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Overview of different types of visas: situation before and after 21/12/2007




VISA	VISA IN BRIEF	PICTURE	BEFORE 21/12/2007	FROM 21/12/2007	May I travel with this visa to other Schengen states?	Where can I apply for this visa?	Will it be possible to apply for the extension of the issued visa?
AIRPORT AND TRANSIT VISA							
Czech national short-stay visa české krátkodobé vízum <i>airport transit visa (Category A)</i>	visa valid only for the entry, stay and exit from the transit zone at the airports may be issued for one way or both ways	<p>mark A in the heading "typ víza"</p>	YES Czech Republic issued this visa at its diplomatic missions, in exceptional cases at border crossing points	only until it expires - period of validity remains as indicated on the visa sticker	NO - only for stay in non-Schengen transit zone of the airport	This visa will no longer be issued - will be replaced by a Schengen airport visa issued by diplomatic missions (inside as well as outside of the Schengen area).	Yes, but only while waiting for the connecting flight at the Alien Police Inspectorate at the international airport
Czech national short-stay visa české krátkodobé vízum <i>transit visa (Category B)</i>	visa for the entry into, transit through the Czech territory for up to 5 days and exit may be issued for one way, both ways or without restrictions on number of trips	<p>mark B in the heading "typ víza"</p>	YES Czech Republic issued this visa at its diplomatic missions, in exceptional cases at border crossing points	only until it expires - period of validity remains as indicated on the visa sticker	NO	Visa will no longer be issued - will be replaced by a Schengen visa issued by diplomatic missions outside of the Schengen area.	no

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<p>uniform Schengen visa - Category A jednotné schengenské vízum - typu A</p> <p>airport transit visa</p>	<p>visa enabling to pass through the international transit area of airports without actually entering the national territory of the country concerned, during a stop-over or transfer between two stages of an international flight - does not confer the right to stay, therefore the heading "duration of stay" is filled with XXX</p> <p><u>single transit visa:</u> - gives access to one country only - the duration of validity is calculated from the date of departure (e.g. 01.02.00); the term is fixed by adding a period of grace of 7 days in case the visa holder postpones departure</p> <p><u>dual transit visa:</u> - authorises airport transit for both outward and return journeys - the duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of the return journey + 7 days (in the example shown: Return date 15.02.00)</p> <p><u>multiple visa:</u> - the term of the visa's validity allowing several transits is calculated as follows: date of first departure + 3 months</p>	 <p>single visa</p> <p>dual visa</p> <p>multiple entry visa</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Czech Republic did neither issue nor accepted for the entry into and stay on its territory</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Czech Republic will issue this visa at its diplomatic missions outside of the Schengen area</p>	<p>NO - only transit through the non-Schengen transit zone at the airport</p>	<p><u>diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic</u> located outside of the Schengen area</p>	<p>no</p>
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<p>uniform Schengen visa - Category B jednotné schengenské vízum - typu B</p> <p>transit visa</p>	<p>entitles aliens who are travelling from one Third State to another Third State to pass through the territories of Schengen states for up to 5 days</p> <p><u>single-entry visa:</u> - the duration of validity is calculated from the date of departure (e.g. 01.02.00). The term is fixed as follows: date of departure + (5 days maximum) + 7 days (period of grace in case the visa holder postpones departure) - the duration of the transit may not exceed 5 days</p> <p><u>dual-entry visa:</u> - the duration of validity: when the date of different transit journeys is not known, which is generally the case, the period of validity is calculated as follows: date of departure + 6 months - the duration of the transit may not exceed 5 days</p> <p><u>multiple-entry visa:</u> - the duration of validity: in the same way as for dual-entry visa - the duration of the transit may not exceed 5 days</p>	 <p>single entry visa</p> <p>dual-entry visa</p> <p>multiple-entry visa</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Czech Republic did not issue this visa; enabled transit through the territory of the Czech Republic</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Czech Republic will issue this visa at its diplomatic missions located outside of the Schengen area</p>	<p>NO - only for a max. 5-day transit through the territories of Schengen states</p>	<p><u>diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic</u> located outside of the Schengen area</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>SHORT-STAY VISAS (STAY FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS)</p>							
<p>Czech national short-stay visa české krátkodobé vízum</p> <p>visa for stay for up to 90 days (Category C)</p>	<p>entry, stay and exit - stay only on the Czech territory for up to 90 days</p> <p>may be issued for single entry or multiple entries</p>	 <p>mark C in the heading "typ víza"</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Czech Republic issued this visa at its diplomatic missions, in exceptional cases at the border crossing points</p>	<p>Only until it expires</p> <p>validity remains as indicated on the visa; will however entitle its holder for the entry into and stay on the Czech territory</p>	<p>NO - only transit through the territories of some new Schengen states</p> <p>The territories of other Schengen states may be transited for up to 5 days (this possibility applies only until 30/6/2008). ATTENTION: transit concerns only the territories of 6 new Schengen states: Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Latvia and Malta (transit does not concern Estonia and Lithuania)</p>	<p>This visa will no longer be issued and will be replaced by the Schengen visa with validity limited to the territory of the Czech Republic which will be issued by Czech diplomatic missions (located inside as well as outside of the Schengen area) under the condition that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the applicant does not fulfill all requirements for issuing the visa valid for the entire Schengen area, - the applicant wishes to enter the Czech territory after having already spent 90 days during 6 months on the basis of a uniform Schengen visa. 	<p>Yes, in reasoned cases at the Alien Police Inspectorates on the Czech territory only when the purpose of the visit remains the same and when the allowed 90 days of stay have not yet been used.</p> <p>Even after the extension the visa will entitle its holder only for the stay on the Czech territory.</p>

