



Czech Republic




Working Holiday Visa

Complete guide to requirements and official application

Universal Requirements

Key rules and documentation applying to all
nationalities

Proof of Funds

-  **Minimum Amount:** You must have sufficient funds for your maintenance (at least 115,810 CZK required in your account).
- Return Ticket:** It is necessary to have a return ticket to your country or verifiable additional funds to purchase it.
-  **Valid Format:** Through an official bank statement exclusively in your name and a copy of an international credit card.
-  **Translation:** It is strictly mandatory that the bank document is issued in or officially translated into the Czech language.



Stay and Health Rules

Can I extend my WHV?

No. The Working Holiday permit is valid for a maximum of exactly 12 months and is legally non-extendable.

To stay longer in the country, you must process a change of residence purpose (e.g., skilled work visa or study visa), which often requires leaving the country.

Medical Exams

You are exempt by default from presenting clinical or medical tests as part of the universal requirements.

However, the diplomatic mission reserves the right to request an official medical certificate to rule out serious infectious diseases if deemed necessary during the review of your application.

Documents and Translations

Translations and Apostilles

All foreign documents must be duly apostilled (or superlegalized) and officially translated into the Czech language. This step is mandatory, and the translation must be done exclusively by a sworn translator recognized by the embassy.

Criminal Records

Depending on your country of origin, a simple sworn declaration may suffice. However, some nationalities (like Israel) must obligatorily present a physical apostilled police certificate, covering countries where you resided for more than 6 months.



Medical Insurance and Studies



Travel Insurance

It is mandatory to have Comprehensive Medical Insurance covering the 12 months. Important: the policy is presented and paid only after the notification of approval to stamp the visa.



Language Level

The program is completely exempt from fluency tests. No language level exam (neither Czech nor English) is required for any nationality to apply for this visa.



Courses and Studies

The visa allows you to undertake short studies and courses (such as languages) for a maximum of 3 to 6 months as a secondary activity. It is strictly forbidden to pursue full undergraduate degree programs.

Country Specifics

Quotas, availability, and specific requirements according to your
passport

Nationality Comparison

| Nationality | Allowed Age Range | Annual Quotas | Language Exam |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| New Zealand | 18 to 35 years (inclusive) | 1,200 | Exempt |
| Australia | 18 to 26 years (inclusive) | 500 (Suspended)* | Exempt |
| Japan | 18 to 30 years (inclusive) | 400 | Exempt |
| South Korea | 18 to 30 years (inclusive) | 300 | Exempt |
| Chile | 18 to 30 years (inclusive) | 200 | Exempt |
| Israel | 18 to 30 years (inclusive) | 200 | Exempt |
| Peru and Taiwan** | 18 to 30 / 18 to 26 years** | 100 each | Exempt |

Calendar and Application Modality



Annual Quota Opening

The official calendar opens annually subject to quota availability. For countries with very limited quotas (such as Peru or Taiwan), demand is extremely high and spots usually run out shortly after opening.

In-Person Modality

Unlike other electronic visas, this process is strictly in-person. A mandatory prior appointment must be requested via email.

Subsequently, you must personally attend the embassy to submit your entire physical file and for biometric capture.

Official Application Checklist



Valid Passport: Original with a minimum of 3 months validity beyond the intended date of departure from the Schengen area and passport-format photographs.



Official Form: Long-stay visa application form printed, correctly filled out, and signed in person before the consul.



Criminal Records: Sworn declaration of absence of criminal records or physical apostilled certificate (strictly depending on your nationality).



Financial Solvency: Original and current bank statement in the holder's name along with a copy of an international bank card.



Proof of Accommodation: Official legalized document that reliably guarantees your initial accommodation in the Czech Republic.



Consular Fee: Proof of exact payment of the administrative fee for visa processing.

Key Visa Data

12

Months (Maximum Stay)

A Year of Opportunities

The Working Holiday visa grants you the right to legally live, work, and vacation in the Czech Republic for an exact period of one year. It represents an unparalleled opportunity for cultural immersion, earning money, and discovering Central Europe.

Administrative Fee

The official consular fee to process the visa is **2,500 CZK**. Consider that this value only covers the government process and excludes additional and mandatory expenses such as international medical insurance, sworn translations, or apostilles.

Frequently Asked Questions

Clarifications on travel conditions, the visa, and international
mobility

Visa Conditions

Can I travel with companions?

No. The Working Holiday Visa is a strictly individual residence permit.

If you wish to travel with your spouse, partner, or children, you cannot include them as dependents in your application.

They must apply and meet all age, fund, and nationality requirements for their own visa completely independently.

Can I leave the country temporarily?

Yes. Once your visa is approved and you obtain your respective temporary residence card in Czech territory, the visa allows multiple entries.

This legally enables you to enter, leave, and do tourism freely throughout the Schengen area during the validity of your stay without penalty.

Top Destinations for your Adventure



Prague

The magical capital of a hundred spires. It offers a broad job market, a vibrant cultural life, and simply unparalleled historical architecture.



Brno

A young and dynamic university city that hides an incredible specialty coffee scene, powerful tech innovation hubs, and much hidden charm.



Karlovy Vary

The most famous spa town in Eastern Europe. Full of beautiful colonnades, healing thermal waters and fountains, endowed with an atmosphere of great elegance.

Prepare your trip to Czechia!

Gather your official documentation in advance and get ready for your great European adventure.

More doubts? Visit the official website of the Ministry of the Interior

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