

Guidance

Living in Czechia

Information about moving to, living or retiring in Czechia – including visas, working, healthcare and driving.

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Getting help with living in Czechia

Help from the Czech government

For any questions about moving to or living in Czechia, you may be able to get help from the:

- [Czech Embassy in London \(https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html\)](https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html)
- Czech Ministry of the Interior's [official information portal for foreign nationals \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/)

The UK government and the British Embassy in Prague cannot give personalised advice on moving to, living or retiring in Czechia.

Professional help in Czechia

You can also [get help from English-speaking professionals \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/professional-services-if-you-are-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/professional-services-if-you-are-abroad) in Czechia, including:

- lawyers
- translators
- notaries
- funeral directors

Help from the UK government

Read the [travel advice for Czechia \(https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia\)](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia) to understand the risks you may face if you live in or visit Czechia. This includes the latest information on:

- visas and entry requirements
- laws and cultural differences
- safety and security

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad).

[Get help from the UK government abroad \(https://www.contact.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/\)](https://www.contact.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/), including in an emergency.

Visas, residency and citizenship

Make sure you meet the [entry requirements for Czechia \(https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia/entry-requirements\)](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia/entry-requirements) before you travel.

Visas and residence permits

Check which [visa or residence permit \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/) you need to live in Czechia.

You can get a visa to:

- work
- study
- live with family in Czechia
- invest or do business in Czechia
- do research
- get medical treatment

For more information, read the [Czech government's guidance on entry and residence \(https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/information_for_aliases/index.html\)](https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/information_for_aliases/index.html).

Registering as a resident

Once you arrive, you need to [register your residency in Czechia \(https://policie.gov.cz/clanek/reporting-of-the-place-of-aliens-residence.aspx\)](https://policie.gov.cz/clanek/reporting-of-the-place-of-aliens-residence.aspx).

If you have any problems or questions about registering your residency, contact:

- the [Czech Foreign Police Service \(https://policie.gov.cz/clanek/reporting-of-the-place-of-aliens-residence.aspx\)](https://policie.gov.cz/clanek/reporting-of-the-place-of-aliens-residence.aspx)
- an [English-speaking lawyer in Czechia \(https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia\)](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia)

Extending or replacing your visa or residence permit

[Contact the Czech Ministry of the Interior \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A0%7D\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A0%7D) for information on how to:

- extend your visa or residence permit
- replace a lost, damaged or stolen visa or residence permit

Permanent residency

You may be able to apply for permanent residency in Czechia if you have lived there legally and continuously for at least 5 years.

To find out if you're eligible and how to apply:

- read guidance on [permanent residence in Czechia \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/third-country-nationals/permanent-residence/\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/third-country-nationals/permanent-residence/)
- [contact the Czech Ministry of the Interior \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A0%7D\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A0%7D)

Citizenship

Czechia recognises dual citizenship with the UK. This means that you do not have to give up (renounce) your British citizenship to become a Czech citizen.

To find out if you're eligible for Czech citizenship:

- read guidance on [Czech citizenship for foreign nationals \(https://mv.gov.cz/mvcren/article/citizenship-of-the-czech-republic.aspx\)](https://mv.gov.cz/mvcren/article/citizenship-of-the-czech-republic.aspx)
- [contact the Czech Ministry of the Interior \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%22%22%3A0%7D\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%22%22%3A0%7D)
- contact the [Czech Embassy in London \(https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html\)](https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html)

Help with visa, residency and citizenship applications

The British Embassy in Prague cannot help with Czech visa, residency or citizenship applications.

For any questions or issues, [contact the Czech Ministry of the Interior \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%22%22%3A0%7D\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/?iqTabs=%7B%22%22%3A0%7D) or:

- the [Czech Embassy in London \(https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html\)](https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html)
- an [English-speaking lawyer in Czechia \(https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia\)](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia)

Residency if you moved to Czechia before 1 January 2021

If you moved to Czechia before 1 January 2021, and have been legally living there since then, you and your family members have [rights under the Withdrawal Agreement \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-europe\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-europe).

Residence permits if you moved to Czechia before 1 January 2021

If you moved to Czechia before 1 January 2021, make sure you have a [biometric permanent residence permit for UK citizens \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/permanent-residence-permit-of-a-citizen-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/permanent-residence-permit-of-a-citizen-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/). This shows that you have rights under the Withdrawal Agreement.

