

Foreigners – visa and residence arrangements

Question 1: How should I proceed as a foreign student who is in the Czech Republic at the time of the declared state of emergency?

Answer: All the **foreigners, including students**, who were legally in the territory of the Czech Republic at the moment of the declaration of an emergency state, **may remain in the territory for the duration of the emergency state without having to deal with their residence issues**. The state of emergency on the whole territory of the Czech Republic is declared since 12th March 2020 from 14:00 hours for 30 days.

Question 2: How should I proceed as a foreign student who has expiring residence permit in the Czech Republic and wants to stay in the Czech Republic after the end of the state of emergency?

Answer: We recommend **applying for the issue or extension of the long-term residence permit or for extending the long-term visa already during the emergency, thus as soon as possible**.

Up-to-date information of the Ministry of the Interior on the conditions for applying for residence permits during the state of emergency is available at: <https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/informace-ministerstva-vnitra-k-zadostem-o-pobytova-opravneni-podanym-cizinci-na-uzemi-ceske-republiky-v-dobe-nouzoveho-stavu.aspx>.

Applications must be delivered to the relevant offices of the Ministry of the Interior by post with all requisites and with the fee (stamp) paid.

Information is also available in English on the website: <https://www.mvcr.cz/docDetail.aspx?docid=22241518&doctype=ART>.

In the case of **extension of long-term visas**, it is also necessary to deliver an application, together with all requisites and paid fee (stamp) to specific Ministry of the Interior offices - more information on the requirements for applying is available at: <https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/vizum-k-pobytu-nad-90-dnu-dlouhodobe.aspx?q=Y2hudW09OQ%3d%3d>.

Contacts to the offices: <https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/sluzby-pro-verejnost-informace-pro-cizince-kontakty.aspx>, they are also available in the news feed: [Oznámení o úpravě provozu pracovišť MV ČR v souvislosti s vyhlášeným nouzovým stavem](#) in pdf file.

All these measures are only valid for the duration of the state of emergency. For more information regarding the state of emergency, please contact e-mail - pobyty@mvcr.cz

Information on obligations for foreigners: <https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/nove-povinnosti-a-informace-pro-cizince-prevence-rozsireni-covid-19.aspx>

Question 3: I am supposed to be granted a long-term visa, but at present, I cannot visit the Czech Embassy abroad, what should I do?

Answer: You will pick up the long-term visa from the embassy after the end of the state of emergency and the opening of the border.

You can contact the Ministry of the Interior on the email mentioned above.

We also recommend checking the regularly updated website of the Ministry of the Interior: <https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/sluzby-pro-verejnost-informace-pro-cizince-informace-pro-cizince.aspx>.