

# **Czech Student Visa Guide**

The goal of CEA CAPA's Czech Student Visa Guide is to help students understand the Czech student visa application process.

This guide is accurate as of July 2024; however, requirements and procedures may change without notice. It is imperative that students refer to their designated Czech Consulates as the final authorities on all immigration matters. **This guide is not a substitute for consulate requirements**.

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# Section A: Important Notes on the Czech Visa

- A Czech Visa is required for anyone staying in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days (unless you are an EU Citizen). The Visa is a sticker that will be placed on a page inside your passport – Customs agents in the US and the Czech Republic will check to see that you have this before you are let into the country.
- This is a requirement set by the Czech Government and the application process is determined by the Czech Government – not CEA CAPA. CEA CAPA cannot intervene between students and the Czech Consulates or other government authorities.
- □ CEA CAPA will advise students on the application process, but it is the student's responsibility to complete their own application process and obtain a visa before their program start.
- Visa applications cannot be expedited, so you MUST start the process as soon as possible.

# Section B: Steps to Complete As Soon As Possible

Confirm you have a	valid U.S. F	Passport (it mu	st be valid for a	at least 6 month	s after your
program end date	and enter y	our passport in	formation in yoυ	ur CEA CAPA po	rtal.

- If you do not have a valid passport, plan to apply for or renew your passport ASAP and contact your Advisor so they can advise you on where to start this process.
- If you plan to travel on a non-U.S. passport, please inform your Student Advisor and contact your nearest Czech Consulate. CEA CAPA cannot advise on the visa processes for non-U.S. passports.

Review your name and gender listed in your CEA CAPA portal. All information should
match your passport exactly so that CEA CAPA can provide you with visa documents that
match your passport. Contact your Student Advisor by email with any needed corrections.

- Send your Student Advisor the **physical mailing address** at which you would like to receive CEA CAPA's supporting visa documents. The default address we use is your permanent address. If CEA CAPA needs to re-mail documents due to an incorrect address, it may impact your ability to apply for a visa on time. Notify residents that very important CEA CAPA visa documents will be sent to that address.
  - If lost or misplaced, students will be responsible for visa document replacement and charged the fee of \$150. CEA CAPA visa documents can take several weeks to be re-sent.
  - **NOTE:** Your Czech visa documents are produced in Prague and will be sent to Phoenix headquarters before they are mailed to your physical mailing address.
- Complete the Czech Health Insurance Forms emailed to you via DocuSign. CEA CAPA cannot create your needed proof of insurance until this is complete and sent to the insurance company in the Czech Republic. These cannot be emailed to you



until you are in Enrolled status and have entered your passport information to your CEA CAPA portal.
If you have international travel planned prior to your program's start date, <b>inform your Student Advisor ASAP.</b> International travel prior to your program can increase the difficulty of the visa process since you will need to surrender your passport to the Czech Consulate for multiple months.
Section C: Czech Visa Application Process
Step 1: Determine which consulate you are eligible to apply at based on your permanent address (as shown on your Driver's License or state ID). See Section E for U.S. citizens; Section F for Canadians.
Inform your Student Advisor which consulate you will be working with.
Step 2: Complete the Czech Health Insurance Forms sent to your email via DocuSign. This is a necessary step for producing your Czech Insurance Contract (part of your Proof of Insurance requirement).
<ul> <li>You must be in Enrolled status and have completed your Passport Information task in your student portal to receive these forms.</li> </ul>
Step 3: Collect the required supporting documents listed on your respective consulate website. While you are not able to submit your application to the consulate until 120 days before the start of your program, CEA CAPA recommends getting a head start on your application materials. Please note application requirements may differ between consulates.
<ul> <li>CEA CAPA will send you Proof of Enrollment/Purpose of Stay, Proof of Medical Insurance, and Proof of Accommodation.</li> <li>NOTE: Your Proof of Insurance comes in 2 parts: CISI (Program Insurance) and Czech Insurance Contract. Be on the lookout for the Czech Health Forms emailed to you via DocuSign.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The additional required documents are your responsibility to collect, along with any copies of documents and notarizations needed. Start working on those additional documents prior to receiving the set from CEA CAPA.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Use reference <u>Section G</u> to assist with filling out the National Visa Application Form.</li> </ul>
Step 4: Submit and mail all documentation to the consulate. Let your Advisor know when this set is complete. Processing can take a full 60 days or more, so if you submit your application late, you may need to arrive in Prague late or be unable to participate in your program.
Step 5: Wait for the consulate to process your visa application.



