

# US-China Fast-Track Travel Channel Program

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# Introduction

# Background & Purpose of the Program

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- Dozens of meetings in 2020 & 2021 with Central and Provincial government to emphasize Program's necessity.
- Series of meetings with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), including two with Chinese Ambassador to the United States Qin Gang.
- Specific mention of this Program by President Xi during November 16 virtual meeting with President Biden.
- MOFA approved this Program and provided policy advice to the municipal/provincial Foreign Affairs Offices (FAOs) in China and Chinese Embassy and Consulates in US on December 1, 2021.
- AmCham China and AmCham Shanghai officially launched the Program on January 6, 2022.

## Purpose

- To provide a more efficient, predictable, and reliable channel for essential US company executives, technical personnel, and their family members to enter China.
- To support employees of qualified member companies to apply for a PU letter, visa and health code.



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- Much quicker approval time for PU letter (2+ months → 5-10 days).
- Increased probability of approval of PU letter.
- Family dependents are eligible for the Program.
- Third-party contractors are eligible in certain sectors (manufacturing, aviation etc).
- Greater transparency and predictability.
- Dedicated team to serve members.
- Reduction/removal of green health code stress.
- Helps you sleep at night!

# What AmCham China Can and Cannot Do



CAN: Provide facilitative assistance for issuance of PU Letter, Visa, Health Code

CANNOT: Guarantee that all documents will be approved



CAN: Assess and submit members' documents

CANNOT: Verify the authenticity of your documents



CAN: Inform and remind members and their employees to strictly abide by China's COVID prevention regulations, quarantine rules, and entry & exit laws

CANNOT: Take responsibility for members who violate China's COVID prevention regulations, quarantine rules, and entry & exit laws



CAN: Keep members up to date with the latest information

# Program Fees

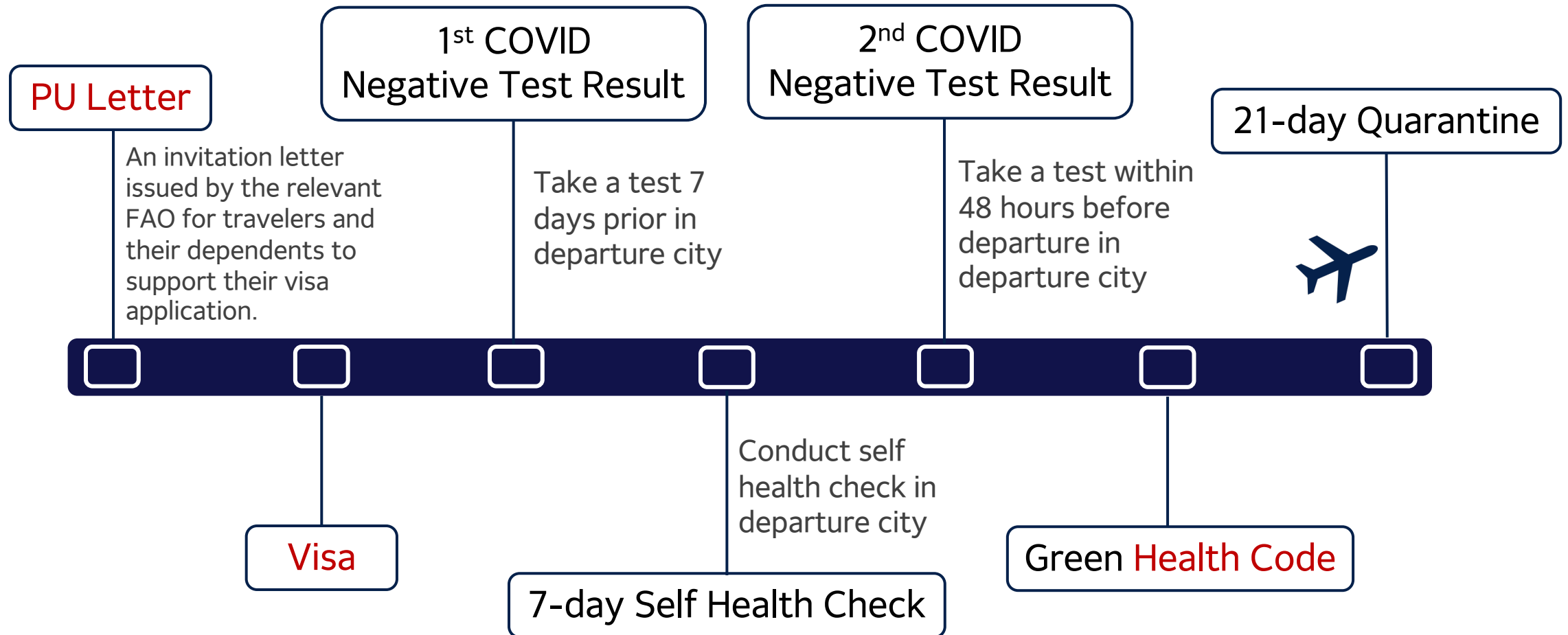
Service	Cost
• Application for PU letter (plus all of the below)	• RMB 7,000 (incl. tax)
• Application for PU letter for family dependent members, when applying together with employee	• No additional charge
• Administrative assistance with visa application	• Free
• Administrative assistance with health code	• Free



