



Important update 12/2020

State of emergency/Suspension
of immigration processing & Ban
on entry

On 12 March 2020 the Czech government issued an emergency measure that, in addition to a number of various other points as of 14 March 2020 suspends acceptance of Schengen visa and long-term and permanent residence permit applications at all diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic. The Government also suspends processing of Schengen visa applications, which have not been decided yet, and processing of all long-term visa and residence permit applications (for stays over 90 days) submitted at diplomatic missions.

As of now, the measure affects only applications filed at the Czech diplomatic missions abroad. The extension applications filed directly at the Ministry of Interior or other immigration agenda handled at the territory of the Czech Republic should be processed without any change.

■ The government resolution orders:

- ▶ no entry for all foreigners coming from risk areas (currently 15 countries - Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Iran, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland) except for those with permanent or temporary (over 90 days) residence in the Czech Republic;
- ▶ to stop accepting requests for short-term visa applications, temporary and permanent residence applications at the embassies of the Czech Republic;
- ▶ to stop all proceedings of short-term visa applications, which have not been decided yet;
- ▶ to stop all proceedings of applications for residence permits over 90 days lodged at the embassies,
- ▶ no entry to the risk areas for the citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with permanent or temporary (over 90 days) residence in the Czech Republic.

Moreover, based on another resolution of 13 March 2020, no entry to the Czech Republic is allowed as of 16 March 2020 to all foreigners except for those with permanent or temporary (over 90 days) residence in the Czech Republic. At the same time, these long-term residing foreigners and Czech nationals will be forbidden to leave the country.

Any person arriving from the risk areas will be obliged to stay in a 14-day quarantine. The same applies to anyone who arrives with symptoms of the coronavirus disease.

Certain exemptions may be applicable from the above measures under strict conditions (e.g. for commuters from Austria and Germany who work at the Czech borderlands or Czech nationals in Austria and Germany vice versa).

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.



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