
A brochure for migrants in detention centers



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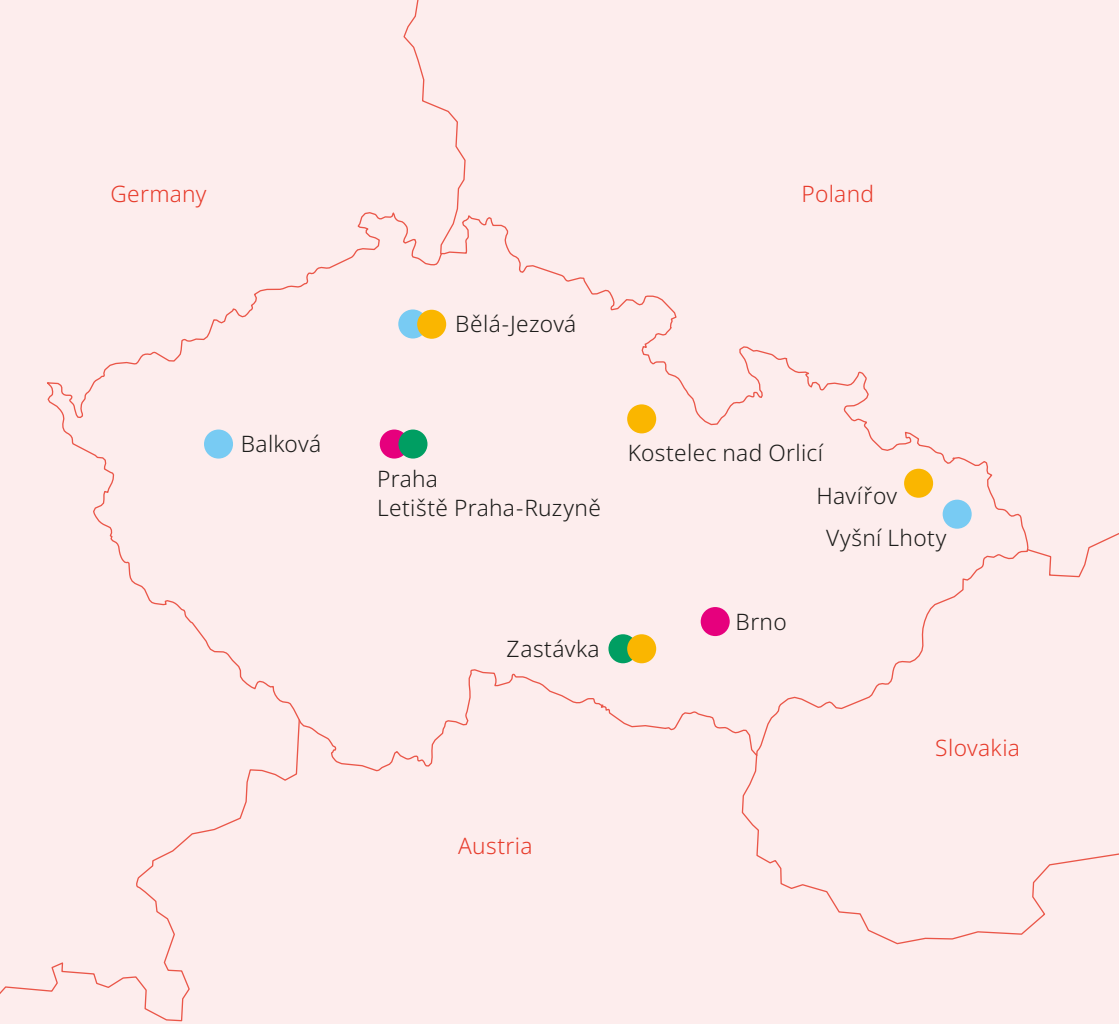
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- Prague, Brno: big cities in the Czech republic
- Reception center: Airport Prague-Ruzyně, Zastávka
- Detention center: Balková, Bělá-Jezová, Vyšní Lhoty
- Accomodation center: Bělá-Jezová, Kostelec nad Orlicí, Zastávka, Havířov

What is a detention center?