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<p>uniform Schengen visa - Category C jednotné schengenské vízum - typu C</p> <p>short-term visa</p>	<p>entitles aliens who seek to enter the Schengen territory to pay a continuous visit or several visits, the duration of which does not exceed three months in any half-year from the date of first entry</p> <p><u>single-entry visa:</u> - the duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: from the date of departure (e.g. 01.02.00). The period is fixed as follows: date of departure + duration of stay + period of grace of 15 days - the duration of the stay may not exceed 90 days in any six-month period (30 days in the example shown here)</p> <p><u>dual-entry or multiple-entry visa:</u> - the duration of validity is calculated from the date of departure + 6 months maximum on the basis of the documentary evidence provided - the duration of the stay may not exceed 90 days in any six-month period (in the example shown here, but the duration may also be less). The duration of the stay is that of the cumulative total of successive stays. This is also based on the documentary evidence provided</p>	 <p>single-entry visa</p> <p>dual-entry visa</p> <p>multiple-entry visa</p>	<p>NO Czech Republic did not issue this visa; however, this visa was recognised for a transit for up to 5 days</p>	<p>YES The Czech Republic will issue this visa at its diplomatic missions located outside of the Schengen territory</p> <p>+ will recognise visas issued (both before and after 21/12/2007) by other Schengen states</p>	<p>YES - for up to 90 days in any six-month period</p> <p>the six-month period is calculated from the date of first entry into the Schengen area</p> <p>after expiration of 90 days it is necessary to leave the Schengen territory for the remaining time within the six-month period</p>	<p><u>diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic located outside of the Schengen area</u></p>	<p>Yes, validity of the uniform Schengen short-stay visa can be extended on the Czech territory (also in cases when the visa was issued by other Schengen states) provided the purpose of the travel has not changed and the visa holder has not stayed on the Schengen territory already for 90 days.</p> <p>After the use of the allowed number of days for the stay on the Schengen territory, the Schengen area has to be left for the remaining time of the six-month period or the person may apply at the diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic for a short-stay visa with validity limited to the territory of the Czech Republic.</p>
<p>uniform Schengen visa - group visa jednotné schengenské vízum - hromadné vízum</p>	<p>transit visa or a visa limited to a maximum of thirty days, which may be affixed to a group passport - except where national legislation provides otherwise - issued to a group of aliens formed prior to the decision to travel, provided that the members of the group (5-50 persons) enter the territory, stay there and leave it as a group</p>		<p>NO Czech Republic did not issue this visa; however, the visa was recognised for transit for up to 5 days.</p>	<p>NO Czech Republic will not issue this visa</p> <p>- will recognise a visa issued by another Schengen state (both before and after 21/12/2007)</p>			<p>no</p>

