

Communications

-Express services

The following list of companies provide door-to-door express mail and parcel services:

DHL: 95380

EMS: 11183

FedEx: 800-463-3339

SF: 95338

TNT: 800-820-9868

-Getting online

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

Internet usage is free-of-charge in serviced apartments/houses.

-Periodicals: newspapers and magazines

Daily delivery of local English newspapers and magazines, such as the **China Daily** and **Beijing Weekend**, can be subscribed at any post offices, while free copies are made available in most hotels.

Subscriptions for foreign newspapers and magazines please contact and provide a copy of your passport to:

Foreign Languages Bookstore Press Section

wài wén shū diàn bào kān kē

外文书店报刊科

Add: No. 121, Binyou Rd., Hexi Dist.

hé xī qū bīn yǒu dào 121 hào

河西区宾友道 121 号

Tel: 27119945, 27111499

E-mail: tjbkk@126.com

Hours: Mon-Fri: 08:30-17:00

Newspapers and magazines from Australia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, UK and USA are available.

They accept subscription payments in cash, check or wire transfer.

-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:

Beijing	北京	(010)
Changchun	长春	(0431)
Chengdu	成都	(028)
Chongqing	重庆	(023)
Guangzhou	广州	(020)
Guilin	桂林	(0773)
Haerbin	哈尔滨	(0451)
Hangzhou	杭州	(0571)
Hohhot	呼和浩特	(0471)
Hongkong	香港	(00852)
Kunming	昆明	(0871)
Lanzhou	兰州	(0931)
Lhasa	拉萨	(0891)
Macao	澳门	(00853)
Nanjing	南京	(025)
Sanya	三亚	(0898)
Shanghai	上海	(021)
Shenyang	沈阳	(024)
Tianjin(including TEDA)	天津(含泰达)	(022)
Urumqi	乌鲁木齐	(0991)
WuHai	武汉	(027)
Xiamen	厦门	(0592)
Xi'an	西安	(029)

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

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:

China Mobile

zhōng guó yí dòng

中国移动

Service hotline: 10086

Website: www.10086.cn

Number segments: 134~139,147, 150~152, 157-159, 178, 182-184,187 and 188.

To apply a SIM card, bring the passport in person. Besides, a local person's ID card copy is requested as guarantee at China Mobile.

China Telecom

zhōng guó diàn xìn

中国电信

Service hotline: 10000

Website: www.189.cn

Number segments: 133, 153, 173, 177, 180, 181 and 189.

CDMA mobile and SIM card provider.

To apply a SIM card, bring the passport in person.

China Unicom

zhōng guó lián tōng

中国联通

Service hotline: 10010

Website: www.10010.com

Number segments: 130~132, 145, 155, 156, 1750, 176, 185 and 186.

To apply a SIM card, bring the passport in person.

An additional subscription is needed if you require roaming services on your Chinese-SIM-card mobile phone. Ensure that your mobile phone account balance has more than RMB200. 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 and the roaming services terminates when your phone account balance is used up.

Phone bills payment

You can maintain a high balance in your landline and mobile phone accounts, or remember to pay the phone bills monthly. To check the outstanding amount, please dial the service provider's service hotline. Overdue outstanding bill charges may render your services to be terminated, including your Internet access.

If you want a detailed breakdown record of numbers and calling times, please log in to your phone service provider's website with the password supplied by the landline owner.

Recommended APPs



WeChat(微信 wēi xìn)

Download and install WeChat (微信 wēi xìn) on your smart phone. 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 chatting and meeting; for exchanging locations and doing GPS navigation. What is the most important for WeChat nowadays is that you can use WeChat to do all the payments by binding it with your bank account. Cash, wallet, credit card are all out of date!

Other useful Apps

Tianjin Expat Guide



Air Matters



Google Translate



Pleco Chinese Dictionary



radio.net



Taobao



Trip.com by Ctrip



-Postal service

Post offices

Most hotels and serviced apartments provide postal services to their tenants. Stamps, envelopes and post cards are usually available at the business centers.

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. All post offices accept cash payment only. There is a value limit of RMB800-1000 for a parcel posted abroad.

Binjiang Dao Post Office

bīn jiāng dào yóu jú

滨江道邮局

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

hé píng qū bīn jiāng dào 125 hào

和平区滨江道 125 号

Tel: 27116026

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

International Building Post Office

guó jì dà shà yóu jú

国际大厦邮局

Add: -1st Floor, International Building, No. 75, Nanjing Rd., Heping Dist.

hé píng qū nán jīng lù 75 hào guó jì dà shà -1 lóu

和平区南京路 75 号国际大厦-1 楼

Tel: 23301082

Hours: Mon-Fri: 09:00-12:00, 14:00-16:30

EMS service only.

Jinnan Post Office

jīn nán yóu jú

津南邮局

Add: No. 176, Jingu Rd., Jinnan Dist.

jīn nán qū jīn gū lù 176 hào

津南区津沽路 176 号

Tel: 88914383

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

Liqizhuang Post Office

lǐ qī zhuāng yóu jú

李七庄邮局

Add: Commercial Section, Building 1, Aoxiang Yuan, No. 150, Weijin Nan Rd., Nankai Dist.

nán kāi qū wèi jīn nán lù 150 hào ào xiáng yuán 1 hào lóu dǐ shāng

南开区卫津南路 150 号奥翔园 1 号楼底商

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

Meijiang Post Office

méijiāng yóu jú

梅江邮局

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

hé xī qū méi jiāng jū zhù qū méi jiāng dào 107 hào

河西区梅江居住区梅江道 107 号

Tel: 88369548, 88363167

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

Minyuan Post Office

mín yuán yóu jú

民园邮局

Add: No.101, Changsha Rd., Heping Dist.

hé píng qū cháng shā lù 101 hào

和平区长沙路 101 号

Tel: 23305181

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

Tianjin Railway Station Post Office

dōng zhàn yóu jú

东站邮局

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

hé dōng qū hǎi hé dōng lù 86 hào (tiān jīn zhàn páng)

河东区海河东路 86 号 (天津站旁)

Tel: 24213296

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

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

Tiyuanbei Post Office

tǐ yuàn běi yóu jú

体院北邮局

Add: No. 6, Huanhu Zhong Rd., Hexi Dist.

hé xī qū huán hú zhōng lù 6 hào

河西区环湖中路 6 号

Tel: 23554669

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

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