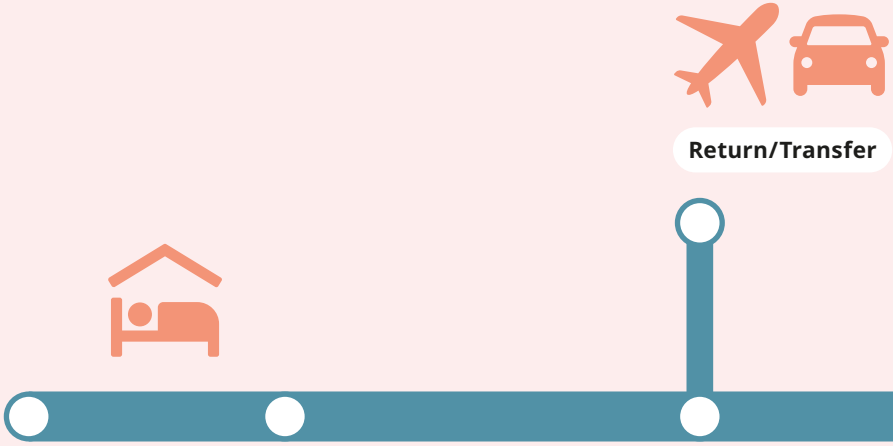
- Also referred to as detention or ZZC.
- It is a closed center that migrants cannot leave.
- The Immigration Police and the Ministry of the Interior place here migrants who are unlawfully staying or have unlawfully entered the Czech Republic (e.g. without a passport or visa).

How long can you be in detention?

- You cannot be detained for more than 180 days. Exceptionally, the police may extend this time up to 545 days.
- A family with a minor child may not be in a detention center for more than 90 days.
- During this time, the police are preparing your deportation or transfer to another country.

Application for international protection (asylum) in detention

- Within 7 days of your detention, you can apply for international protection (asylum).
- The Immigration Police must inform you clearly about this possibility.
- An application for international protection does not allow you to leave the center. The Ministry of Interior will conduct a separate procedure on your asylum application (details below).



Detention

7 days

Ability to apply for international protection

90 days

Maximum time for families and foreign minors



Return/Transfer



180 days

Maximum time for
adult foreigners

Possibility to extend detention

545 days





What is a reception center?

- The reception centre houses new applicants for international protection (asylum) during the entry steps, such as identity verification, fingerprinting, initial interview and social examination, medical examination.
- It is not possible to leave the reception centre freely until the entry steps are completed.
- You will be provided with housing, food, basic hygiene products and medical care at the Reception Centre. Applicants for international protection have social and psychological services at their disposal and can participate in leisure activities, attend art workshops, etc.

What is an accomodation center?

- The Accomodation Centre is used to house applicants for international protection who have undergone the prescribed entry procedures at the Reception Centre for the duration of the procedure on their application for international protection.
- Applicants are free to leave the centre. They can also move to private housing.
- The services provided are similar to those provided in the Reception Centre.

What is it?

International protection

International protection is granted to refugees who are in the Czech Republic and for whom it would not be safe to return to their country of origin. For example, there is a war in their country or they are threatened with persecution for their political opinions.

There are two types of international protection: asylum (permanent) and subsidiary protection (time-limited, extendable).

The Ministry of the Interior decides on the granting of international protection. If you submit an application for international protection, the Ministry of the Interior will conduct several interviews with you with an interpreter. It will find out the reasons why you left your country of origin and whether you can safely return to your country of origin. The Ministry also obtains information about your country of origin. You can suggest to the ministry that it take into account specific reports and evidence. You also have the right to consult with lawyers and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) about your case.

The Ministry of the Interior is obliged to issue a decision on international protection within 6 months. In exceptional cases, the deadline for a decision may be extended.

You have the option of filing a lawsuit against a negative decision. If you do not file a lawsuit, you are obliged to leave the Czech Republic.

Administrative deportation

This decision means you have to leave the European Union. At the same time, the police will set a period of entry ban, during which time you must not return to the EU.

You can appeal within 10 days of notification of the decision.

If your appeal is rejected, you can file a lawsuit within 10 days.

The ban on entering the territory of the European Union is usually from six months to 10 years. If you travel voluntarily, you can apply for a reduction in the period of the entry ban.

Dublin transfer and Readmission

A decision to transfer you to another State of the European Union or to another State responsible for examining your application for international protection under the Dublin Regulation. For example, if you have lodged an asylum application in Romania or Bulgaria, the Ministry will decide on your transfer to this country.

Decision to leave the territory

This is a decision that will require you to leave the European Union. However, it does not contain an entry ban, as is the case with administrative deportation. After returning to your country of origin, you can immediately apply for any visa to any country of the European Union.

Exit permit

The exit permit (sometimes called departure order) will be issued by the Ministry of the Interior or the police. The exit permit entitles you to stay legally in the Czech Republic for the period necessary to take urgent steps to leave the territory (e.g. arranging a flight ticket).

This period may not exceed 60 days and may be extended only in exceptional circumstances. The period of stay is determined and indicated in the exit order by the police or the Ministry of the Interior. If you exceed this period, you will be staying in the territory of the Czech Republic without authorization.



What is it?

Voluntary return

Voluntary decision to return to a country whose you are a citizen or to another state that allows you to enter to its territory.

If you decide to use voluntary return, the Ministry of the Interior will pay half of your travel costs (air tickets, tickets). In the case of voluntary return, you can also ask the Immigration Police to shorten the length of the entry ban imposed on you in the decision on administrative deportation.

