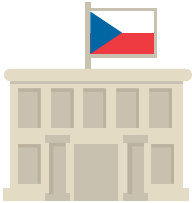


Returning to the Czech Republic

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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Czech Republic.

While every care is taken to ensure that the information is correct this does not constitute a guarantee that the organisations will provide the services listed.



Your Embassy in the UK

Embassy of the Czech Republic
26-30 Kensington Palace Gardens W8 4QY
Tel: 020 7243 7931 **Fax:** 020 7727 9654
Email: consulate.london@embassy.mzv.cz
www.mzv.cz/london



Travel documents

You can be removed from the UK to the Czech Republic if you have a valid Czech passport or national identity card. If you do not have a valid passport or identity card then you will need to apply for a document called an EU Letter and complete a biometric data form. Any documentation you can provide evidencing nationality, such as expired passport or identity card, birth certificate, Czech driving license or similar will help in obtaining an EU Letter.

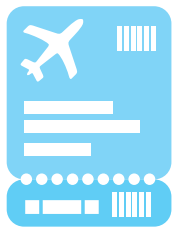
Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to the Czech Republic as soon as possible you can:

- Contact your caseworker at the Home Office to say that you are willing to return;
- Make every effort to find supporting documentation for issuing of travel documents;
- Make contact with the Czech Embassy to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.



You may find it useful to read the information below to begin preparing for your return.



Documentation in the Czech Republic

Every Czech citizen above 15 years of age living in the Czech Republic is legally required to have a national identity card (Občanský průkaz). To acquire a card you must present a birth certificate and proof of citizenship. For further information, contact:

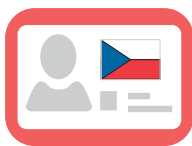
The Ministry of the Interior

E-mail: osc@mvcz.cz
Tel: +420 974 817 20, +420 974 849 788

If you do not have a birth certificate, a copy can be obtained from the Office of Vital Records in the municipality in which you were born. An application for a birth certificate can be made either in person or in writing by the individual concerned or his/her spouse, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, or authorised representatives. The applicant must submit:

- document proving his/her identity;
- a document which can prove that the records regarding birth concern the members of the applicant's family, or his/her siblings, or which proves that such records are necessary to exercise his/her rights in relation to state or self-governing authorities;
- a notarised power of attorney if such application is submitted by an authorised representative.

The fee for a replacement birth certificate is currently CZK 100 by cash or postal order.



Accommodation

City authorities may have access to flats for rent. Applications are managed via a points system. Points are awarded for e.g. monthly income, having dependent children, health problems or disabilities. Applications are open to people with a permanent address in the city. Waiting times are long (usually several years). It is common practice to allocate properties to tenants who can guarantee rent payments.



Services for homeless people may be provided by central or local government, voluntary sector organisations. Since 2001 Regional Authorities have responsibilities to provide social services, although actual provision varies according to region.

Health

All residents in the Czech Republic must have health insurance. There are a number of private health insurance companies with whom you can register. For people in employment, the employer will pay for health insurance. For certain classes of people, insurance premiums are paid by the state (e.g. children, pensioners).



Once insured, to access services you must register with a GP who is registered with your health insurance provider.

Access to care is subsidised by the insurer but is still subject to payment of some fees except for immediately necessary emergency care.

For further information you may wish to contact the organisations below:

Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic

Palackého nám. 4, 128 01 Prague 2, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 224 971 111

www.mzcr.cz

Czech Association of Health Insurance Companies

nám. W. Churchilla 2, 113 59 Prague 3, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 234 462 108 **Fax:** +420 222 715 725

Email: info@szpocr.cz

www.szpocr.cz

Emergency support

Welfare benefits are not available for individuals in the Czech Republic. When a person returns to their family the head of household makes an application to Social Services on the basis of additional household costs. It is very difficult to obtain state benefits without such a stable address. All applications for unemployment benefit are dealt with by the Úřad práce, Labour office (see below for contact details)



Employment, education and training

There is free compulsory education in the Czech Republic for children aged between 6 and 15. This may be followed by 4 years secondary education at either a general secondary school or a technical or vocational secondary school. This is also free.

Higher and Further education is split between universities, for which entry is usually subject to an entrance exam, and higher professional schools which provide the qualification for technical professions which do not require a degree; these are fee-paying institutions.

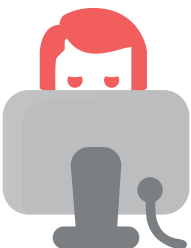
To find work in the Czech Republic it is best to register with the local Labour Office (Úřad práce). They hold lists of all available vacancies and can also help you with your job application.

