

Dear member companies and companies with interest in AHK charter flights,

After reaching a consensus during the government consultations between China and Germany, the **German Chamber of Commerce in China (AHK)** together with the **German Embassy** has discussed with the **Chinese Foreign Ministry (MFA)** a procedure on a resumption of a **Fast Track for PU-letter/visa application and charter flights**. According to MFA, PU-letter application process is again opened to employees, spouses, family members and short-term experts with urgent travel need. In order to meet the demand for organized quarantine with designated hotels, the German Chamber is planning designated charter flights to help German companies in China to bring in required personnel, their families as well as short-term experts over the summer.

If your company would like to register potential passengers for the Fast Track 2.0 & AHK Charter Flights program, please carefully read the following:

1. General flight details

- Possible travel dates: First flights will leave **Frankfurt starting in the week July 19-25 and July 26 - August 1**. Detailed flight dates will be confirmed later. Flights will be scheduled on a weekly or bi-weekly basis until beginning of September 2021. Please note: Specific flight dates for August and September are in planning.
- Route: Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) to Qingdao Liuting International Airport (TAO)) **only** – transport to target destination from Qingdao after quarantine needs to be arranged individually by companies.
- **Please note: We can provide the AHK Charter Flight (economy class) service which includes Quarantine Management and PU Letter Assistance; Price per person for German Chamber of Commerce in China Member: 2500 EUR, for Non-member: 2700 EUR.**
- Different booking classes on the flights are available upon request.
- Available seats: for epidemiological reasons around 209 seats on each possible charter flight.
- Flights will be allocated on a “first-come-first-serve” basis (see below).
- Overall flight coordination: German Chamber of Commerce in China.
- Contract & Payment: Contract only possible between companies (**no contracts/tickets with individuals**) and a specialized broker company in Germany. The contract can only be concluded between the broker and a company registered in Europe. Payment is only possible in Germany to a German bank account of the broker.

2. Possible passengers have to accept and fulfill the following conditions

- German nationals with a valid residence permit for China and their family members currently do not need to apply for (PU) invitation letters issued by government units.
- Foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities, or out of emergency humanitarian needs, may apply for visas at Chinese embassies and consulates. To apply for such a visa, applicants have to provide a PU-letter and demonstrate the necessity of the trip.
- According to recent discussion with MFA, they confirmed a PU-letter application process of up to 10 working days for German companies. This process was confirmed for the following categories with an urgent travel need:
 - Employees of German companies

- Spouses (married and unmarried) and families of employees of German companies (incl. non-German passport holders)
 - Short-term experts / business travelers
- Mandatory individual COVID-19 test procedure prior departure to receive the green health code and after arrival in China (see detailed instruction [here](#))
- On 15 March 2021, the Chinese Embassy in Germany issued a notice on visa relaxations for applicants who have been inoculated with vaccines produced in China. Please find more information [here](#).
- Approval of passenger list by Chinese authorities.
- Mandatory quarantine after arrival in China according to current local status. Quarantine hotel will be chosen by local authorities in consultation with the German Chamber, quarantine period will be **at least two weeks** and according to current local procedure (please check [here](#) for updates), the price of the quarantine hotel will be about 700 RMB per day/per room incl. food.
- Mandatory COVID-19 & anti-body blood test after arrival in China: during quarantine in Qingdao at least one mandatory COVID-19 & one anti-body test will be required by every passenger, more testing is possible. Find more information [here](#).
- Specific testing procedures for vaccinated passengers is under review together with the Chinese authorities, two weeks quarantine will not be reduced for vaccinated passengers.
- Other costs for described testing in both Germany and China, quarantine hotel accommodation, transportation to the airport in Germany and to target location in China needs to be arranged and paid individually by companies.

Before filling out the online form, please strictly conform with the following:

Please note that there is **only one contact person** for each company for the complete **process in China** (e.g. HR department) and **one contact person** for each company **in Germany**. Please refer to the responsibilities of the contact persons during the registration process.

3. Registration Process

In order to allow a smooth passenger registration, the following steps are required:

Step 1: Company Registration

[Please click this link to start the company registration](#)

After submitting the company registration form, the contact person of the company will receive an E-Mail with a individualized link to continue with the passenger registration.

Please note: If you have registered your company earlier, please check your E-Mail inbox for the E-Mail with the passenger registration link. You do not need to register the company again.