If you have a [paper Czech residence permit \(https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/temporary-residence.aspx?q=Y2hudW09MQ%3d%3d\)](https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/temporary-residence.aspx?q=Y2hudW09MQ%3d%3d) ('Potvrzení o přechodném pobytu' or 'Potvrzení o trvalém pobytu') you must exchange it for a biometric residence permit as soon as possible.

Under the new digital [Entry/Exit System \(EES\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-entryexit-system) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-entryexit-system>), you'll need a biometric permanent residence permit for UK citizens when entering or leaving Czechia. If you have one, you will not have to register with the EES when [entering, leaving or travelling within the Schengen area](https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm) (https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm). Without it, you may be wrongly identified as overstaying in the Schengen area and denied entry to Czechia or other Schengen countries.

If you do not have a residence permit

If you were living in Czechia before 1 January 2021, but do not have a residence permit, you must apply for a biometric permanent residence permit for UK citizens.

The Czech Ministry of the Interior's guidance on [residence documents for UK citizens](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/) (<https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/>) explains how to apply. You'll need to submit evidence to prove that you met the residency criteria at the time.

If your application is successful, you'll get a biometric residence permit.

If your application is unsuccessful, you may be able to appeal. Consider getting legal advice from an [English-speaking lawyer in Czechia](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia) (<https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia>).

Renewing your residence permit if you moved to Czechia before 1 January 2021

You'll need to renew or extend your residence card or permit every 5 or 10 years, depending on which one you have.

For information on how to renew or extend your residence card or permit:

- read the Czech government's guidance on [extending a permanent residence permit for UK citizens](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/permanent-residence-permit-of-a-citizen-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A2%7D) (<https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/permanent-residence-permit-of-a-citizen-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A2%7D>) or [renewing a biometric registration certificate card](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/biometric-registration-certificate-card) (<https://ipc.gov.cz/en/visa-and-residence-permit-types/the-citizens-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/biometric-registration-certificate-card>)

[ireland/registration-certificate/?iqTabs=%7B%220%22%3A2%7D\)](#)

- [contact the Czech Ministry of the Interior \(https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/\)](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/)

Bringing family members to Czechia if you moved there before 1 January 2021

The Czech government's guidance on residency for [EU citizens and their family members \(https://mv.gov.cz/mvcren/article/eu-citizens-and-their-family-members.aspx\)](https://mv.gov.cz/mvcren/article/eu-citizens-and-their-family-members.aspx) explains:

- which family members can join you in Czechia
- how and when they should apply for their residence document
- fees and processing times

Passports and travel

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers how to:

- apply for a British passport from abroad
- travel urgently without your British passport

If you have a Czech residence permit or long stay visa, the time you spend in Czechia does not count towards the 90-day visa-free period you can spend in the Schengen area.

Always carry your passport and residence card or permit when [entering, leaving or travelling within the Schengen area \(https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm\)](https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm). If you're asked to show your passport at border control, make sure you also show your residence document or other evidence of residence status. Your passport may be stamped if you do not.

If you have dual citizenship with an EU or [European Free Trade Association \(EFTA\) \(https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European_Free_Trade_Association_\(EFTA\)\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European_Free_Trade_Association_(EFTA)) country, you should enter and leave Czechia using your EU or EFTA passport.

Dual citizens travelling to the UK

When travelling to the UK, British citizens must carry a valid [British passport](https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports) (<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports>) or [certificate of entitlement](https://www.gov.uk/right-of-abode/apply-for-a-certificate-of-entitlement) (<https://www.gov.uk/right-of-abode/apply-for-a-certificate-of-entitlement>). Read guidance on [dual citizenship](https://www.gov.uk/dual-citizenship) (<https://www.gov.uk/dual-citizenship>).

European Entry/Exit System (EES)

Under the new digital [Entry/Exit System](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-entryexit-system) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-entryexit-system>) (EES) there are new rules for [entering, leaving or travelling within the Schengen area](https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm) (https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/entry-exit/non-eu-nationals/index_en.htm). Non-EU nationals will need to have their photo and fingerprints taken or verified at the border. This data will be stored in a digital record and used to monitor how long visitors have spent in the Schengen area.