Úřad práce České republiky

Dobrovského 1278/25, 170 00 Praha 7

Tel: +420 950 180 111 **Email:** posta@uradprace.cz

www.portal.mpsv.cz/



Many job vacancies are also advertised in newspapers.
These include:

Hospodarske Noviny, which contains a weekly jobs section
www.ihned.cz

Lidovky
www.lidovky.cz

Mlada Frontera DNES
www.zpravy.idnes.cz

A growing number of jobs are now advertised on job websites. These include:

www.cvonline.cz

www.jobdnes.idnes.cz

www.jobpilot.cz

www.jobs.cz

www.joblist.cz

For a list of recruitment agencies working
in the Czech Republic, contact:

Asociace Poskytovatelů Personálních Služeb/Association of Personnel Services Providers

Karlovo nám. 10, 120 00 Praha 2, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 725 741 136

Email: info@apps.cz

www.apps.cz



Directory

Association of Shelters in Czech Republic

Kollárova 450/16 709 00 Ostrava, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 596 630 186 **Email:** info@azylovedomy.cz

www.azylovedomy.cz

Umbrella organisation for nightshelters which can provide contact details of shelters across the regions.

Caritas Czech Republic

Vladislavova 1460/12, 155 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 296 243 330 **Fax:** +420 296 243 333

Email: sekretariat@charita.cz

www.charita.cz

Christian organisation providing social care, day centres, substance misuse services

České společnost AIDS pomoc/Czech AIDS Help Society

Malého 282/3, 186 00 Praha 8 – Karlín, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 224 814 284 **24hour helpline (from within Czech Republic only):** 800 800 980

Email: info@aids-pomoc.cz

www.aids-pomoc.cz

Organisation providing support for people living with HIV/AIDS including advice and information, counselling and HIV testing.

Nadeje

K Brance 11/19e, 155 00 Praha 5, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 222 521 110 **Email:** nadeje@nadeje.cz

www.nadeje.cz

Christian organisation providing a range of services to the homeless and other disadvantaged people including foodbanks, clothing, medical services. Also provides temporary accommodation in Prague on “the Boat”, a floating hostel, for 1 Euro per night (full board)



Novy Prostor

Řeznická 14/656, Praha 1, 110 00, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 222 233 309

www.novyprostor.cz

Non-profit organisation which publishes a magazine sold by homeless people in order that they might have an income, like the Big Issue in the UK.

Prison Fellowship – Czech Republic

MVS, z.s., Nad Habrovkou 3, Praha 6, 16400, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 602 308 210 **Email:** info@prisonfellowship.cz

www.prisonfellowship.cz

Christian organisation working with prisoners. Provides a 'meet at the gate service' plus post sentence mentoring.

Rozkos bez Rizika

Street address: Bolzanova1615/ 1, Praha 1, 110 00, Czech Republic

Postal address: Vlhka 166/ 10, Brno, 602 00, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 545578565 / +420 224234453 / +420 602181181

Email: kancelar@rozkosbezrizika.cz; pr@rozkosbezrizika.cz

www.rozkosbezrizika.cz

Voluntary organisation providing assistance for sex workers and victims of trafficking. Services include testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

Salvation Army

Head Office: Tusarova 60, Prague, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 22 0184 008 **Email:** nadeje@nadeje.cz

www.armadaspasy.cz

A Christian organisation providing advice, information and accommodation to men and women including those with mental health and substance misuse issues. Can provide links into substance misuse services. The head office will be able to provide details of the relevant regional contact.

Sananim

Head Office: Na Zderaze 11, 120 00 Praha 2, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 224 920 577/ +420 2 224 920 578 **Email:** street@sananim.cz

www.sananim.cz

A large NGO providing services to prevent and treat substance misuse. They also provide employment support to former substance abusers.

Silesian Diaconia

Na Nivách 7, 737 01 Český Těšín, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 558 764 333 **Fax:** +420 558 764 301 **Email:** ustredi@slezskadiakonie

www.slezskadiakonie.cz

Christian organisation providing assistance for people in need including the homeless, people with disabilities, the elderly and victims of domestic violence. Services include hostels, counselling and social assistance.

Praxis Community Projects works with vulnerable migrants including foreign national offenders providing advice, advocacy and casework on immigration, housing, welfare benefits.

Praxis Community Projects

Pott Street, London E2 0EF

Tel: +44 (0)20 7729 7985 **Fax:** +44 (0)20 7729 0134

Email: advice@praxis.org.uk

www.praxis.org.uk