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<p>visa with limited territorial validity vízum s omezenou územní platností</p>	<p>in exceptional cases issued visa which entitles the holder to cross the border, where the visit is authorised only in the national territory of one or more Schengen states, provided that both entry and exit are through the territory of this or these Schengen states (transit visa may also be issued in the form of a territorial limited visa)</p> <p><u>for several countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the "valid for" heading is filled in by the codes indicating the countries for which the visa is valid (example on the right: visa is valid for France and Spain) OR - the "valid for" heading is filled in by the words "Schengen States" followed in brackets by the minus sign and the codes of the Member States for the territories of which the visa is not valid 		<p>NO Czech Republic did neither issue nor recognise this visa for the entry into and stay on its territory</p>	<p>YES Czech Republic will issue this visa in exceptional cases at its diplomatic missions</p>	<p>NO the validity of the visa is limited only to the territory of the Czech Republic or other states indicated on the visa sticker</p>	<p><u>diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic</u></p>	<p>Yes, provided that the duration of stay on the Czech territory on the bases of a territorial limited visa has not exceed 90 days.</p>
<p>NATIONAL LONG-STAY VISAS (STAY FOR MORE THAN 3 MONTHS)</p>							
<p>VISA</p>	<p>VISA IN BRIEF</p>	<p>PICTURE</p>	<p>BEFORE 21/12/2007</p>	<p>FROM 21/12/2007</p>	<p>May I travel with this visa to other Schengen states?</p>	<p>Where can I apply for this visa?</p>	<p>Will it be possible to apply for the extension of the issued visa?</p>
<p>long-stay visa - Category D dlouhodobé vízum - typu D</p>	<p>visa for stay exceeding 90 days</p> <p>entitles the holder only for the entry into, stay and exit from the territory of the state in question</p> <p>only (for up to 5 days) transit through the territories of other Schengen states in direction to the Czech Republic</p>		<p>YES issued by diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic</p> <p>issued to a foreign national</p> <p>a) who wished to stay on the Czech territory for a period exceeding 3 months (visa valid for 1 year); or</p> <p>b) for the purpose of handing over a permanent residence permit, long-stay residence permit for the purpose of family reunification or for the purpose of study on the territory or for the purpose of applying for a long-stay residence permit (visa valid for 6 months)</p>	<p>YES Czech Republic will still issue this visa at its diplomatic missions (located inside as well as outside of the Schengen territory).</p> <p>Visas issued prior to 21/12/2007 remain valid for the period indicated on the sticker, however entitle only for the entry into and stay on the Czech territory.</p> <p>Long-stay visas issued by other Schengen states (before as well as after 21/12/2007) will entitle the holder only to transit through the Czech territory under the condition that the duration of transit through Schengen states will not exceed 5 days.</p>	<p>NO - only for up to 5-day transit through the territories of other Schengen states on the way to the Czech Republic (transit on the way from the Czech Republic is not regulated by Schengen regulations and thus cannot be guaranteed)</p>	<p><u>diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic</u> (located both inside and outside of the Schengen area)</p>	<p>Long-stay visa can be extended provided the purpose of the visa has not changes, however only within the validity of this visa; extension will be provided by the inspectorates of the Alien Police on the Czech territory.</p>

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<p>long-stay visa - Category D+C dlouhodobé vízum - typu D+C</p> <p><i>visa for stay over 90 days + concurrently valid as a uniform Schengen short-stay visa of Category C</i></p>	<p>visa for stay over 90 days</p> <p>enables to enter into and stay on the territory of the visa in question</p> <p>enables travelling within Schengen during first 3 months of its validity</p>	 <p>visa issued by Greece</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Czech Republic did neither issue nor recognise this visa for the entry into and stay on its territory</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Czech Republic will issue this visa at its diplomatic missions outside of the Schengen area</p>	<p>YES - during the first 3 months of the visa validity</p> <p>later the same rules apply as for holders of visa of Category D, thus only transit for up to 5 days</p>	<p><u>diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic located outside of the Schengen area</u></p>	<p>This visa may be extended similarly to visa of Category D - will then be however valid as a visa of Category D; extension will be carried out by inspectorates of the Alien police on the Czech territory.</p>
<p>By Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic in December 2007</p>							