- If your visa application/documents require corrections, the consulate will restart the 60-day
  processing time after they receive the corrected version so double check everything and
  plan accordingly.
- Your visa will be mailed back to you unless you make other arrangements with the consulate.

# **Section D: Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Who needs a student visa?

- Most non-EU citizens studying in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days are required to apply for a student visa.
- CEA CAPA advises U.S. students and can assist Canadian students, but additional research may be required on the student's part.
- Non-U.S. or Canadian citizens must contact their nearest Czech consulate to verify entry requirements.

### When should I start the visa process?

- It is recommended to start the process 3-4 months before your CEA CAPA program's start date. You
  cannot submit your application to the consulate any earlier than 120 days prior to the program start
  date.
- The Czech Consulate will take approximately 60 days to process and return your passport with the visa affixed inside once your application is received.
- Oftentimes, consulates state that the 60-day processing time starts once the application is received and initial review is complete. It is not advised to wait until the 60-day mark to put the application in the mail. Some consulates also state longer processing for mail-in applications. Always confirm with your individual consulate websites on processing times.

#### Where do I apply?

- You will apply at the Czech consulate based on your permanent address. All consulates accept mailin applications, so you are not required to travel to a Czech Consulate to submit your application (this has been confirmed with the Consulate, although they may have contrasting information on their website). Find your designated consulate in Section E or F.
- If students choose to pursue an in-person appointment, they should follow procedures for this
  indicated on consulate website.

#### · How much does it cost?

The application fee to apply for a long-stay visa (this includes students) changes monthly depending on the exchange rate between CZK and USD but is generally around \$110. Always check the consulate website for the updated amount. This fee is payable by cash or a money order; no personal checks are accepted.

#### What application materials are needed?



- The complete list of documents required is located on each consulate's website. Each consulate is different, so make sure to check the consulate where you plan to apply.
- Find your designated consulate in Section E or F.

#### If I submit my application in person, will my visa be finished more quickly?

 CEA CAPA formally advises all students to mail in their applications. You are not required to have an in-person appointment, and going in-person does not make the process go quicker. If students choose to pursue an in-person appointment, they should follow consulate procedures for this indicated on consulate websites.

#### Do I have to surrender my passport to the consulate?

 Yes. The consulate must confirm your passport is valid and will place your visa inside. If you do not surrender your passport, you will not get a visa.

#### What documents will CEA CAPA send to me?

- CEA CAPA will provide
  - Proof of Enrollment from AAU, UNYP, or Charles University
    - Additional documents supporting the confirmation of educational activity in Czech Republic
  - Proof of Medical Insurance (CISI and Czech Insurance Contract i)
  - Proof of Accommodation.
- You will need to first be in **Enrolled** status in your program and have completed the Czech Health Forms in order for CEA CAPA to send these to you. If you have questions on your status, contact your Advisor.

#### How long does it take to get the CEA CAPA visa documents?

- O Generally, CEA CAPA starts mailing these to students in the Enrolled status about 3-4 months before the program start date, usually starting a couple weeks after the program closure date. Because the documents CEA CAPA provides can take time to be created, and are mailed from Prague to our Phoenix headquarters, these documents are sent in batches on a rolling basis ie. if you did not become Enrolled until after the first batch of documents was sent, but before the second was created, you would be included in the second batch.
  - NOTE: It is necessary for students to complete the necessary pre-requisites (being in Enrolled status, uploading relevant information, completing the Czech Health Forms) in a timely manner in order to receive your CEA CAPA visa documents. Waiting to complete any required items will result in a delay in your visa process.



