
and life required?	
CID case type	Not applicable.
Immigration Rules	Paragraph 56G-56J (visitor under the ADS agreement with
paragraphs	China).

Changes to this guidance

About this guidance	This page lists changes agreement with China' of	See also	
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	Date of change	Details of change	
Entry or extension requirements	18 March 2014	Six month review by the modernised guidance team:	Information owner
		Minor housekeeping changes.	Links to staff intranet
Granting or refusing	26 September 2013	Six month review by the modernised guidance team:	removed
		Minor housekeeping changes.	
		For previous changes you will need to access the archived guidance. See related link: Visiting – approved destination (China) - Archive	

Entry or extension requirements

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Key facts

Entry or extension requirements

Granting or refusing

This page tells you the requirements the applicant must meet to gain entry clearance or leave to remain to the UK as a visitor under the Approved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China.

When considering an application you must check:

- the application is valid
- the applicant's passport or travel document is genuine
- the applicant meets the requirements of the category
- there are no general grounds for refusal.

For more information, see related links:

- Specified application forms and procedures
- IDI passports & travel documents
- General grounds for refusal.

Requirements for a grant of leave under the Immigration Rules

Under paragraph 56G of the Immigration Rules, a visitor under the ADS agreement with China must:

- Be genuinely seeking entry as a visitor for a limited period as stated by them, not exceeding 30 days.
- Leave the UK at the end of the period of the visit.
- Maintain and accommodate themselves and any dependants adequately:
 - out of resources available to them without recourse to public funds or taking employment, or
 - o be maintained and/or accommodated by relatives or friends who can prove they are able and intend to do so, and are legally present in the UK, or will be at the time of

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their visit.

- Meet the cost of the return or onward journey.
- Be a national of the People's Republic of China. Evidence of this can be one of the following:
 - o an original and genuine passport
 - o an original and genuine ADS agreement visit visa
 - o an original and genuine national identity card
 - an original and genuine birth certificate accompanied by other genuine photographic proof of identity.
- Intend to enter, leave and travel in the UK as a member of a tourist group under the ADS agreement.
- · Hold a valid ADS agreement visit visa.

They must not:

- intend to live in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits
- intend to take employment
- intend to produce goods or provide services within the UK
- intend to undertake a course of study
- be a child under the age of 18
- intend to marry or form a civil partnership
- intend to give notice of a marriage or civil partnership
- · receive private medical treatment
- be in transit to a country outside the common travel area
- do any of the activities of a business, sports or entertainer visitor, for more information, see related links.

Extension of stay

Under paragraph 56J of the rules any application for an extension of stay as a visitor under the ADS Agreement with the People's Republic of China must be refused.

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Key facts	Extension of stay	Grant or refuse entry clearance
Entry or extension requirements	Under paragraph 56J of the Immigration Rules, any application for an extension of stay as an ADS visitor must be refused.	Grant or refuse entry at UK port
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This page tells you when to grant or refuse an application for entry clearance in the visitor under the Approved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China category.

Grant entry clearance

You must grant entry clearance if:

- the applicant meets all the requirements of paragraph 56G of the Immigration Rules, and
- none of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 320 apply.

Length of leave

Leave to enter is granted for a maximum of 30 days

The endorsement is:

• C: VISIT: ADS: 30 DAYS: CODE 3

The endorsement must be valid from the date the applicant intends to travel to the UK.

Refusing entry clearance

You must refuse entry clearance if:

- the applicant has not provided the required evidence that they meet all the requirements of paragraph 56G, or
- any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 320 apply.

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This page tells you when to grant or refuse an application for entry at a UK port, in the visitor under the Approved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China category.

If you are satisfied the person meets all the requirements, you must grant leave to enter. Endorse with Code 3 conditions for a maximum period of 30 days. The landing category for ADS visitors is ADV.

In most cases, visas for ADS visitors will be valid for one entry to the UK during the validation period of the visa. In cases where the tour group's itinerary includes onward travel to Europe, and then requires the group to re-enter the UK on their homeward journey, dual entry visas may be issued. The visa will be marked 'single' or 'dual' to indicate the number of entries to the UK the visa is valid for.

Refusing leave to enter

You must refuse leave to enter if:

- the applicant has not provided the required evidence that they meet all the requirements of paragraph 56H of the Immigration Rules, or
- any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 321 apply.

For more information on general grounds for refusal, see related links.

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Contacts

About this guidance Key facts	This page tells you who to contact for more help with a specific case in the visitor under the Approved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China category.	Related links See also
Entry or extension	If you have read paragraphs 40-56Z (visitors) of the Immigration Rules and this guidance, and still need more help, you must first ask your senior caseworker or line manager.	Changes to this guidance
requirements Granting or refusing	If the question cannot be answered at that level, you may email:	Information owner
	 Study and visit operational policy team, for guidance on policy, see related link. For Border Force officers: email BF OAS enquiries, see related link. 	Links to staff intranet removed
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This page tells you about this version of the 'Visitor under the Approved Destination Status (ADS) agreement with China' guidance and who owns it.

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