Communications

-Express service

The following companies provide door-to-door express mail and parcel service:

DHL: 95380 EMS: 11183 FedEx: 400-886-1888 SF: 95338

-Getting online

Internet access is widely available in residential estates. The monthly charge differs with the Internet bandwidth you need and the choice of service providers. The two major providers are China Unicom and China Telecom.

Internet usage is usually free-of-charge in serviced apartments.

-Phones

DDD and IDD calls

Domestic Direct Dial (DDD) has an area code for each city in China, which you need to dial before the telephone number when making a China long distance call. For example:

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贵阳	(0851)
哈尔滨	(0451)
海口	(0898)
杭州	(0571)
合肥	(0551)
呼和浩特	(0471)
香港	(00852)
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Shenyang	沈阳	(024)
Shijiazhuang	石家庄	(0311)
Taiyuan	太原	(0351)
Tianjin(including TEDA)	天津(含泰达)	(022)
Urumqi	乌鲁木齐	(0991)
Wuhan	武汉	(027)
Xi'an	西安	(029)
Xining	西宁	(0971)
Yinchuan	银川	(0951)
Zhengzhou	郑州	(0371)

International Direct Dial (IDD) in non-serviced accommodations needs a separate application by the landline owner in advance.



Artist: Patric Kühn

Mobile phone

In Tianjin, everybody owns a mobile phone. They are easily purchased on-line, at digital product shops, department stores and major supermarkets. To buy a SIM card, bring your passport to one of the following service providers:



Artist: Amy Yang (杨可言)

China Mobile

Zhōngguó Yí dòng 中国移动 Service hotline: 10086 Website: www.10086.cn *Number segments: 135~139, 150~152, 157-159, 178, 182, 184, 187, 188, 195004, 195823, 195828 and 195829.*

China Telecom

Zhōngguó Diànxìn 中国电信 Service hotline: 10000 Website: www.189.cn *Number segments: 133, 153, 173, 177, 180, 181, 189, 191 and 199.*

China Unicom

Zhōngguó Liántōng 中国联通 Service hotline: 10010 Website: www.10010.com *Number segments: 130~132, 155, 156, 166, 175, 176, 185 and 186.*

An additional subscription is needed if you require roaming service on your Chinese-SIM-card mobile phone. Ensure that your mobile phone account balance has more than RMB 200. You can subscribe to roaming by dialing your mobile service provider's service hotline, as listed above. You may opt to subscribe for limited or open period roaming. Roaming service terminates when your phone account balance is used up.

Mobile phone bills payment

You may either pay the phone bill month by month online, or keep a high balance in your mobile phone account. To check the outstanding amount, you can use your service provider's official account or dial the service hotline. Overdue outstanding bill charges may render your service to be terminated, including your Internet access, if it is bound together with your mobile phone.

Recommended APPs

WeChat(微信 Wēixìn)



Download and install WeChat (微信 Wēixìn) on your smartphone. This is a "must" for living in China. You can use it for making free phone calls and video calls; for sending and receiving texts, voice messages, pictures and videos; for having group chats and meetings; for exchanging locations and doing GPS navigation. What's more important for WeChat nowadays is that you can use WeChat to make payments by binding it with your bank account. Cash, wallet and credit cards are all out of date!



Artist: Timmy Yang (杨齐然)

How to use "WeChat" (微信)

<u>Download</u>

Input "WeChat" (微信 Wēixìn) on your App Store, Myapp, or GetApps. (as in picture 1)



Registration

The following steps will show you how to register,

-Fill in the personal information required (as in picture 2)

-Tick "我已阅读并同意" (I have read it and agreed...) and then click "下一步" (next step). (as in picture 3)

-Click "开始" start to verify identification. (as in picture 4)

-Slide the puzzle to complete. (as in picture 5)



Setting up language

Click the "little guy icon" (as in picture 6) on the bottom right corner of the screen and then go through the four steps to set it up.

设置(as in picture 7) → 通用(as in picture 8) → 多语言(as in picture 9) →English (as in picture 10)

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Social Platform

-Adding contacts by inputting WeChat ID or mobile number of your contact.

- a. Click the "Upper right corner +" (as in picture 11)
- b. Click "Add Contacts" (as in picture 12)
- c. Input the WeChat ID or mobile phone number of your contact. (as in picture 13)
- d. Click "Add" (as in picture 14)

- e. Input your greeting to your contact. (as in picture 15)
- g. Once your contact accept your request, you can start chatting.



