

STUDENTS – ENTRY FORMALITIES

If you have been accepted for university studies in the Czech Republic, you should check whether you need a visa to enter the country. This depends on your nationality.

1. STUDENTS FROM EU/EEA AND SWITZERLAND

Students from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland are exempt from student visa requirements. To enter the Czech Republic, EU students only need a valid passport or national ID card.

EU students have, however, a reporting duty after their arrival if the intended stay in the Czech Republic is longer than 30 days. In this situation, within 30 days of entering the Czech Republic, a student is required to report his/her presence to the [Foreign Police Department](#) in the location of his/her stay in the Czech Republic. This obligation does not apply if the person providing accommodation submits the registration forms on behalf of the student, i.e. in case of stays in student dormitories.

For more information regarding the stay of EU citizens and their family members in the Czech Republic [click here](#).

2. STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EU

Students from countries outside the EU have to turn to the local [Czech embassy or Consulate](#) **and apply for a student visa**.

The Czech Embassy or Consulate is only competent for receiving an application for a long-term visa and long-term residence permit.

The competent body for processing it is the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. During the procedure the Czech Embassy / Consulate communicates with the applicant, invites him/her for a hearing or calls on him/her to pick up the visa.

Students are obliged to file the application only at the Czech Embassy / Consulate in the state of which they are citizens or which issued the current travel document or in the state in which they have a long-term or permanent residence permit. Students do not have to meet these conditions if they are citizens of a state presented in the list of countries whose nationals are entitled to file an application for a long-term visa at any Czech Embassy whatsoever.

Please note, that the whole procedure requires some paperwork and according to the Czech law can take up to 60 days, so it is recommended to apply for the visa well in advance. The regulations for obtaining visas change from time to time, so the information listed here should be considered as guidelines only. You should always consult your local [Czech embassy or Consulate](#) or check the website of the [Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic](#) for the latest information regarding visa requirements.

3. DOCUMENTS

There are **short-term visas** (for stays up to 90 days) and **long-term visas** (for stays over 90 days). Students arriving for a period of study longer than one year should apply for a **long-term residence permit for study purposes**.

The following documents are mainly required for receiving a student visa or a residence permit:

- a/ application form
- b/ letter of acceptance for studies (in Czech language)
- c/ valid passport and passport photos
- d/ proof of financial resources for the stay (e.g. in the form of a bank account statement or confirmation of being beneficiary of a grant)
- e/ confirmation of guaranteed accommodation
- f/ valid international health insurance
- g/ abstract from the Register of Criminal Records

If your application is approved, prior to affixing the visa, you are obliged to submit a [proof of medical travel insurance](#) that corresponds to the specified conditions (not required if the foreign national subscribes to public health insurance or if the costs for health care are covered on the basis of an international agreement or if the foreign national can demonstrate that health care is covered in another manner), and, upon request, a document on paying the insurance presented in the proof of medical travel insurance.

Please note that you should submit the application on the completed [form](#) along with all the necessary requirements laid down by law. You should, however, always submit originals or official copies of the documents. All of the documents submitted must be made out in the Czech language or officially translated into Czech. Moreover, foreign public documents must be supported by a higher verification (Apostille, superlegalisation).

The Foreign Police examines the visa applications and notifies the [Czech embassy or consulate](#) to issue the visa.

An application for extending the validity of a visa and the period of stay in the territory on a long-term visa is to be submitted to specific office of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, not to the Czech Embassy.

4. REGISTERING WITH THE CZECH FOREIGN POLICE

Registration at the Foreign Police Department is compulsory for all foreign nationals staying in the Czech Republic for more than 30 days. They must register within 3 days from the date of arrival to the country. Read more about this obligation [here](#).

5. MORE INFORMATION

[Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)

[Czech embassies and Consulates](#)

Ministry of the Interior: [Information on immigration](#), [Information for schools and students](#)

[Immigration portal of the Czech Republic](#)

6. STUDENT MODE

On 22 May 2017, the Government of the Czech Republic approved the project "Student Mode": a concept for facilitating the visa procedure for a specific group of students from third countries. The following provides a basic information.

The project "Student Mode" is the concept of visa facilitation for students-foreigners from selected third countries who are admitted to study at Universities in the Czech Republic and at the same time, they are enrolled in the Student Mode.

Below is the basic documentation:

Student Mode approved by the Government of the Czech Republic:
[Režim student Koncept pro usnadnění vízové procedury.pdf](#)

Procedure for the Czech Universities:
[Postupy zařazování vysokých škol a uchazečů o studiu](#)

Third Countries whose citizens may be enrolled in the Student Mode:
[Státy pro Režim student.pdf](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic is not in the position to make any decision on the enrolment to the Student Mode. The enrolment to the Student Mode is the exclusive right of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.