

Research – Chinese Currency Control Laws

- What are the legal prohibitions in China in relation to taking currency out of China?
- Exact requirement (\$50,000)?
- Any extension to loading up credit or debit cards?

Legal prohibition - yearly limit to send money out of China:

The Wall Street Journal – In China’s Alleyways, Underground Banks Move Money (27/10/2015)

- Licensed Chinese banks will not allow customers to send more than US\$50,000 out of China each year.

→ Person must be
employed
high net worth

Debit Card Limits:

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- Previously, a daily limit of 10,000 Yuan had been imposed for cash withdrawals from ATMs.
- Now, in the duration of one year, individuals can only withdraw 100,000 yuan (equivalent to AUS\$22,000) from an overseas ATM using their China Union Pay cards.

→ Apply for Union Pay
will get approval
→ Mobile Banking

World Affairs – China Imposes New Capital Controls (01/10/2015)

- UnionPay processes virtually all credit card transactions in China, so the 100,000 yuan yearly limit applies to all Chinese credit and bank cards.

→ Dep't letter
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Retrieved from HSBC website: specific detail relating to exact withdrawal limits permitted outside mainland China

> Question 7: Does an HSBC debit card have a cash withdrawal limit?

In mainland China, cardholders can withdraw cash only in RMB at CUP and HSBC China ATMs. The cumulative daily upper limit for cash withdrawals is RMB20,000.

Outside mainland China, cardholders can withdraw cash in local currency at CUP (Non-HSBC Group) ATMs; the cumulative daily upper limit for cash withdrawals is RMB 10,000 or its equivalent currency amount. Cardholders can also withdraw cash in local currency at HSBC Group ATMs; the cumulative daily upper limit is USD1,000 or its equivalent currency amount; USD5,000 or equivalent for one month; USD10,000 or equivalent for six months; and USD20,000 or equivalent for one year.

Pooling/blocking resources:

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- Beijing has heightened monitoring of pooling foreign exchange quotas. This is a practice where family and friends use each other’s allocations to put money into a single overseas bank account.
- Blocking – Chinese banks have begun tracking transactions where a single foreign account received \$US200,000 in a 90 day period.

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• relevant articles also attached for your reference.