

Your Residency

Residency and Immigration during Pandemic

Brno, 15th April 2020

State of Emergency

- **Declared 13th March 2020 for one month initially.**
- **The Czech Republic applied various immigration measures in relation to the COVID-19 disease outbreak.**
- **It was extended to *30th April 2020* (Regulation of 6th April 2020).**

General Immigration Measures

- **All consular posts (embassies) of the Czech Republic have been closed until further notice and will *not be accepting any applications* for visa or residency .**
- **All applications submitted at the Czech consular posts have been put *on hold* until further notice.**
- **It is *forbidden to travel freely* from/to the Czech Republic (see below).**
- ***Immigration Authority (MoI) limited* its activities.**

I am EU citizen

YOU ARE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

(without temporary/permanent residency)

- You can **stay or work** in CZ.
- You can **arrange Certificate of Temporary Residency** via postal mail (recommended).

Travel?

- You **cannot travel** abroad freely.
- You can **travel home based on a note** issued by my Embassy in Prague. I cannot come back.

I am EU citizen

YOU ARE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC (with temporary/permanent residency)

- You can **stay or work** in CZ.

Travel?

- You can travel abroad due to work or family reasons and come back (but mandatory **quarantine for 14 days** after returning back to CZ).
- You can travel abroad in extraordinary cases (funeral, airport pick-up, doctor visit, court hearing, etc.) for period **less than 24 hours** (quarantine is not required).
- **Purpose of trip** must be proven!
- Return to the Czech Republic must be **announced to Czech Embassy** in advance!
- It is forbidden to travel for **tourism**.

I am non-EU
citizen

YOU ARE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

(**without** valid permit of stay)

...your visa expires, you have Schengen visa or you are staying based on non-visa regime

- *If you were in CZ legally as of 12th March 2020, you are **allowed to stay legally during the state of emergency** and for period of 60 days after termination of the emergency state, no need for visa nor permit.*
- *You **cannot apply for a visa** in the Czech Republic.*

Travel?

- *You **cannot travel abroad freely** but you **can travel home based on a note issued by your Embassy in Prague. I cannot come back.***

I am non-EU
citizen

YOU ARE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

(with valid permit/visa over 90 days)

- There are the same rules related to travelling from/to the Czech Republic as for Czech and EU citizens with residency (see above slide 5).
- You have to **follow my IMMI obligations** (notification of changes, extending permits etc).
- It is possible to **file all notifications and applications** via registered **postal mail** to respective MoI. Do not wait till the end of state of emergency! -- **double-check** that you mentioned correct corresponding address and there is name on your mailbox.
- If a personal attendance is required, MoI will **invite** you to Immigration Authority once it is possible.

Travel?

- **Return to the Czechs Republic must be announced to Czech Embassy in advance!**

I am EU or
non-EU citizen

YOU ARE **NOT** IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- You **cannot travel** to the Czech Republic without valid permit (*Certificate of Temporary Residency, Permanent Residency, Employee Card, Blue Card, Long-term visa for students/dependents etc*).
- You cannot enter based on an **entry visa** (*D/VR visa*).
- You cannot enter based on so called **bridging visa**.

Contact MŮI (Ministry of Interior)

- **All former *appointments were cancelled*, you have to arrange a new appointment.**
- **You *cannot visit* Immigration Authority without an appointment.**
- **You can *arrange an appointment* for the following tasks only:**
 - **Registration upon arrival including collection of biometric data,**
 - **Issuance of biometric residence cards**
 - **Issuance of the bridging visa for leaving the Czech Republic (no return!).**

Useful links

- [Coronavirus - State of emergency - Information for foreign nationals](#)
- [MoI – Model Situations](#)
- [Exceptions to travel restrictions](#)
- [Information about change of operation of MOI](#)
- [Ministry of Health](#)
- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)
- [BEC's Expat's guide to the pandemic](#)