

Czech Republic



Source: European Union/Re-open EU

14.12.2020

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

No

It is possible to travel to the Czech Republic **only for essential reasons**. Travelling for the purpose of tourism, or to visit friends, is not possible.

This decision does not affect cross-border workers in any new way. Border controls have not been reintroduced.

In case of travellers for essential reasons, the following [entry restrictions](#) apply:

for EU countries classified as "high-risk" (marked in red) the free-movement within the territory is banned for 10 days. This can be terminated by submission of a negative PCR test result to the regional hygienic station either within 7 days from the entry, or right after arrival in case of a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure from the country of origin. Furthermore a [Passenger Locator Form](#) is mandatory. The above-mentioned requirements are not necessary in the following conditions:

- if your stay in a red country did not exceed 12 hours in last 14 days;
- for cross-border workers, pupils and students coming from neighboring countries;
- in case of urgent travel (for work and/or health-related reasons) for a period of time not exceeding 24 hours;
- in case of transit up to 12 hours.

For EU countries classified as "low-risk"

in case of [orange countries marked with *](#), entry is allowed without restrictions and without the requirement to fill-in the Passenger Locator Form. In case a foreigner working or studying in Czechia, a confirmation of a negative PCR test result has to be delivered to the employer or the educational institution.

In case of green countries, entry is allowed without restrictions.

May I transit this country?

Partially

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed. As regards EU transit from high risk countries, the following rules apply:

1. Airport transit: EU citizens have no additional obligations, if they do not leave the airport transit zone;

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

25.12.2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: Czech Republic - Temporary derogation of driving and rest time rules for drivers active in international transport

Czech Republic

In light of recent developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, the Czech Republic decided on a temporary derogation of driving and rest time rules for drivers active in international transport. These derogations are applicable until 3 January 2021.

The details on which derogations apply can be found in the attached letter from the Czech Ministry of Transport.

Source: Czech Ministry of transport and Cesmad Bohemia

06.11.2020

New electronic vignettes as from January 2021

After 25 years, 2020 is the last year where drivers on Czech motorways will use traditional paper stickers. The State Fund for Transport Infrastructure in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport will launch the electronic vignette system on January 1, 2021.

More information can be found on the document attached.



Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA

05.10.2020

From 21 September 2020 all persons travelling from countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 must contact the regional health authorities before their arrival. The electronic form to do so is available here: <https://plf.uzis.cz/>. This form has to be submitted at border control and other controls during the stay in the territory. Those arriving in the country must undergo a PCR within five days of arrival. If an individual does not submit a PCR test result to the respective health authorities within seven days of arrival, they will have to quarantine.

2. Land transit: upon entry to the Czech Republic, EU citizens shall contact the regional hygiene station according to the place of entry and inform it that entry is done only for the purpose of transit.

Furthermore, if a person is travelling from a high-risk country or has spent there more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, transit has to happen within 12 hours.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

It is possible to travel to the Czech Republic **only for essential reasons**. Travelling for the purpose of tourism, or to visit friends, is not possible.

This decision does not affect cross-border workers in any new way. Border controls have not been reintroduced.

In case of travellers for essential reasons, the following [entry restrictions](#) apply:

For non-EU countries classified as "high-risk" (red countries) the free-movement within the territory is banned for 10 days. This can be terminated by submission of a negative PCR test result to the regional hygienic station either within 7 days from the entry, or right after arrival in case of a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure from the country of origin. Furthermore a [Passenger Locator Form](#) is mandatory. The above-mentioned requirements are not necessary in the following conditions:

- if your stay in a red country did not exceed 12 hours in last 14 days;
- for cross-border workers, pupils and students coming from neighboring countries;
- in case of urgent travel (for work and/or health-related reasons) for a period of time not exceeding 24 hours;
- in case of transit up to 12 hours.

For non-EU countries classified as "low-risk" (green countries):

as of 16.11.2020, the national list of low-risk third countries includes **Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, South Korea, Singapore and Japan**. From these countries, entry is allowed without restrictions.

Find out more:

[Conditions for entry into Czechia](#)

[List of countries according to the level of risk](#)

[Protective measure](#)

[Third-country nationals](#)

Find out more:

koronavirus.mzcr.cz

[Entry from abroad](#)

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

14.10.2020

It will also be possible to submit a PCR test result that was issued by another EU member country. This document must be delivered to the relevant health authorities immediately upon arrival and cannot be older than 72 hours. This rule applies to the Czech citizens, EU citizens and third-country nationals with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic or another EU country.