British nationals legally resident in Czechia, and who have a biometric residence card do not need to register with the EES.

If you're legally resident in Czechia but do not have a biometric residence card, [contact the Czech Ministry of the Interior](https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/) (<https://ipc.gov.cz/en/contacts/>) for information on how to get one.

For more information about the EES, read:

- [EU guidance on the EES](https://travel-europe.europa.eu/ees_en) (https://travel-europe.europa.eu/ees_en)
- [guidance on the EES for UK nationals](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-entryexit-system) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-entryexit-system>)

Healthcare in Czechia

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad>). This covers how to:

- plan your healthcare
- take medicine abroad

To find out how to get medical treatment:

- read guidance on [healthcare in Czechia](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-in-the-czech-republic) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-in-the-czech-republic>) and [health in Czechia](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia/health) (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia/health>)

- find [English-speaking medical facilities and doctors for British nationals in Czechia](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/czech-republic-list-of-medical-facilitiespractitioners) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/czech-republic-list-of-medical-facilitiespractitioners>)

Working in Czechia

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad>). This covers working abroad, including documents you may need from the UK government.

To work in Czechia, you may need a work permit or work visa. Our guidance on [travelling to Czechia for work](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-czechia-for-work) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-czechia-for-work>) explains the different work permits and visas available to you.

You do not need a work permit or visa if you have been living in Czechia legally since before 1 January 2021, as you have [rights under the Withdrawal Agreement](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-europe) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-europe>).

To apply for a job, you may need to provide:

- a [UK police certificate](https://www.acro.police.uk/s/acro-services/police-certificates) (<https://www.acro.police.uk/s/acro-services/police-certificates>)
- an [extract from the Czech Criminal Register](https://www.ceskaposta.cz/en/sluzby/egovernment/czechpoint/sluzby-czechpoint) (<https://www.ceskaposta.cz/en/sluzby/egovernment/czechpoint/sluzby-czechpoint>)

If you live in Czechia and were regularly commuting to work in another EU or [European Free Trade Association \(EFTA\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European_Free_Trade_Association_(EFTA)) ([https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European_Free_Trade_Association_\(EFTA\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European_Free_Trade_Association_(EFTA))) country before 1 January 2021, read [guidance for frontier workers](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/frontier-workers-in-eu-and-efsa-countries) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/frontier-workers-in-eu-and-efsa-countries>).

Recognition of qualifications

If you want to work in Czechia, you may need to [get your foreign qualifications recognised](https://msmt.gov.cz/areas-of-work/tertiary-education/enic-naric-czech-republic) (<https://msmt.gov.cz/areas-of-work/tertiary-education/enic-naric-czech-republic>).

Driving in Czechia

Read our guidance on [moving, living and retiring abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-and-retiring-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-and-retiring-abroad>).

[guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad](#)). This covers how to:

- drive abroad legally
- take your UK vehicle abroad
- get driving licence letters

The [Czech Ministry of Transport \(https://md.gov.cz/?lang=en-GB\)](https://md.gov.cz/?lang=en-GB) provides information on driving in Czechia, including:

- [driving licences \(https://md.gov.cz/Zivotni-situace/Ridicky-prukazy\)](https://md.gov.cz/Zivotni-situace/Ridicky-prukazy)
- [vehicle registration \(https://md.gov.cz/Zivotni-situace/Registr-vozidel\)](https://md.gov.cz/Zivotni-situace/Registr-vozidel)

For more information read guidance on:

- [driving in the EU \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu)
- road travel in Czechia, in [safety and security in the travel advice for Czechia \(https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia/safety-and-security\)](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/czechia/safety-and-security)

Driving in Czechia using a foreign driving licence

You can drive in Czechia for up to 3 months using a driving licence issued in:

- the UK
- Gibraltar
- Jersey
- Guernsey
- the Isle of Man

You cannot replace or renew any of these licences if you live in Czechia.

Exchanging your UK, Gibraltar, Jersey, Guernsey or Isle of Man driving licence

To continue driving after 3 months, you must [exchange your driving licence \(https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Evropska-unie/Aktualni-temata/BREXIT-Vymena-ridicky-prukazu-Spojeneho-kralov?lang=en-GB\)](https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Evropska-unie/Aktualni-temata/BREXIT-Vymena-ridicky-prukazu-Spojeneho-kralov?lang=en-GB). You can do this at any municipality which provides this service. These are known as ‘úřad obce s rozšířenou působností’.

