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# News in the immigration law



# BRNO EXPAT CENTRE



# The News

## **Amendment of Act on Stay of Foreigners**

- Effective from 31st July 2019

## **Quotas on Employee Cards and Long-term business visas**

- Effective from 2nd September 2019

## **Government programs on economic migration**

- Effective from 2nd September 2019

## **Integration courses**

- Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

# The Fees

## **First applications (filed at Embassy):**

- Employee Card / Blue Card: CZK 5,000 (or equivalent)
- Business visa (stay over 90 days): CZK 5,000 (or equivalent)
- Long-term visa / Long-term residence permit: CZK 2,500

## **Following applications (filed at Immigration Authority in the CR):**

- Applicants over 15 y: CZK 2,500
- Applicants under 15 y: CZK 1,000
- Paid in revenue stamps – „*kolek*“
- Paid **all** when filing the application

## Applicable for:

- **Employee Card** applicants
- Long-term **business visa** applicants
- Applications submitted at respective Embassies
- Determined by Government regulation – it can be changed easily
- There are not any exemptions (only Governmental Programs)
- [List of countries](#) (39 Embassies and Consulates)

# Immigration quotas

## Employee cards quotas 2019

	Applications per year	Highly qualified	Qualified
Afghanistan	30	30	0
Algeria	60	30	0
Armenia	200	30	0
Azerbaijan	200	50	0
Belarus	1000	100	800
B i H	500	50	0
Egypt	60	30	0
Ethiopia	60	30	0
Georgia	300	30	0
Ghana	60	30	0
India	1200	500	600
Indonesia	100	30	0
Iran	60	30	0
Iraq Baghdad	30	30	0
Iraq Erbil	30	30	0
Jordan	60	30	0
Kazakhstan	380	30	300
Kenya	60	30	0
Lebanon	60	30	0

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Macedonia	200	30	0
Marocco	60	30	0
Moldava	800	100	600
Mongolia	1200	30	1000
Niger	60	30	0
North Korea	0	0	0
Pakistan	30	30	0
Philippines	1200	100	1000
Serbia	3000	100	2500
South Africa	100	70	0
Syria	30	30	0
Thailand	250	30	0
Tunisia	60	30	0
Turkey Ankara	300	100	0
Turkey Istanbul	300	100	0
Ukraine Kyjev	1600	500	1100
Ukraine Lvov	40720	0	40000
Uzbekistan	100	30	0
Vietnam	200	200	0
Zambia	60	30	0

# Change of employer

## with Employee card

### Announcement of change the employer- Employee Card:

- Free vacancy
  - Notification form
  - Employment contract
  - Proof that former employment still persists or was terminated not later than 60 days ago
  - (Diploma)
- Notification must be filed 30 days before the employment start
  - Notification must be filed **within 60 days** after termination of previous job at the latest
  - Immigration Authority will issue Confirmation on change of employer within 30 days.
  - It does not extend the current employee card
  - Not possible in the first 6 months from getting the first Employee card
  - The above-mentioned is not required in case of exceptions => announcement about change of employer within 3 working days



# Students & Researchers

- New definition of students for purposes of long-term residence permit
- Student of Erasmus Program can stay in other EU countries up to 1 year (but cannot work)
- Student holding a student residence permit/visa of other EU country can file application for Czech student residence permit at Immigration Authority in the CR
- No change of the term “study” in the Act on Employment = access to work
- Similar conditions for researches

## Extra working visa

- For specific positions determined by Government regulation (No regulation issued yet)
- Valid up to 1 year, cannot be extended

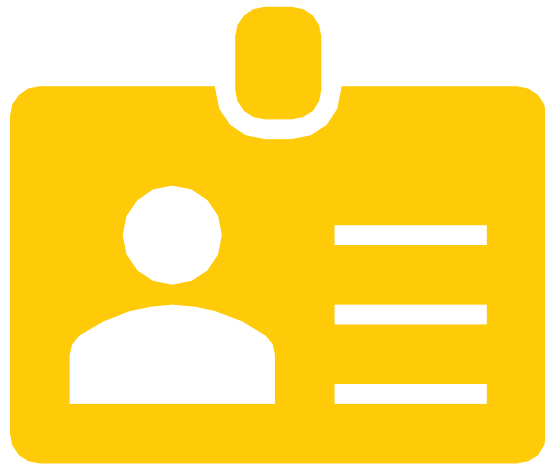
## Long-term residence permit– Employment search or Starting business

- For holders of student residence permit once the study is **successfully** completed and for holders of researcher residence permit
- Valid up to 9 months, cannot be extended

New permits / visas



# Other news



- **Address** of stay is not printed on the biometric cards anymore – you can arrange an address stamp to your passport
- Certificate on **Temporary Residence of EU citizen** issued before 1/1/2010 will expire 31/12/2019, other after 10 years
- **Labor market test** for Employee Card or Blue Card can be 10 days only

# Useful tips



Arrange your appointments [online](#) or via phone in advance



Check status of your application [online](#)



Announce change of address via mail – add request to provide appointment for stamping the address to your passport



File renewal application via registered mail – control that your surname is written on your postbox



Start renewal procedure as soon as possible, ie. 120 days before expiration

# Questions & Answers



Thank you



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