Third-country nationals with a proven long-lasting relationship with an EU citizen (who must have a certificate of temporary residence or permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic) and workers in international transport will be allowed to enter the country.

This measure does not apply to international transport workers, if the reason for entry can be proven.

More information about the necessary documents: <https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/certificate-and-confirmation-form-for-entry-into-the-czech-republic.aspx>

The list of low/high risk countries: <https://koronavirus.mzcr.cz/seznam-zemi-podle-miry-rizika-nakazy/>

Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA

09.07.2020

Members are reminded that, in combination with Covid-specific measures and updates to the Road Transport Act, the following documents are required when entering Czech Republic:

- a document certifying their status, i.e. international transport workers ([in English and Czech](#)),
- a proof of their professional competence,
- an employment contract,
- for drivers of companies established in the EU, a Czech translation of their employment contract.

Measures apply as from 1 July.

Source: CESMAD

01.07.2020

On 30 June, the Czech Ministry of Health relaxed the rules on travelling to the Czech Republic. Foreigners coming from high-risk countries are still subject to provisions to comply with upon entry. Rules in detail can be read [here](#).

The classification of countries, according to their risk, is updated every other week, and the latest can be found [here](#). As of 30 June, Polish, British and EU citizens with temporary or permanent residency in Poland and Great Britain, can enter the Czech Republic without the necessity of having a negative PCR test and without the necessity to prove the purpose of travel.

Entry restrictions and quarantine measures do not apply to people working in international transport. Details can be found [here](#).

All border crossings with Austria, Germany, Poland and Slovakia are open.

Source: CESMAD

19.05.2020

Following the end of the state of emergency on 17 May, from 18 May - the weekend and holiday driving bans have been fully reintroduced in the Czech Republic for trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t, and trucks and special vehicles with trailers if the MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3.5t.

Entry Restrictions

Entry from EU+ countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of countries defined as "high risk" from an epidemiological point of view.

EU+ comprises EU Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino.

An updated [list of countries according to their level of risk](#) is available on the Ministry of Health website.

For countries classified as green, entry is allowed without restrictions.

For EU countries classified as red, presentation of a negative test for Covid-19 or quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and to citizens of EU countries who are allowed to travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.

For non-EU countries classified as red (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the [protective measure](#) apply (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for Covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

Travelling from the Czech Republic or returning to the Czech Republic

[This map](#) shows countries which are **safe for travel** (in green). Countries marked in red are considered at high risk of infection of Covid-19. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions. A test for Covid-19 will be required when returning from countries marked in red.

[Country specific Travel Advice](#) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Transit

Transit from low-risk countries is allowed without any restrictions in place. For other countries the transit is allowed only to return to the home country, and a diplomatic note with information on the date and place of entry and exit is needed. As regards EU transit from high risk countries, the following rules apply:

1. Airport transit: EU citizens have no additional obligations, if they do not leave the airport transit zone;
2. Land transit: upon entry to the Czech Republic, EU citizens shall contact the regional hygiene station according to the place of entry and inform it that entry is done only for the purpose of transit.

Furthermore, if a person is travelling from a high-risk country or has spent there more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, transit has to happen within 12 hours.

Third-country nationals coming from outside the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein

Travellers coming from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Thailand, Tunisia, South Korea and Japan can enter the territory of Czechia without restrictions.

Source: CESMAD

12.05.2020

As of 00:00 on 11 May, new rules came into force at Czech borders. All foreign nationals are banned from entry; foreigners with a permanent residence permit, foreigners with a temporary residence permit over 90 days and people working in international transport are exempted from the provision.

The following categories are included in the definition of "people working in international transport" and benefit from the exemption:

- Truck drivers (**drivers' assistants are not considered to be drivers, therefore the exemption does not apply to them**)
- Bus drivers (especially those driving repatriation buses)
- Road managers' vehicle crews
- Aircraft crews
- Train drivers, train crews and carriage inspectors
- Ship captains and cargo vessel crews
- Drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers who are transporting one of the above categories of people to their place of work and back, and the empty journeys associated with those transportations. The driver must be employed in the same company as the people he/she is transporting.
- Third party drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers, subject to certain conditions
- Accompanying vehicles of abnormal load transport (supporting documentation must be provided by the carrier or the organisation responsible for transport)

Full communication can be read [here](#)

Source: CESMAD

29.04.2020

On 29 April, the Czech government has prolonged the state of emergency until 17 May 2020. Exemptions from driving restrictions have been extended accordingly.