To find your nearest municipality, use the [map of municipality offices \(in Czech\)](https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Silnicni-doprava/Registrace-vozidel/Obecni-urady-s-rozsirenou-pusobnosti?lang=en-GB) (<https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Silnicni-doprava/Registrace-vozidel/Obecni-urady-s-rozsirenou-pusobnosti?lang=en-GB>). The municipalities which offer an exchange service are shown in blue on the map.

If you moved to Czechia before 1 January 2021, and have rights under the Withdrawal Agreement, you do not need to exchange your driving licence. However, you can choose to do so. For more information, read the Czech Ministry of Transport's guidance on [exchanging your UK licence if you were living in Czechia before 1 January 2021](https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Evropska-unie/Aktualni-temata/Vymena-ridicскеho-prukazu-Velke-Britanie-pokyny) (<https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Evropska-unie/Aktualni-temata/Vymena-ridicскеho-prukazu-Velke-Britanie-pokyny>).

You should apply for the exchange before the 3 months is over. Applications may take time to process, and you'll need your Czech licence to drive legally.

You'll need to take a driving test to exchange an Isle of Man driving licence. You do not need to take a test to exchange a UK, Gibraltar, Jersey or Guernsey driving licence.

Applying for a Czech driving licence

If you cannot exchange your driving licence, you can [apply for a Czech driving licence](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-vs/issuing-of-czech-driving-licence-S113) (<https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-vs/issuing-of-czech-driving-licence-S113>).

You'll need to pass theory and practical driving tests.

Disabled drivers

You may be able to apply for an [EU parking card for people with disabilities](https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/transport-disability/parking-card-disabilities-people/index_en.htm) (https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/transport-disability/parking-card-disabilities-people/index_en.htm).

You may also be able to apply for a Czech disabled parking card at any municipality which provides this service.

To find your nearest municipality, use the [map of municipality offices \(in Czech\)](https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Silnicni-doprava/Registrace-vozidel/Obecni-urady-s-rozsirenou-pusobnosti?lang=en-GB) (<https://md.gov.cz/Dokumenty/Silnicni-doprava/Registrace-vozidel/Obecni-urady-s-rozsirenou-pusobnosti?lang=en-GB>). The municipalities where you can get a disabled parking card are shown in blue on the map. These are known as 'úřad obce s rozšířenou působností' or 'municipal offices with extended

powers’.

If you have a [UK Blue Badge \(https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/blue-badge-scheme\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/blue-badge-scheme) and live in Czechia, you must return it to the original UK issuing authority.

Tax

Read our guidance on moving, living or retiring abroad. This covers tax, including paying UK tax and National Insurance.

The UK has a [double taxation agreement with Czechia \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/czech-republic-tax-treaties\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/czech-republic-tax-treaties) so that you do not pay tax on the same income in both countries.

Contact your [local Czech tax office \(in Czech\) \(https://financnisprava.gov.cz/en/contacts\)](https://financnisprava.gov.cz/en/contacts) for any questions about double taxation relief.

Consider getting professional advice on [paying tax in Czechia \(https://www.mfcr.cz/en/regulation-and-taxes/taxes\)](https://www.mfcr.cz/en/regulation-and-taxes/taxes). To do this, find an [English-speaking lawyer in Czechia \(https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find?serviceType=lawyers&country=Czechia\)](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find?serviceType=lawyers&country=Czechia).

Declaring your assets

If you live in Czechia for more than 6 months in the current year, you must pay tax on your worldwide income there. This may include income from:

- securities
- insurance
- annuities
- property

Check what you need to do with your [local Czech tax office \(in Czech\) \(https://financnisprava.gov.cz/en/contacts\)](https://financnisprava.gov.cz/en/contacts).

National Insurance

Check if you need to [pay National Insurance if you’re going to work in the EU, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, or Switzerland \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pay-national-insurance-if-youre-going-to-work-in-the-eu-gibraltar-iceland-liechtenstein-norway-or-switzerland\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pay-national-insurance-if-youre-going-to-work-in-the-eu-gibraltar-iceland-liechtenstein-norway-or-switzerland).

www.gov.uk/guidance/national-insurance-for-workers-from-the-uk-working-in-the-eea-or-switzerland).

