Work and Study

If you are a **student from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland**, you **do not need an employment permit**, Employee Card or Blue Card to work in the Czech Republic. You can enjoy the same legal status as any other citizen of Czechia.

If you are a student coming from a third country, enrolled in a full-time study programme at any Czech university or language institute accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports (MEYS), you do not need an employment permit (<u>official source</u>).

Third-country nationals who are either exchange students or study in a distance form of studies are allowed to work without an employment permit too, but only if they are up to the age of 26 and their performance of work does not exceed 7 consecutive calendar days or a total of 30 days within a calendar year.

Please be aware that, the **purpose of your stay** as specified on your <u>long-term visa</u> or <u>residence permit</u> has to correspond to your actual activites. In other words, if you came here to study, your workload cannot affect your studies. Although there is no legal limit, we recommend our **full-time students to work about 20 hours/week**. Visit the <u>Prague</u> <u>For All</u> website for further information.

Tax declaration

It is not true that every foreigner in the Czech Republic must file a tax return. On the contrary, most people don't have to. Their tax is settled monthly by the employer.

In case you have one of the following cases, you do not need to file a tax return:

- one employment contract for the whole year and no other income
- · consecutive employment contracts during the year and no other income
- one employment contract (or successive contracts) and other income only from Agreements on the Execution of Work (DPP)

Check out this practical guide:

Taxation in Czechia leaflet

Where to search for a student job

Probably the easiest way to find a job is to visit the biggest job portal in the Czech Republic: <u>jobs.cz</u>. One should also keep an eye on the job postings offered at the website of the respective faculty. Useful information regarding job opportunities in Prague is also available on the website of <u>Study in Prague</u> and <u>Study in the Czech Republic</u>. Further, various expats websites and Facebook groups are another useful source. If needed, our **Carolina Centre** also offers <u>career counselling services</u> in cooperation with the Centre for Integration of Foreigners.