- I don't have 3,000 5,000 USD (depending on the consulate's requirements) in a bank account that is solely in my name. Can I use the bank statement from the joint account I share with my parents?
  - o Possibly. This is up to the consulate, as they are the final authority on visa-related and immigration issues. Many students in the past have obtained their student visa by providing a joint account statement and not a statement for an account held in their name only. However, consulates can change their requirements often and without notice, and what was acceptable for students last semester may no longer be by the time you begin applying for your visa. If you would like to use a joint account to satisfy the bank statement requirement, contact your consulate directly to make certain it will be acceptable.
- The consulate requirements state that I need the photocopy of my credit/debit card notarized, but the notary won't notarize a copy of a card. What do I do?
  - Notaries will notarize your signature on a document, not the document itself. CEA recommends you write a short statement on the photocopy like the example given below:
    - "I affirm that this is a true copy of the credit/debit card I will have access to during mytime in the Czech Republic."
  - o Request that your notary public notarize your signature under this statement.
- Why am I providing sensitive financial information anyway? Is my information safe?
  - The consulate requests this information primarily to ensure that you have the funds to support yourself while in the Czech Republic and will not require assistance. While it may seem odd, many other European countries, including Italy and France, have the same financial requirements. We have never had a student encounter security or financial issues due to providing the consulate this information.
- I need to list the 3-letter country codes for several countries I have previously visited on the application. Where do I find the codes?
  - Wikipedia offers a helpful list of 3-letter country codes. Make sure you are using the ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 codes, and not IOC country codes!
- Can my visa be expedited if I start the process late?
  - No. The Czech Consulate does not have any expedition process in place and has never offered this as an option. This is why it is necessary to start the process as early as possible.



# **Section E: Czech Consulates in the United States**

Students must apply at the consulate that governs the region of their permanent address.

Note: Each consulate has its own requirements.

Chicago			
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South			
Dakota, Wisconsin			
General Information	General Information   Address, Business Hours, Phone Number		
Email	visa_chicago@mzv.gov.cz		
Website <a href="https://www.mzv.cz/chicago/en/consular information/long">https://www.mzv.cz/chicago/en/consular information/long term residence per</a>			
	mit/student_visa.html		

Los Angeles			
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah Washington, Wyoming			
General Information Address, Business Hours, Phone Number			
Email	il <u>visa_losangeles@mzv.cz</u>		
Website	http://www.mzv.cz/losangeles/en/visa_information/long_term_visa_and_reside nce_permit/study.html		

New York		
Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York,		
Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont		
General Information Address, Business Hours, Phone Number		
Email	Email NewYork.Visa@mzv.gov.cz (visa.ny@mzv.cz for appointment request)	
Website https://mzv.gov.cz/consulate.newyork/en/visa and consular information/visa/		
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Washington DC				
Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi,				
	North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto			
Rico				
General Information	Address, Business Hours, Phone Number			
Email	visa.washington@mzv.cz			
Website http://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/consular information/long term visa/LT stu				
dent visa.html				



#### Section F: Czech Consulates in Canada

\*\* As a general rule, CEA cannot advise Canadian Citizens on the Czech visa process. However, CEA can assist through the process by providing additional necessary documents.

**Please note:** Canadian Czech Consulate websites are not user friendly. They can be difficult to navigate and the information is often buried. When in doubt, please reach out to the consulate via email; it is the student's responsibility to contact the consulate directly with any questions.