The ZZC is regularly visited by employees of the Ministry of the Interior, who will explain this option to you. A lawyer or social worker will also provide you with more information.

Upon our return, you will have to reimburse the Ministry for the other half of the travel costs. If you do not pay these costs, you may have a problem obtaining a visa or residence permit to enter the Czech Republic in the future.

Detention decision

Decision of the Immigration Police and the Ministry of the Interior on your placement in a detention center for migrants. In the decision to detain the police or the Ministry of the Interior, they will explain why they are placing you in this closed center. They will explain under which law you are detained and for how long. Your detention may be repeatedly extended by the Immigration Police or the Ministry of the Interior, up to the maximum permitted length (180 days).

You have the opportunity to file a lawsuit against the detention decision within 15 days. A lawyer will help you with drafting a lawsuit. Filing a lawsuit against detention cannot prolong your stay in the ZZC. An independent court will then decide on your detention.



If the court decides that your detention is illegal, you must be released immediately. You are also entitled to claim compensation for unlawful deprivation of liberty.

What to avoid not to get into detention (ZZC):

- 1.** Keep an eye on the validity of your passport, residence permit or visa. Before the expiry date, apply for an extension in time.
- 2.** Deal with negative decisions, exit orders or administrative deportations in a timely manner. When you receive a letter from the Ministry of the Interior, the Immigration Police or other authorities, make an appointment for legal advice as soon as possible..
- 3.** Do not work without an employment contract and work permit.
- 4.** Do not cooperate with suspicious agencies or individuals who promise to process documents for large sums of money. Never accept or use false documents (!).
- 5.** Always have the documents authorizing you to stay in the territory of the Czech Republic with you.



Who will you meet at ZZC?



Social workers

They will provide you with basic information about the center, your rights and your situation in the ZZC. They will answer your questions.

They will help you with shopping, washing, toiletries (including menstrual products) or changing your diet.

They will help you if you have a problem and need something.

They will help you arrange interpreting, medical and legal services.

They will help you prepare for the end of your stay in the ZZC (with transfer to a residential centre, to another country responsible for your asylum application, or in preparation for return to your country of origin).



Lawyer

They will provide you with basic information about the proceedings that concern you, your rights and your situation in the ZZC. They will answer your questions.

They will explain the situation to you and help you prepare and file an appeal or action in connection with administrative deportation, in connection with a decision on the obligation to leave the territory, a decision on transfer, a negative decision in the matter of international protection or a decision on detention in the ZZC.

A lawyer may request access to your medical records. If you have evidence relevant to your case on your mobile phone, the lawyer may request that your mobile phone be made available to you on a one-off basis.



Legal aid is free of charge and an interpreter is available.

A lawyer is obliged to maintain confidentiality.

Who else will you meet at ZZC?

24/7



Non-stop service

Emergency assistance
24 hours a day.



Doctor / Nurse

Will help you if you have a
medical condition.



Private Security Service

Responsible for your
security in the ZZC.



Pedagogue / Teacher

Offers you leisure
activities, helps with
teaching children.



Psychologist

Will help you if you
want to talk about your
problems with someone.



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Employees of the
Department of Asylum
and Migration Policy
of the Ministry of the
Interior of the Czech
Republic.



Landlord

Will give you bed linen or
toiletries, help you with
washing.



Support staff

Cook, repairman.



Police

Members of the
Immigration Police.

What is available to you?



Accommodation



Meals 3 times a day (children 5 times a day) with the possibility of choosing a menu at the entrance to the center



Education of children

with an emphasis on teaching the Czech language



Leisure activities

(TV room, art workshops, library, gym, etc.)



Emergency health care



Internet



Payphones



Toiletries

(pads, tampons, razors)



Social service



Free Legal Aid

What can (not) do in ZZC?

You cannot leave the ZZC without the permission of the police.

You must tolerate reasonable restrictions on your rights (e.g. right to freedom of movement, right to privacy).

When entering the ZZC, you must hand over your mobile phone, money and credit cards.

You have the right to one phone call for 3 minutes. You have the right to copy phone numbers from your phone. You can use payphones to make calls.

The ZZC is divided into 2 parts – a part with a moderate regime and a part with a strict regime.

If you are aggressive and do not follow the rules of the ZZC, the center may move you to a strict area where there is increased supervision.

You can send and receive correspondence without restrictions.

You can receive money without restrictions

(but you have to deposit it for safekeeping). You can use the deposited money once a week up to CZK 300 for shopping (e.g. groceries and cigarettes). A staff member will help you with your purchase.

You can receive packages

1 x per week, maximum 10 kg.

You can receive visitors 4 times a week,

for a maximum of 1 hour.



You are free to move within the moderate hedging mode.

After leaving the ZZC, you will receive a bill

stating the amount you have to pay for your stay in the ZZC. If the court found your detention to be illegal, then you are not obliged to pay for your stay in the ZZC.



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