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Short-term stay in Czechia

The short-term stay in the [Schengen Area](#), incl. Czechia, (based on a [Schengen visa](#) or a visa-free regime) cannot exceed 90 days within 180 days. If the length of the stay has reached 90 days, the foreigner is required to leave the [Schengen Area](#).

Each visitor needs to keep track of the number of days and not to exceed the allowed number of days. In case of multiple entries, the accumulated amount of days can be determined by checking the entry/exit stamps in the passport. A useful tool to calculate the number of days is a [calculator](#) available on the website of the European Commission.

Who doesn't need a visa?

Visa-free regime applies only to short-term non-profit stays and the list of visa-free countries is available [here](#).

Who needs a visa?

The list of states whose citizens need a visa to travel to the [Schengen Area](#) is available [here](#).

Where to lodge the visa application?

Applicants file their applications at [consulates](#) or in [visa centers](#), commonly in person, not at a border crossing nor on the territory of the Czech Republic.

APPLICANTS FILE THEIR APPLICATIONS IN STATES WHERE THEY HOLD CITIZENSHIP OR RESIDENCY.

- If there is no [diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic](#) in this state, the application should be filed at a diplomatic mission which is accredited for that state (usually in a neighboring state) or at a diplomatic mission of another [Schengen Area](#) state which [represents](#) the Czech Republic in this state.
- If there are several [diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic](#) in one state (for example an Embassy and Consulate(s) General), the applicant should file the application at the diplomatic mission in the consular district where he/she resides.

What documents need to be prepared?

Applications for Schengen visas are always submitted under a specific purpose of travel and documents respect that as well. An overview of the purposes (and therefore of the documents too) can be found [here](#). Each article also specifies other details such as fee, biometric collection etc.