Ottawa		
British Columbia (counties of: New Brunswick, New Founland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova		
Scotia, Nunavut), Ontario ( <i>only</i> counties of: Prescott a Russell, Stormont, Dundas a Glengarry, Ottawa-Carleton, Leeds a Grenville, Lanark, Renfrew, Nipissing, Lennox and Addington, Frontenac), Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Yukon		
General Information Address, Business Hours, Phone Number		
Email consular ottawa@embassy.mzv.cz		
Website https://mzv.gov.cz/ottawa/en/visa_and_consular_services/specificon_for_foreigners/other_short_stay_and_long_stay_visas/visa_re		

Toronto		
Alberta, Ontario (except: Prescott a Russell, Stormont, Dundas a Glengarry, Ottawa-Carleton, Leeds a Grenville, Lanark, Renfrew, Nipissing, Lennox and Addington, Frontenac), Manitoba, Saskatchewan		
General Information Address, Business Hours, Phone Number		
Email	toronto.visa@mzv.gov.cz or toronto@mzv.gov.cz	
Website  https://mzv.gov.cz/toronto/en/visa and consular services/visa and residence ormation/student_visa/index.html		

#### Please note:

- Canadian students are required to submit bank statements & a criminal history report. Documents will
  need to be translated into the Czech Language contact the consulate for a list of translators.
- The criminal report can be a difficult & lengthy process. Please start this process ASAP.
- Students will need to either contact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any metropolitan police in your region. The report needs to be taken from the national (i.e. federal) repository.
- Students are required to pay a visa fee. You will also have to pay for the super legalization of your criminal record check (approx. 32-25 CAD – depending on the exchange rate) and verification of submitted translations (16-18 CAD per page of text).



# **Section G:** Guide to Application for Long-Term Visa

As part of the visa process, students need to fill out the Application Form for Long-Term Visa. The guide below will assist you with completing this application thoroughly. Please use this guide when filling out the visa application form in <a href="Maintenanger: CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS">CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS</a> if handwritten. <a href="Ensure you have completed all sections">Ensure you have completed all sections</a> as incomplete applications will be returned!

1.	Surname(s) (Family Name(s))	Last name(s)
2.	Surname(s) at birth (earlier family names(s))	Maiden name, if applicable
3.	First name(s) (given name(s))	First name
4.	Date of birth	Write it in this sequence: day-month-year
5.	Place of birth Country of birth (code)	First Line: The city and state (i.e. New York, NY) Second Line: country of your birth (i.e. USA)
6.	Original nationality (nationality at birth) (code)	USA (or other nationality if applicable)
7.	Current nationality(ties) (code)	USA (or other nationality if applicable)
8.	Sex	Check either Male or Female
9.	Marital status	Check your marital status
10.	Father's surname Father's name	First Line: Enter your father's last name Second Line: Enter your father's first name
11.	Mother's name	First Line: Enter your mother's last name Second Line: Enter your mother's first name
12.	Type of travel document	Check "Ordinary" passport
13.	Number of travel document	Enter the number on your passport
14.	Issued by (code)	Enter the place where your passport was issued, found under "Authority" on your passport
15.	Date of Issue	This is the day-month-year your passport was issued
16.	Valid Until	This is the day-month-year your passport expires
17.	If you reside in a country other than your country of origin, have you permission to return to that country?	Leave blank unless this question pertains to you
18.	Current Occupation	Write "STUDENT"



19.	Employer (Name of <b>home</b> school)	Include the information for your <b>home university</b> . List the general contact information for your university/college in the United States or Canada.
20.	Employer after the Czech Republic entry	Write Anglo American University or University of New York In Prague based off your program
21.	Place of residence (long-term) stay abroad (University Address)	Write the following:  Street: Letenska  Number: 5  Town: Praha 1  State (code): CZE  Number: 257 530 202
22.	Previous Stay in Czech Republic longer than 3 months	Optional. Write "N/A" unless you have previously stayed in the Czech Republic for longer than 90 days at once.
23.	Address for stay in the territory of the Czech Republic	Fill out according to the address on the housing documents mailed in your Visa Packet from CEA. The address will be in a box on the Proof of Accommodation, titled "DOKLAD (POTVRZENÍ) O ZAJIŠTĚNI UBYTOVÁNÍ"

Your form will look similar to this:

# DOKLAD (POTVRZENÍ) O ZAJIŠTĚNÍ UBYTOVÁNÍ

podle zákona č. 326/1999 Sb., o pobytu cizinců na území České republ a o změně některých zákonů, ve znění pozdějších předpisů				Use the address located in this box on <b>your</b> personalized Proof of				
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			průkazu: 111734503					
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Please remember that final housing assignments are not given until 2 weeks prior to departure, so your housing address will be different.