Artist: Elena Milovanovic



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-Adding contacts by scanning a QR Code.

- a. Click the 'little guy icon' (as in picture 16) on the bottom right corner of the screen.
- b. Click 'My QR Code' (as in picture 17)
- c. Show your QR Code to your contacts and let them add you. (as in picture 18)
- d. Vice versa, you can scan their QR Code (as in picture 19 and 20).

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-Chat privately.

- a. Click the 'Contacts' (as in picture 21) on the bottom of the screen.
- b. Find the contact you require within the address list. (as in picture 22)
- c. Click his/her name and chat with him/her (as in picture 23)

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-Chat in a group, up to 500 people.

- a. Click "New Chat" (as in picture 24)
- b. Find the contact in the address list. (as in picture 25)
- c. Click his/her name and add him/her. (as in picture 26)

- d. Click "OK" (as in picture 27)
- e. Group Chat is done. (as in picture 28)





Mobile pay by WeChat

-Binding bank card

a. Click "WeChat Pay" (as in picture 29)

- b. Click "Wallet" (as in picture 30)
- c. Click "Cards" (as in picture 31)
- d. Add your bank card (as in picture 32)

e. Input a password, this is not your bank card pin code, but a password for WeChat payment only. (as in picture 33)

- f. Input your name and your bank card number, and then click the "Next". (as in picture 34)
- g. Input your phone number which is linked to your bank account. (as in picture 35)
- h. Input the verification code received by your phone. (as in picture 36)
- j. Done! You can use WeChat pay now. (as in picture 37)

Note:

To properly bind the card to your WeChat account, all the personal information must be the same as in your bank document.





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Note:

WeChat wallet verification:

You need to make wallet verification when you pay via WeChat for the first time.

The following steps will show you how to verify,

-When you pay for the first time, you will receive this message. Please click "View Details" (as in picture 38)

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-You need to fill in your passport number, mobile phone number, and submit a photo of your passport and yourself. (as in picture 39)

-You can use your wallet after a few seconds.

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-Pay via WeChat

a. Pay at shops/restaurants etc.

-Click "Money" (as in picture 40) and show your QR Code to pay. (as in picture 41)
-Or, click the "WeChat Pay" (as in picture 42) and then click the "Money" (as in picture 43), then you will get your QR Code. (as in picture 41)



b. Pay phone bill

-Click the "WeChat Pay". (as in picture 44)

-Click "Mobile Top Up". (as in picture 45)
-Input your phone number and select the amount to top up. (as in picture 46)
-Input your WeChat password (as in picture 47)
-Payment done (as in picture 48)



- c. Pay electricity fee
 - -Click "WeChat Pay" (as in picture 49)

- -Click "Utilities" (as in picture 50)
- -Click "electricity" (as in picture 51)
- -Click "天津市电费" (as in picture 52)
- -Click "缴费户号" (as in picture 53)
- -Input "缴费户号"10-digit electricity account number and "手机号" mobile number. (as in picture 54)
- -Input the name of your apartment and tick "我已阅读并同意" (I have read it and agreed...) and then click "下一步" (next step). (as in picture 56)
- -Input how much you want to pay, and then click "立即缴费" (pay at once). (as in picture 57) -Input your WeChat password. (as in picture 58)

-Payment done. (as in picture 59)

Note:

To check the electricity company name and 10-digit electricity account number, please refer to 购电证 electricity book. (as in picture 55)



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d. Send/receive money to/from your friends.

-Click "+" (as in picture 60)

-Click "Red Packet" (as in picture 61).

-Input the amount you want to send, and you can write your best wishes. Then click the "Prepare Red Packet" (as in picture 62)

-Input your WeChat password. (as in picture 63)

-Send done. (as in picture 64)

-When your friend clicks the Red Packet, the money will get into his/her wallet. (as in picture 65)

-Vice versa, you can receive his/her money.

Note:

To send Red Packet, maximum amount is RMB 200.





e. Transfer money, each withdrawal of more than RMB 1000 is charged a 0.1% fee.
-Click "Transfer" (as in picture 66)
-Input the amount you want to transfer (as in picture 67)
-Input your WeChat password (as in picture 68)
-Send done (as in picture 69)

-Wait for your friend to accept. When your friend clicks the "WeChat transfer", the money will get into his/her wallet. (as in picture 70)

-Vice versa, you can receive his/her money.



f. Apply for Health Code

Please refer to P101, the Medical Service (City Section), for how to apply for Health Code on WeChat.