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# Criteria & Program Details

# Current Travel Procedure



*Note: The facilitation provided by AmCham China is in red*

# Program Eligibility Requirements

## Companies

- Must be a US company:
  - Headquartered in US, or:
  - Primary investment capital is from US.
- Have a valid business license (营业执照) registered in China.
- Must be a member company of AmCham China, AmCham Shanghai or USCBC.
- Company must submit the application on behalf of the invited traveler(s).

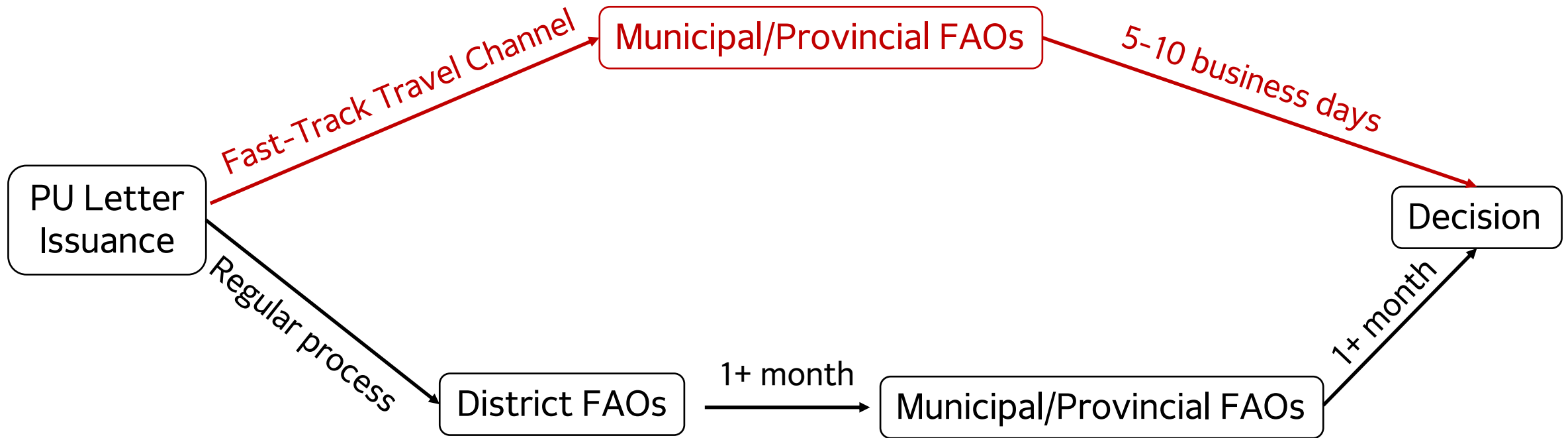
## Employees

- Employees of US companies, whether based in the US or elsewhere.
- The Program is open to all nationalities.
- Provide a compelling business reason to justify their necessity for urgent travel to China.
- Travel should be for essential business that contributes to trade and China's economic development.
- Must show proof of vaccination.