24.	Postal address if different	Optional, leave blank or write "N/A"
25.	Visa is requested for	Enter the number of days in your program (115 days)
26.	Other visas (issued during the past three years) and their period of validity	Leave this blank unless you have previous travel visas. If so, list the visas here with expiration dates.

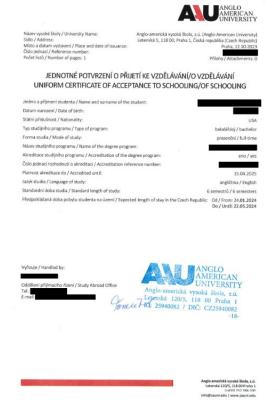


27.	Previous stays in Schengen states	Write any country(ies) you have visited in the Schengen Area:			
		Austria Hungary Norway Belgium Iceland Poland Czech Republic Italy Portugal Denmark Latvia Slovakia Estonia Lithuania Slovenia Finland Luxembourg Spain France Malta Sweden Germany Netherlands Switzerland Greece  If you have not visited any of these countries, leave blank.			
28.	Purpose of stay	Check "Studium/Study". Don't write anything for "Specify"			
29.	Date of arrival	Enter the program start date			
30.	Date of departure	Enter the program end date			
31.	Place of entry in the Czech Republic	Write where you'll enter the Czech Republic. Most fly into Prague & should write the airport name, "Praha, Václav Havel"			
32.	Means of transport	Write how you'll arrive into the Czech Republic. Write "Letadlo" for plane. Train is "Vlak".			
33.	Name of inviting legal/natural person or Host Company	Write the following:  Name & Surname of person: Richard Stock Name: Cultural Experiences Abroad Street: Malá Štupartská Number: 634/7 Town: Praha 1 ZIP: 118 00 State Code: CZE Telephone: 420257530241 rstock@ceastudyabroad.com			
34.	Manner of funding the stay  Present corresponding documentation	Check "Myself" & "Host Company" Write "See Financial Guarantee Letter"			
35.	Means of support during your stay  Travel and/or health insurance, valid until (ddmmyyyy)	Check all that apply, but at least 2 Check box and write the end date of the program			
36.	Spouse	Leave blank unless married			
37.	Children	Leave blank unless you have children			
38.	Applicant's home address	Enter your home (permanent) address			
39.	Telephone number	Enter your US phone number			
40.	Email address	Enter your email address			



# Proof of Enrollment/ Purpose of Stay Sample





## **Proof of Accommodation Sample**

#### DOKLAD (POTVRZENÍ) O ZAJIŠTĚNÍ UBYTOVÁNÍ

podle zákona č. 326/1999 Sb., o pobytu cizinců na území České republiky a o změně některých zákonů, ve znění pozdějších předpisů

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datum narozer					
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## Czech Insurance Contract Sample Places to sign highlighted in yellow



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# CISI Sample Document



The Consul General
Casech Republic Consulate Officer
July 25, 2024

Dear Bir/Madam:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that
for a travel abroad program sponsored by CULTURAL EXPERIENCES ABROAD, LLC (CEA). The dates of coverage
setted from
The medical benefit coverage provides up to \$500,000.80 per injury or sickness covered under the plan at a 100% with no
deductible. The plan covers costs associated with necessary and urgent heath care. Each participant is covered, if as the
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covered at the normal semiphrishes come rate. Trinstender is covered or injurient services with necessary
therapeutics, avesthetics (including administration thereof), X-ray or proxibetic appliances. Hospital come and board is
covered at the normal semiphrishes come rate. Trinstender is covered for injurient services in the occurrency by CEIs.

A \$250,000 USD of covered Medical Evacuation and a \$250,000 USD Return of Mortal Remains expenses are included in
that currency by CEIs.

The coverage outlined above is offered by Cultural insurance Services International, as part of policy.

Sincerely.

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