

Information on implementation of new residence cards containing biometric data for third-country nationals.

We would like to inform you, that amendatory act no. 326/1999 Coll. changed the form of the residence cards of residence permit and fees arising from these changes. Newly residence cards containing biometric data will be issued. Biometric data forms a compulsory component of residence permits issued by all EU Member States. The changes was supposed to be since 1.5. 2011, but because of technical reasons the card will be probably issues since the 1.7.2011.

What are the biometric data?

With the biometric data is ment the facial image and fingerprints taken by special technical equipment. Next you have to provide your signature for digital processing. For children under the age of 6, only a facial image is captured.

About who the change does concern?

All the citizens from so called third countries whose stay in the territory is based on long-term or permanent residence permit.

About who the change does not concern?

This change does not apply to EU citizens and their family members (so called temporary or permanent stay of family member EU citizen), not does it apply to third-country nationals resident in the CR on a long-stay visa = resident permit visa over the 90 days.

When will you change the card?

- In case your current residence card or visa label is valid and during his duration period you will not need realize any changes of data for example address, it's duration stays unchanged. New cards will be issued to you only afer extending your long-term residence permit or the expiring validity of the card.
- In case you will need to do changes in your card, so only card with biometric data will be issued to you.
- In case your card or residence permit was issued in the period of may-june 2011, you will get the card or visa label to your pasport with validity of 6 months (it does not mean that your validity of stay is only 6 months, but its validity of the document). During this period you are obliged to come to workplace of OAMP, that is adequately technically equipped.(we recommend to arrange the meeting by phone in advance)

Where you will make your card?

Not all the workplaces of MVČR are equipped with the special technical equipment for taking biometric data. In Moravian-Silesian Region is **Regionální oddělení pobytu cizinců Ostrava in the street Výstavní 55/117**. So please note that this office might not be the same office where you submitted your relevant residence application, or esle, where you normally arrange other matters connected with your residence in the CR (for example the department of residence of foreigners in Frýdek-Místek). In the same place where your biometric data were taken, you are obliged to take our your cards in the specified time.

You are required to present yourself **in person** to provide biometric dara and present yourself to collect the residence card:

- On demand of the Ministry – if you left the telephone contact number, you shall be contacted at this number to arrange appoitment for having biometric data collected, or else to collect your residence card. In case you did not provide a



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contact phone number you shall be invited in writing. In this case, you can arrange an appointment at the Ministry in advance by telephone.

- In case you came to the territory of republic personally on the base of long-term visa with the purpose of collecting the long-term permission of residence or permanent stay (issued by representative office), you are required to come to the workplace of Ministry personally within 3 working days from the day you entered the territory
- For the collect the resident card you are required to present yourself within the specified time, but at latest 60 days of your biometric data being collected.

!!! In case you will not collect the resident card in time, you can be fined with up to 10,000 CZK in case of permanent residence permit. In case of a long-term residence card or its extensit your apllication procedure can be stopped and stay will be terminated.

Reporting changes in the residence card

In the case of changes in details appearing in the residence card (e.g. surname), you are requires to report the change within 3 working days. In case your official address changes, you are required to report this within 30 days.

Fees

Administrartion fees are collected in the form of revenue stamps which may be bought at every post office

- permission of stay – long-term or permanent	2500 Kč (1000 Kč children under 15 years of age)
- extending validity of the card of long-term stay	2500 Kč (1000 Kč children under 15 years of age)
- extending validity of the card of permanent stay	2500 Kč (children under 15 years of age included)
- changes to the residence card	1000 Kč
- issuing a residence card in replacement of a damaged, destroyed, los tor stolen residence card or of a residence card whose data chip is non-funcional	4000 Kč (2500 Kč u dětí do 15 let)
- card with the permission of stay, which is issued in connection with the presentation of new traveling document of foreigner	no fee

Next information:

Next information you can get on www.mvcr.cz/cizinci or don't hasitate to conntact us. On the topic of biometric cards we are preparing the meeting with the workers of MV ČR about it's exaxt date we will inform you.

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