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**FOREIGN NATIONALS STAYING
IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**



Non-profit non-governmental organizations

- Are funded by the state to support the integration of immigrants in the Czech Republic. Services are provided FREE OF CHARGE or for symbolic fees
- Professional social and legal consulting
 - Social consulting: housing, employment, entrepreneurship, medical care, health insurance, education, social services, etc.
 - Legal consulting: assistance with residence issues
- Help with filling in forms, assistance in dealing with authorities, doctors, schools, employers and landlords.
- Interpreting for service users at different authorities, schools and other institutions, either in person, or via telephone, with the aim of promoting the users' independence and overcoming communication barriers
- Czech language courses, cultural and free time activities, socio-cultural lectures, etc.



RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC - INSTITUTIONS

- Issuance of short-term visa:

- **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Czech Republic:**
embassies of the Czech Republic

- All residence agenda, residence permit extension, reporting of changes, elements of applications:

- **The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic:**
Department of Asylum and Migration Policy (OAMP“)

- Alien stay controls, verification of the Invitation form, the duty to notify upon arrival:

- **The Police of the Czech Republic:** Foreign Police
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RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- Short-term stay (up to 90 days):
 - stays without visa
 - **Short-term Schengen visa**
(The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic: embassies of the Czech Republic)
 - Long-term stays (over 90 days):
 - 1) long-term visa
 - **2) long-term residence permit**
(The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic: the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy, „OAMP“)
 - + the Police of the Czech Republic: Foreign Police
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STAYS of over 90 days in the Czech Republic

long-term stay > 90

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- 1) Long-term visa
= visa for a stay of over 90 days
- the maximum validity is 1 year.
- 2) Long-term residence permit
= residence permit in the Czech Republic
- issued for a maximum of 2 years.

Note the difference between
a long-term visa and a long-term residence permit! ○



RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC biometrics



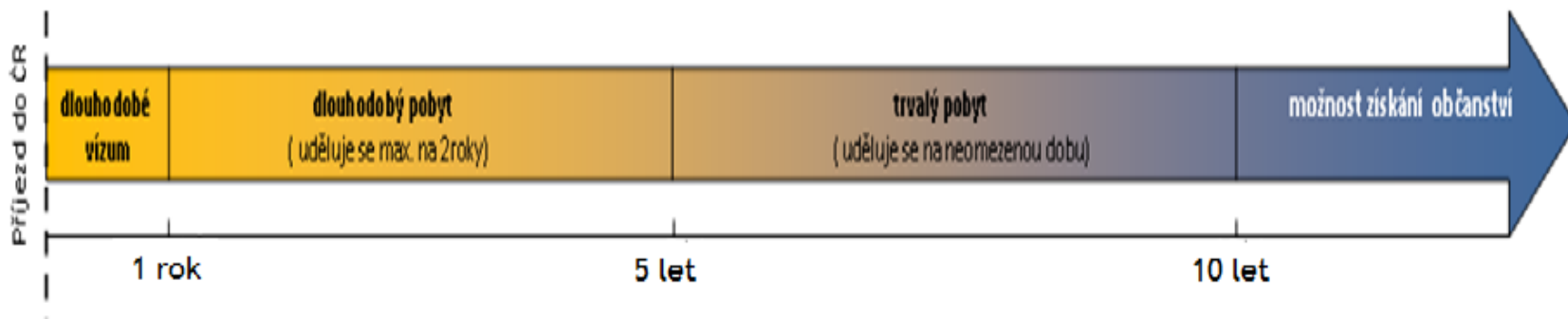
- Biometric data = face recognition and fingerprints
 - Biometric card
- **ANO:** For third-country nationals residing in the Czech Republic under a long-term permit or permanent residence permit, **NOT** under a visa
- **Paid for** in the form of a duty stamp. **The duty stamp is purchased at post offices.**

RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC TIMELINE

Timeline

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2)



STAYS of over 90 days in the Czech Republic purpose of stay

conducting business, study, research, family reunification,
employee and blue card, other...

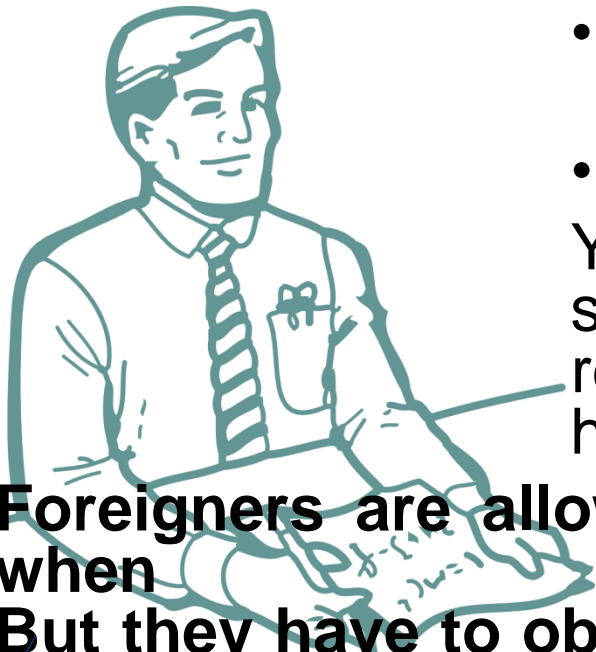


- The purpose of the stay has to be observed throughout the entire stay.
- Several purposes may in fact concur
- The purpose of the stay may not be changed when a long-term visa is changed to long-term residence.



RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC study I (code 23, 24).

The applicant has to be a student throughout the entire period = to comply with the purpose of his/her stay!



- **Certificate of student status** – for the entire period until the end of studies
- **Leaving the country during studies**

You can leave the country (e.e. during summer break). If you have a pending residence application at that time, you have to be proactive!

Foreigners are allowed to work and conduct business when studying. But they have to observe the main purpose of their stay = studying.





RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC study II

❑ Change of school:

- The study programmes have to follow one after another
- The original school will report to the Ministry of the Interior that you ended your studies and it is your obligation to notify them of any change and follow-up (new) studies!
- Changing the purpose of stay in practice

❑ Exclusion from school:

- The school will inform the Ministry of the Interior and your visa or **residence permit** may be cancelled!

Report any changes to an office of the Ministry of the Interior within 3 days!
Report any change of address (e.g. dormitory) within 30 days!





RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC DEADLINES

EXTENDING VISA FOR A STAY OF OVER 90 DAYS



**no sooner than 90 and no later
than 14 days
before visa expiration**

- application for the extension of a long-term visa for a stay of over 90 days



RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC DEADLINES

Effective from December 2015

**no sooner than 120 days and no
later than on the expiration day of
the residence permit!**

Employee cards

120 – 30 days

- application for the first **long-term residence permit**
- application for the extension of **long-term residence permit**



RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC proceedings to consider an application



- **application for long-term residence permit**
- **WHEN:** 120-0 days, the period has to be observed, submit your application even if it misses some elements
- **WHERE:** OAMP, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic
- **HOW LONG:** The application has to be decided within 30 to 60 days, for this period interim visa
- **WHAT TO SUBMIT:** financial resources (CZK 81 400 per year, comprehensive health insurance, accommodation confirmation, certificate of student status, photograph)



RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

short-term Schengen visa ≤90

Application



- Application for a short-term (Schengen) visa at an embassy of the Czech Republic
- validity and number of entries
- different purposes (the most frequent is invitation...)
- the invitation to visit will be verified by the Foreign Police
- the general deadline is 15 (or 30, exceptionally 60) days

Different conditions apply to different countries of origin!





RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC family members

- spouses, children of the permit holder (dependant children of both under and of full legal age), parents (older than 65 or if they cannot take care of themselves for health reasons)
 - you can chose between **a long-term visa** and **a long-term residence permit** (dis/advantages)
 - if the permit/visa holder stays for 15 months or 6 months (if he or she has an employee card)
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RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC FAMILY MEMBERS – ARRIVAL

Application for *long-term visa for family purposes*.

Deadline of 90 to 120 days.

The maximum visa length is 1 year.

Upon arrival to the Czech Republic, the foreigner may ask for long-term residence for the purpose of family reunification.





RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC FAMILY MEMBERS – ARRIVAL

Application for long-term residence permit for the purpose of family reunification

Family members may apply at an embassy only after you have been in the Czech Republic for 15 months.

The deadline is 270 days.

Residence permit is issued for a maximum of 2 year.





RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC the right to travel in the EU and the Schengen Area

- A foreigner with a long-term visa or a long-term residence permit is **entitled to travel in the Schengen Area.**
- Travelling is possible with a **passport + visa** or a **biometric ID.**
- You can travel to other Schengen countries and spend there up to 3 months over any period of 6 months.
- As far as **EU countries that are not part of the Schengen Area, you may need a travel visa.**
(applies also to airport transit areas)



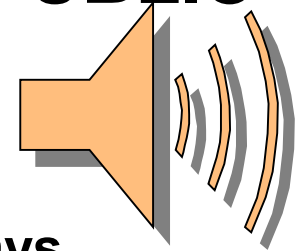


RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC SCHENGEN AREA

- **The CR is part of the Schengen Area**
 - The Schengen Area = a joint area of countries where **border checks of persons are not performed at the joint borders.**
 - **The Schengen Area includes:**

Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Austria, Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.
 - Other EU or EEA member states , i.e. Bulgaria, Ireland, Cyprus, Lichtenstein, Rumania and Great Britain, **are not members of the Schengen Area.**
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RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC MAIN OBLIGATIONS



- **Report your presence in the country within 3 days.**
- **Observe the purpose of your stay throughout the entire stay.**
- **Report any changes within 3 business days! (surname, marital status, changes to passport information and residence permit card)**
- **Place your name on your mailbox and doorbell, legal fiction of delivery after 10 days**
- **Obligation to report any change to your address in the Czech Republic within 30 days.**
- **Biometrics – provide biometric data for your residence permit card.**
- **Present your passport, residence permit card, health insurance card/document + a receipt of health insurance payment during a residence check by the Foreign Police.**