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# Visa and Accommodation

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## Visa process

Information about visa process for students is available at:

- the website of the [Czech Ministry of the Interior](#) ,
- [new Immigration Portal of the Ministry of the Interior](#) .


Under current Czech immigration law, you can apply for two different kinds of immigration document before you come to Prague – Long-term visa or Long-term residence permit. Both the long-term visa and the long-term residence permit are issued when the stay in the territory of the Czech Republic is expected to exceed 3 months. In general, the long-term visa is primarily intended for persons who expect to stay in the Czech Republic for several months – for example, study programme lasting several months etc. The long-term residence permit is primarily intended for persons who expect a longer stay in the Czech Republic, for example, a study in a university programme, employment etc. Students can start the visa application process after receiving the acceptance documents.

For the **information on International Protection** (Asylum or Subsidiary protection) please visit the specialised section of the website of the [Czech Ministry of the Interior](#) .

**Insurance - new insurance policy for foreigners who need a visa and are coming for a long-term stay (more than 90 days):**

- From August 2, 2021, the amendment to the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals is effective, bringing a new insurance policy: obligation to take out travel medical insurance covering comprehensive health care with [Pojišťovna VZP](#) . Find more information and conditions in [the attached document](#) .

You can also find some useful information in our **brochures for international students**.

	<p><a href="#">Guide for International Students</a> PDF, 1,14 MB</p>
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## Accommodation

All Charles University students can live at [Charles University Dormitories](#) (approx. CZK 80 - 180 per night, CZK 290 per night for high standard rooms). For reservation you can contact directly the [Reservation department](#) at: [accommodation@kam.cuni.cz](mailto:accommodation@kam.cuni.cz) .

### **Average Living costs per year**

Food (2,000 – 3,000 €)

Accommodation (dormitory - 1,770 €)

Books (university libraries for free) (158 €)

Public transportation (135 €)

- + Health insurance
- + Visa, admin fee, student ID card, recognition of secondary education
- + Entertainment, winter clothes etc.

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Total (average): 5,100 € per year

### **Private housing**

The prices of accommodation vary considerably according to size, occupancy, quality and location. It is not difficult to find private accommodation in our university cities. For a 2-bedroom flat (two rooms and kitchen) situated in the centre of Prague you can pay about CZK 12,000 – 20,000. It can be half as expensive in Pilsen and Hradec Králové.

However, please take into account that it is not so easy to find short-term rentals. Not all landlords are willing to sign tenancy agreements for less than 12 months, but many agencies are providing living units for a short stay (renting a room - *pronájem pokoje* / renting an apartment - *pronájem bytu*).

Find some commercial websites in English below:

- [student-room-flat.com](http://student-room-flat.com)
- [forstudents.cz](http://forstudents.cz)
- [studentflats.cz](http://studentflats.cz)
- [sreality.cz](http://sreality.cz)