Pensions

Claiming your UK pension

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers:

- how to claim your UK State Pension
- where the UK government pays an annual increase in the State Pension

Your UK State Pension is calculated differently [if you've previously lived in Australia, Canada or New Zealand \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/state-pension-if-youve-lived-in-australia-canada-or-new-zealand\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/state-pension-if-youve-lived-in-australia-canada-or-new-zealand) and now live in the EU.

Claiming a Czech pension

Contact the [Czech Social Security Administration \(CSSA\) \(https://www.cssz.cz/web/lang/kontakty-na-cssz\)](https://www.cssz.cz/web/lang/kontakty-na-cssz) to find out whether you can claim a [Czech pension \(https://www.cssz.cz/web/lang/duchodove-pojisteni1?lang=en\)](https://www.cssz.cz/web/lang/duchodove-pojisteni1?lang=en).

Benefits

Claiming UK benefits

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers how to claim UK benefits abroad, including Child Benefit.

You can also read guidance on [benefits and pensions for UK nationals in the EU, EEA or Switzerland \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/benefits-and-pensions-for-uk-nationals-in-the-eea-or-switzerland\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/benefits-and-pensions-for-uk-nationals-in-the-eu-eea-or-switzerland).

Claiming Czech benefits

You may be entitled to some Czech benefits.

To find out if you're eligible and how to claim:

- read guidance on [social services and social assistance \(https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/social-services-and-social-assistance-KAT-408\)](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/social-services-and-social-assistance-KAT-408) in Czechia
- contact the [Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs \(https://www.mpsv.cz/en/\)](https://www.mpsv.cz/en/)

You can also [contact the Czech Social Security Administration \(CSSA\) \(https://www.cssz.cz/web/lang/kontakty-na-cssz\)](https://www.cssz.cz/web/lang/kontakty-na-cssz).

Buying and renting property in Czechia

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers buying and renting property abroad.

Contact an [English-speaking lawyer in Czechia \(https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia\)](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia) if you're considering buying property or land in Czechia.

Voting in Czechia

UK elections

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers how to:

- vote in UK elections from abroad
- register as an overseas voter

Czech elections

You cannot vote in Czech elections unless you hold Czech citizenship.

You also cannot vote in European elections unless you hold citizenship of an EU country.

Studying in Czechia

If you plan to study in Czechia, you must meet all [student visa requirements \(https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/visa_and_consular_information/visa_information/visa_over_90_days/visa_over_90_days.html\)](https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/visa_and_consular_information/visa_information/visa_over_90_days/visa_over_90_days.html) before you travel.

You do not need a student visa if you have been living in Czechia legally since before 1 January 2021, as you have [rights under the Withdrawal Agreement \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-europe\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-europe).

For more information, read guidance on:

- [studying in the EU \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/study-in-the-european-union\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/study-in-the-european-union)
- [travel grants for students studying abroad or on placements \(England\) \(https://www.gov.uk/travel-grants-students-england\)](https://www.gov.uk/travel-grants-students-england)

You can also contact:

- your higher education provider in the UK or Czechia
- [Study in Czechia \(https://www.studyin.cz/\)](https://www.studyin.cz/), part of the [Czech National Agency for International Education and Research \(https://www.dzs.cz/en\)](https://www.dzs.cz/en)
- the [Czech Embassy in London \(https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html\)](https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/index.html)

Children

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers moving abroad with children, including:

- getting permission to take your child abroad
- claiming UK Child Benefit abroad
- child maintenance payments if a parent lives abroad

You can also read the Czech government's guidance on [pregnancy, childcare and parenting \(https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/pregnancy-child-care-and-parenting-KAT-406\)](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/pregnancy-child-care-and-parenting-KAT-406). This explains the different family benefits and allowances you may be able to claim in Czechia.

Schools and education

The European Commission provides information about the [school system in Czechia \(https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/eurypedia/czechia/overview\)](https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/eurypedia/czechia/overview).

All children aged 5 to 16 must attend school or home school in Czechia.

For more information, read the Czech government's guidance on [education in Czechia \(https://doskolyspolecne.cz/en/\)](https://doskolyspolecne.cz/en/). This covers how to enrol your child in preschool, primary and secondary school.