Please refer to P29 about how to download and use WeChat, P222 about Tianjin Subway, P209 about Alipay, P225 about DiDi.

-Postal service

Post offices

To post a parcel abroad, customs inspection is compulsory. Do not seal it until you receive the "stamp of approval" from customs inspection, on the parcel. There is a value limit of RMB 800-1000 for a parcel posted abroad.

To post a parcel abroad, bring your passport and cash in person.

Binjiangdao Post Office

Bīnjiāngdào Yóujú 滨江道邮局

Add: No. 125, Binjiang Dao, Heping Dist.

Hépíng Qū Bīnjiāng Dào 125 hào 和平区滨江道 125 号

Tel: 27116026 Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:30

Jinnan Post Office

Jīnnán Yóujú 津南邮局 Add: No. 176, Jingu Lu, Jinnan Dist.

> Jīnnán Qū Jīngū Lù 176 hào 津南区津沽路 176 号

Tel: 88914383

Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:30



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Liqizhuang Post Office

Lǐqīzhuāng Yóujú 李七庄邮局

Add: Commercial Section, Building 1, Aoxiangyuan, No.150, Weijin Nanlu, Nankai Dist.

Nánkāi Qū Wèijīn Nánlù 150 hào Àoxiángyuán 1 hào lóu dǐshāng 南开区卫津南路 150 号奥翔园 1 号楼底商

Tel: 23382410 Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:30

Meijiang Post Office

Méijiāng Yóujú

梅江邮局

Add: No. 107, Meijiang Dao, Meijiang Residential Area, Hexi Dist.

Héxī Qū Méijiāng Jūzhùqū Méijiāng Dào 107 hào 河西区梅江居住区梅江道 107 号

Tel: 88360379

Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:00

Dalong Post Office

Dàlóng Yóujú 大龙邮局 Add: No. 101, Changsha Lu, Heping Dist. Hépíng Qū Chángshā Lù 101 hào 和平区长沙路 101 号

Tel: 23305181

Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:30

The very first stamp in China was issued at this post office in 1878.





Tianjin Railway Station Post Office

Dōngzhàn Yóujú 东站邮局

Add: No. 86, Haihe Donglu, Hedong Dist. (beside the Tianjin Railway Station)

Hédōng Qū Hǎihé Dōnglù 86 hào (Tiānjīn Zhàn páng)

河东区海河东路86号(天津站旁)

Tel: 24213296, 24217528

Hours: Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00

This is the headquarters of the post offices in Tianjin. It can provide all the international postal service, which some branch offices may not be able to provide.

Tiyuanbei Post Office

Tǐyuànběi Yóu jú 体院北邮局 Add: No. 6, Huanhu Zhongdao, Hexi Dist. Héxī Qū Huánhú Zhōngdào 6 hào 河西区环湖中道 6 号 Tel: 23554669 Hours: Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:30



Artist: LIU Yan (刘岩)

Write a country's name in Chinese

To expedite mails and parcels sorting and delivery, ensure that you have written the destination country name in Chinese besides other languages. Here are some examples:

Argentina	阿根廷	Iran	伊朗	Portugal	葡萄牙
Australia	澳大利亚	Ireland	爱尔兰	Saudi Arabia	沙特阿拉伯
Austria	奥地利	Israel	以色列	Singapore	新加坡
Belgium	比利时	Italy	意大利	South Africa	南非
Brazil	巴西	Japan	日本	Spain	西班牙
Canada	加拿大	Korea	韩国	Sri Lanka	斯里兰卡
Chile	智利	Kenya	肯尼亚	Sweden	瑞典
Columbia	哥伦比亚	Malaysia	马来西亚	Switzerland	瑞士
Costa Rica	哥斯达黎加	Mexico	墨西哥	Thailand	泰国
Czech	捷克	Mongolia	蒙古	Turkey	土耳其
Denmark	丹麦	Nepal	尼泊尔	UK	英国
Egypt	埃及	Netherlands	荷兰	Ukraine	乌克兰
Finland	芬兰	New Zealand	新西兰	United Arab Emirates	阿联酋
France	法国	Nigeria	尼日利亚	USA	美国
Germany	德国	Norway	挪威	Venezuela	委内瑞拉
Greece	希腊	 Pakistan	巴基斯坦	Vietnam	越南
India	印度	Philippine	菲律宾		
Indonesia	印度尼西亚	Poland	波兰		



Artist: Da Hyeon Lee