

## Important Notices

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### Important notice for Czech nationals

On July 13, 2009, the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism of Canada announced that Czech nationals now require a visa to travel to Canada.

[Click here to see the Press Release.](#)

### How to apply for your visa

The Canadian Embassy in Prague does not offer visa services and cannot provide information to the public in this regard. All applications and requests for information from residents of the Czech Republic will be the responsibility of the Visa Section of the Canadian Embassy in Vienna, Austria, where service is offered in several languages, including Czech.

You can find application forms, instructions, general information, as well as the list of fees to apply for a temporary resident visa (visitor) [here](#). As indicated on the fee schedule, fees can be paid in the Czech Republic, as well as in many other countries.

Each application will be assessed on its own merits. There is no guarantee that your visa application will be approved.

**Czech citizens who are currently outside the Czech Republic** or who will be visiting another country enroute to Canada, may apply for a Temporary Resident Visa at the nearest Canadian visa office to them. The list of Canadian visa offices abroad can be found at the following link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/apply-where.asp>

### How to send your completed application to Vienna

You can send your application, machine readable passport and supporting documents (including proof of fees) to the Visa Section of the Canadian Embassy in Vienna several ways:

1. The most convenient way is for you to mail your completed application and documents to Vienna. The application will be processed within 3 working days of receipt of the application in Vienna. The visa section will mail all correspondence, including your machine readable passport, directly to you.
2. You, or an authorized third party (friend, family member, etc.), can drop off the application in Vienna in person. The visa section offers same-day service for those who apply in person. You may also pay the fee in Austria during your visit to Vienna. The Visa Section in Vienna can return your machine readable passport to a third party if you supply a written authorization (no notarization required) allowing the Visa Section to do so. The visa section does not guarantee same-day service if your authorized third party drops off applications other than yours at the same time. A group application will be processed within 3 working days of receipt of the application in Vienna.
3. You can send your documents to Vienna by private courier along with a pre-paid return service. The Visa Section will use your pre-paid service to return your documents.

4. Until mid-August, you can also place your completed application at the drop-off box situated at the Canadian Embassy in Prague at Muchova 6, 160 00 Prague 6. The Embassy in Prague will ensure the onward transmission of your documents to Vienna. Clients can return to the Embassy in Prague 12 days after they have dropped off their application to pick-up their machine readable passports. The Visa Section in Vienna may communicate directly with clients prior to this deadline.

5. Speak to your travel agent in the Czech Republic who may offer to drop-off applications in Vienna on behalf of clients. Service via travel agents will take a total of 3 working days upon receipt in the office in Vienna.

[Click here to see the list of Frequently Asked Questions  
http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/faq/visit/index.asp#czech](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/faq/visit/index.asp#czech)