Source: CESMAD

18.04.2020

The Czech government granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules.

Relaxations apply from 15 April until 31 May to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within Czech territory and are as follows:

- Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving limit from 9 hours to 11 hours
- Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving limit from 56 hours to 60 hours
- Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 100 hours
- Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirement from 11 hours to 9 hours

Travellers coming from third-countries where there is a high risk of infection can enter the territory of Czechia only for the special reasons specified in the [protective measures](#) and are subject to presentation of a negative PCR test within 5 days (from six years of age). Moreover, an [arrival form](#) must be filled in order to notify the entry to the relevant regional hygienic station. Alternatively, quarantine is required.

Find out more:

[Return from abroad](#)

[Third-country nationals](#)

[Extraordinary and protective measures of the Ministry of Health](#)

Quarantine

Travellers from countries with medium and high-risk will be allowed entry only if belonging to exempted categories, and after undergoing quarantine or providing a certificate with a negative COVID-19 result performed within 72 hours prior to their arrival. People coming from countries with a low risk of infection can travel to the Czech Republic without restrictions. The list of countries is based on the epidemiological situation and is updated on a weekly basis. EU citizens entering for the purpose of economic activity for a period exceeding 72 hours have to submit a medical certificate. Third-country citizens belonging to a specific category of people who can enter the country, have to submit a medical certificate supplemented by a negative test. The list of countries by level of disease risk can be found at [ko ronavirus.mzcr.cz](#)

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A [Passenger Locator Form](#) is mandatory for all persons travelling from countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection.

Find out more:

[www.mvcr.cz](#)
[koronavirus.mzcr.cz](#)

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

02.10.2020

Entry Restrictions

Entry from EU+ countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of countries defined as "high risk" from an epidemiological point of view.

EU+ comprises EU Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino.

An updated [list of countries according to their level of risk](#) is available on the Ministry of Health website.

- Art. 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period

- Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, provided that the vehicle is stationary and it has suitable sleeping facilities.

Source: CESMAD

09.04.2020

The applicable driving restrictions on Sundays and Public Holidays are lifted during the period of state emergency

27.03.2020

Prohibition to overtake on some sections of the CZ road network

From 19 March 2020 for a period of 60 days, the border sections of the D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 motorways are affected by the following restriction:

In the direction of the border crossing points, lorries over 3.5 tonnes are prohibited from overtaking.

Exceptions to this prohibition are vehicles used in:

- The carriage of perishable goods, at least half the volume of the cargo space of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.
- The transport of live animals.
- Carriage of fuel intended for petrol stations.
- Carriage of postal items.
- The transport of medical and biological material, medicines and material for their manufacture.

The reason for this restriction is to reduce queues at border crossing points and give preference to essential transport.

The restriction applies to the following sections of road:

- Highway D1 from km 366,300 to the right (direction of state border).
- Highway D2 from km 35,000 to the right (direction of the state border).
- Highway D5 from km 136,300 to the right (direction of parking).
- D8 motorway from km 86,900 to the right (direction of the state border) and from the state border to km 88,200 to the left (direction Prague, due to checks by the Czech Republic police).

Source: CESMAD-Bohemia

22.03.2020

Members are reminded of the wide exemption from 561/2006 on the Czech territory. There is a critical situation on the CZ/SK borders due to drivers taking the 45 min. rest in the right lane blocking the access to the border crossing. **Drivers are asked to take the rest elsewhere or to postpone it.**

Source: CESMAD Bohemia and Czech Police

For countries classified as green, entry is allowed without restrictions.

For EU countries classified as red, presentation of a negative test for Covid-19 or quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and to citizens of EU countries who are allowed to travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.

For non-EU countries classified as red (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the [protective measure](#) apply (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for Covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

Travelling from the Czech Republic or returning to the Czech Republic

This map shows countries which are **safe for travel** (in green). Countries marked in red are considered at high risk of infection of Covid-19. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions. A test for Covid-19 will be required when returning from countries marked in red.

Country specific Travel Advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

A [Passenger Locator Form](#) is mandatory for all persons travelling from countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection.

Find out more:

www.mvcr.cz
koronavirus.mzcr.cz

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

26.08.2020

Travelling to Czechia

Entry from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of **Romania** and, from 24/8, **Spain**.

Travelling from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino, is allowed without restrictions.

Travelling from Czechia or returning to Czechia

This map shows countries which are **safe for travel (in green)**. If countries are marked in red, there is an unfavorable development of covid-19 with a high risk of infection in that country. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions when returning. A test for covid-19 will be required when travelling from countries marked in red.