## Family Members

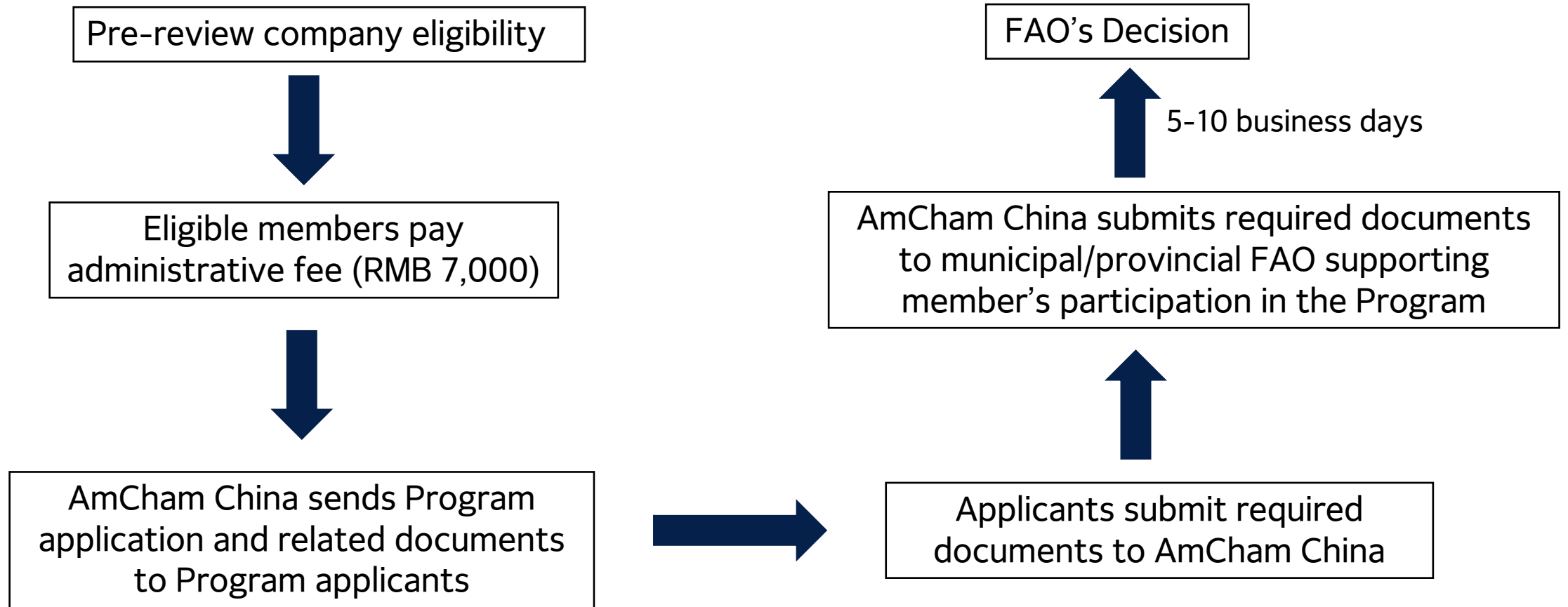
- Spouse or dependent child(ren) of employees of US companies, whether based in the US or elsewhere.
- The Program is open to all nationalities.
- Show evidence of relationship.
- Child(ren) must be under 18.
- Must show proof of vaccination (except young child, depending on country).

# Reduced Processing Time of Issuance of PU Letter





# AmCham China's PU Letter Application Process



# Beijing FAO's Required Documentation for PU Letter Application

Member Company	Traveler
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>US company proof:</b> to indicate headquartered in US or primary investment capital is from US</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Passport page:</b> to show his/her personal info</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Business license (营业执照):</b> to show the company is registered in Beijing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Employment relation proof:</b> e.g. Work Permit Notice (工作许可通知)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Explanation Letter:</b> to explain the urgency and necessity of inviting employee; employee's travel itinerary in Beijing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vaccination proof:</b> exceptions need to be explained, e.g. child under 3 is exempted from vaccination.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Guarantee Letter:</b> to ensure employee will comply with China's quarantine rules, COVID prevention regulation, and entry &amp; exit laws.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Family relationship :</b> spouse and child(ren) need to provide marriage certificate and birth certificate.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>AmCham China's Service Terms of Conditions</b></li></ul>	

# Visa and Health Code

## Visa

Three types are eligible under the Program: Z (work), M (business), and S1 (family member). AmCham China can provide a cover letter for free to assist with the issuance of visa, but the final decision rests with the relevant China Embassy or Consulates.

## Health Code

Before departing from US, travelers must submit negative COVID test results to receive a green health code.

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# Important Notes

- The requirements and process of PU letter application slightly vary from each FAO in China.
- Quarantine is not covered under the Program.
- The administrative fee of RMB 7,000 (incl. tax) is non-refundable for each PU letter application (There is no additional fee for family members if applying under same application).
- International schools and hospitals currently are not eligible (with very few exceptions).
- Any special circumstances need to be explained by members in an official letter, e.g. provide the reason why you are unable to submit a vaccination certificate.
- New AmCham China members can apply for the PU letter under the Program. However, FAO must approve AmCham China's request to add these companies to its official membership list (already provided to FAO). The timeframe of approval depends on FAO's official approval/disapproval.
- The terms of the Program are subject to change at any time.



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Q&A