Step 2: Passenger Application after successful Company Registration

1. You need to submit the registration for each potential passenger of your company
2. The registration link is individualized for your company. Do not forward to external contacts or individual passengers.

3. Fill in and submit the application form for all potential passengers from your company as soon as possible, even if your flight preference is for flights in August and September. Seats are allocated on a first come first serve process. The correct and complete filled out company and passenger application form is a pre-condition for the registration on our charter flights.
4. The following passenger information are required, please make sure that you have collected all according data before you start the registration process:
 - **Personal data of passenger** (salutation, first name, last name, position, date of birth, nationality, mobile number, E-Mail address, passport number, passport date of issue/expiry, passport issuing authority, visa type, residence permit/visa number, residence permit/visa date of issue/expiry, residence permit/visa place of issue);
 - **Passengers whereabouts before taking the Charter flight** (Country, State, City, ZIP Code, Street, Street Number);
 - **Passengers final destination in China** (Province, City, District)
5. After submitting the passenger application form, the contact person of the company will receive an email with the passenger data.

Step 3: Preferred flight date during Passenger Registration

Please select **one preferred flight date** for each passenger. Flights will be allocated on a “first-come-first-serve” basis: the allocation of seat distribution will finally depend on

- holding a valid Chinese entry visa **OR** successfully receiving a PU Letter
- a paid flight ticket.

Please note, due to unforeseen occurrences or seats availability, flight dates may vary and we cannot guarantee the preferred flight date.

Step 4: Contract & Payment after Passenger Registration

Depending on the passenger situation, please choose one of the following options in our online booking tool.

Option 1: In case the passenger holds a valid Chinese entry visa **OR** has already received a PU letter, after submitting the passenger registration via our booking system, the broker company in Germany will contact you mid of June regarding the charter flight contract and payment. Please note: Only after the flight ticket has been successfully paid, the passenger will be allocated on the flight.

Option 2: In case the passenger does not hold a valid Chinese entry visa **AND** needs a PU letter, the allocation on the flight will only be conducted after the following two conditions are fulfilled:

1. The passenger’s process status has been updated to PU Letter received in our online booking system
2. The ticket has been paid to the broker company

For PU-letter applications in their localities, German companies should approach the relevant authorities (details regarding the process see [here](#)). In case you want to get further assistance in the PU letter process, the German Chamber offers an optional PU-Letter Support service. During registration process you have the option to choose to be contacted regarding this service. In case you are in the PU-Letter application process and have received rejections after May 21, please inform our Charter Team via E-Mail about the details of rejection.

Regarding charter flight contract and payment, the following broker company in Germany will contact you mid of June:

International Carrier Consult (ICC)

chinaflug@carrier-consult.de

Tel: +49 (0)511 – 676 675 – 0

Disclaimer:

- As the situation is uncertain, there is no guarantee further charter flights can take place as described.
- An application does not guarantee a slot on the passenger list, due to limited seating capacity and to a series of necessary approvals and conditions as mentioned above.
- Although all information has been generated or selected and revised with the utmost care, no liability will be assumed for the completeness and the accuracy of the contents.
- The travel requirements in China are changing quickly and are made by the community-based level authorities according to the location's level of COVID-19 emergency response and risk level etc. If you travel from specific areas the requirements of the local authorities from Qingdao may require a further COVID-19 test or quarantine. For the detailed regulation about the quarantine, please check with the local authorities for updates, as they are subject to regular change due to the developments of the outbreak.
- Please note, this email does not make any express or implied warranty by us as to the accuracy, completeness, timeliness in relation to quarantine measures.
- The data will be sent to German and Chinese authorities, airline, travel agent, public health department, quarantine hotel, etc., therefore they need to be fully correct, later adjustments might lead to refusal at some stage of the process.

For any question, please first read the FAQ on our website in all detail and forward the link to potential passengers: <https://china.ahk.de/charterflight>

If there are further urgent questions which are not answered in this mailing or the FAQ website, please contact the China wide central charter team.

Please understand, that we do our best to answer your inquiries, but we will prioritize company inquiries over individual passenger's questions in order to ensure a smooth process and to answer questions in time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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Service Times: Mo – Fri: 09:00 – 12:00; 13:00 – 18:00 (China Standard Time)

With best regards,

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