Childcare

The Czech [Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs \(https://www.mpsv.cz/en\)](https://www.mpsv.cz/en) is responsible for childcare services in Czechia.

For more information on childcare and child allowances, read guidance on:

- [early childhood education and care in Czechia \(https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/euryperia/czechia/early-childhood-education-and-care\)](https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/euryperia/czechia/early-childhood-education-and-care)
- [pregnancy, childcare and parenting in Czechia \(https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/pregnancy-child-care-and-parenting-KAT-406\)](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/pregnancy-child-care-and-parenting-KAT-406)

Births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships

Births

If your child is born in Czechia, [register the birth with the Czech authorities \(https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-vs/baby-birth-record-S4350\)](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-vs/baby-birth-record-S4350).

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers how to:

- register the birth with the UK authorities to get a UK birth certificate
- apply for your child's first British passport

Deaths

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers:

- what to do after someone dies abroad
- how to register the death with the UK authorities

If someone dies in Czechia, read guidance on:

- [what to do when someone dies in Czechia \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/czech-republic-bereavement-packinformation\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/czech-republic-bereavement-packinformation)
- [English-speaking funeral directors in Czechia \(https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/funeral-directors?country=czechia\)](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/funeral-directors?country=czechia)
- [death registration and funeral allowance in Czechia \(https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/birth-death-marriage-and-partnership-KAT-405/death-KAT-480\)](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-verejne-spravy/birth-death-marriage-and-partnership-KAT-405/death-KAT-480)

Marriages and civil partnerships

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers how to get married or form a civil partnership abroad.

The Czech government provides information on:

- [entering into a marriage or civil partnership in Czechia \(https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-vs/entering-into-a-marriage-or-civil-partnership-S4264\)](https://portal.gov.cz/en/sluzby-vs/entering-into-a-marriage-or-civil-partnership-S4264)
- [marriage between Czech nationals and foreign nationals in Czechia \(https://mv.gov.cz/clanek/marriage-between-czech-nationals-and-foreign-nationals-in-the-czech-republic.aspx\)](https://mv.gov.cz/clanek/marriage-between-czech-nationals-and-foreign-nationals-in-the-czech-republic.aspx)

Divorce and separation

Read our guidance on [moving, living or retiring abroad \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-living-or-retiring-abroad). This covers how to get a divorce or end a civil partnership.

The European e-Justice portal offers guidance on [divorce and legal separation in Czechia \(https://e-justice.europa.eu/topics/family-matters-inheritance/divorce-and-legal-separation/cz_en\)](https://e-justice.europa.eu/topics/family-matters-inheritance/divorce-and-legal-separation/cz_en).

Consider taking legal advice from an [English-speaking lawyer in Czechia \(https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia\)](https://find-a-professional-service-abroad.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/find/lawyers?country=czechia).

Documents for British people in Czechia

Read our guidance on [documents for British people abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/documents-for-british-people-abroad). (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/documents-for-british-people-abroad>) This covers:

- legalising and certifying UK documents
- marriage and civil partnership documents
- affirmations and affidavits
- witnessing signatures

Lawyers, translators and notaries

To find an English-speaking lawyer, translator or notary in Czechia, read guidance on [professional services if you're abroad](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/professional-services-if-you-are-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/professional-services-if-you-are-abroad>).

Pets

If you want to bring your pet with you to Czechia, read guidance on:

- [travelling to Czechia with your pet](https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/trade_and_economy/travelling_with_your_pet/travelling_with_your_pet.html) (https://mzv.gov.cz/london/en/trade_and_economy/travelling_with_your_pet/travelling_with_your_pet.html)
- [taking your pet dog, cat or ferret to an EU country](https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad) (<https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad>)

Returning to the UK

Read [returning to the UK permanently](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/returning-to-the-uk) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/returning-to-the-uk>). This includes information on bringing family members back to the UK, tax and access to services.

If the NHS funds your healthcare in Czechia through the S1 form, [contact the NHS Overseas Healthcare Team](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/contact-overseas-healthcare-services) (<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/contact-overseas-healthcare-services>) to cancel it.

Disclaimer

We provide this information as a guide only. For definitive information, contact the Czech authorities.

Read our [consular information disclaimer \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-commonwealth-development-office-fcdo-consular-information-disclaimer\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-commonwealth-development-office-fcdo-consular-information-disclaimer).

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