Country specific Travel Advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Rules and Exceptions

Czechia divides countries in two categories: **green** and **red**.

16.03.2020

The government announced on March 16th a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times for drivers involved in all transport of goods. Measures lifted are the ones in articles 6 to 9 of the [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#). This exception applies from 16032020 (00:00) for a period of 30 days.

Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA

For countries classified as green, entry is allowed without restrictions.

For EU countries classified as red, presentation of a negative test for covid-19 or undergoing a period of quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and also to citizens of those EU countries who can also travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.

For non-EU countries classified as red (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the [protective measure](#) apply (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

The following third countries are considered to be at low risk of Covid-19: Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Thailand, Tunisia, South Korea and Japan.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

No special documentation required.

Find out more:

www.mvcr.cz
koronavirus.mzcr.cz

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

Source: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CZE>



Source: European Commission

22.07.2020

Entry into the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic applies entry restrictions depending on the epidemiological situation. Consult the website for the latest rules and applicable exemptions.

Further information:

<https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-0...>

More info:

<https://www.vlada.cz/en/media-centrum/aktualne/measures-adopted-by-the...>

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/home_en



SOURCE: WCO/General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic

06.04.2020

Measures taken by the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic regarding the COVID-19 outbreak

Since the beginning of the declared COVID-19 state of emergency on 12 March, the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic follows closely the Government decisions, instructions from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Interior and other institutions.

Special attention is paid regarding legal instruments, instructions, notes and recommendations from the European Commission which apply in the whole European Union.

Internally, the General Directorate of Customs informs all staff about relevant decisions and instructs about necessary procedure to be followed. All instructions are regularly updated and published on the internal website of the Customs administration.

Externally, the General Directorate of Customs publishes information on its website www.celnisprava.cz and deals individually with relevant stakeholders (government and other state and institutions, transport operators, companies...).

In order to prevent the further expansion of the COVID-19 epidemic and, on the other hand, to remain operational and continue performance of customs activities, the General Directorate of Customs adopted the following measures in connection with the state of emergency which apply for all customs procedures:

- Health protection and safety – use of personal protective equipment, hygiene and disinfection measures;
- Restriction on movement of persons within the public areas of Customs offices (entry to the building upon demand, body temperature checks);
- Limitation of direct contact with declarants and drivers (isolated rooms for storage and distribution of mail and other documents, where possible, documents are sent electronically);
- Protection based on the social distancing principle (change of shifts for customs officers, teleworking where possible);
- Flexibility towards extension of time-limits, deadlines and validity of documents, certificates and declarations;
- Temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies (such as medicines, disinfection and protective equipment);
- Reliefs from customs duty and taxes for the import or temporary admission of medical, surgical and laboratory equipment in line with the current legal provisions;
- Facilitation of customs procedures and customs formalities in line with the current legal provisions;
- Recommendation to use simplifications.

Practical implementation of the measures and further facilitation depends on the facilities and overall situation at each Customs office.

Until today, the General Directorate of Customs has not identified any serious problem or obstacles affecting the proper functioning of all customs procedures. At this moment of time, there are on-going efforts to manage the current difficult situation while ensuring compliance with the legal obligations.



Introduction of priority lanes for priority transfer for the carriage of goods (20.03.2020)

The Czech Republic has introduced so called "priority lanes" for priority transfers for carriage of medical, sanitary materials and devices, live animals, perishable goods, mail and fuel designated for the continuous supply of fuel stations on border sections of its main motorways D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 between the Czech Republic and its neighbouring states Germany, Poland and Slovakia.

Start date: 19.03.2020

End date: not available

Further information: <https://www.mdcz.cz/Media/Media-atiskove-zpravy/Od-soboty-plati-mimorad...>

Entry restriction to non-Czech nationals and travel restriction from the Czech Republic (15.03.2020)

From midnight from Sunday 15/03 to Monday 16/03, the ban to entry is extended to all foreigners, not only from high risk epidemic countries. Foreigners residing in the Czech Republic with temporary residence over 90 days or permanent residence are excluded from this measure. Further, the ban to travel from the Czech Republic will apply on citizens of the Czech Republic and persons with permanent or temporary residence over 90 days. In addition a number exceptions are valid to these travel restrictions (Government Resolution No. 203 of 13 March 2020)

Start date: 16.03.2020

End date: not available

Further information: <https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/traveling-during-the-state-of-emergen...>