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Housing allowance

What is [housing allowance](#)?

- Benefit from the system of [State Social Support](#)
- A financial support of housing for people/families including financial support of costs of gas and electricity
- Every 3 months you have to show your bills for accommodation and energies (gas, electricity) and income of all people living in your flat (quarters of the year - January – March, April – June, July – September, October – December)
- It is being paid by the [Labour office/Úřad práce](#)

What is [state social support](#)?

- A system of state benefits mostly families with dependent children
- For people with legally registered as permanent residents of the Czech Republic
- Minimum of 365 days of residency for citizens of non-EU countries and a minimum of 3 months for citizens of EU countries
- The state social support consists of child allowance, parental allowance, housing allowance, birth and funeral grant
- It is not paid to the foreign countries

Who is a dependent child?

- Child under the age of 18
- Or child up to age 26 living with parent/s and studying a daily form of school

What is included in a housing costs?

- Rent for rental apartments,
- similar costs for residents of cooperative flats and flat owners, which are calculated from the subsistence minimum
 - o for and individual 2240 CZK, for two people 3065 CZK, for three people 4008 CZK and for four people or more 4834 CZK
- costs for gas and electricity (heating, cooking, water heating)
- costs for services provided with the use of the apartment:
- costs for heat supply (district heating)
- costs for centralized provision of hot water
- costs of the supply of water from aqueducts and water plants
- costs of sewage disposals
- costs of elevator operation
- costs of the lighting of common areas in the house
- costs of cleaning of common areas in the house
- costs of waste water removal and cleaning of pits
- costs of equipping the apartment with a common TV and radio antenna
- costs for the removal of municipal waste
- possibly costs for solid fuels (more info on amounts [here](#))
- The apartment owner must itemize the amounts for utilities, energies and services in details

How long is the housing allowance paid and in what amount?

- It is paid for an indefinite period (as long as the housing costs and income of the individual/family are documented and the eligibility conditions are met)
- Housing costs and the monthly income of all residing persons living in the apartment are documented every 3 months
- **With effect from 1st October 2022**, it will be possible to prove housing costs and family income only twice a year, and the housing allowance will be paid in the same amount after a period of six months
- Housing costs and the family income for the 1st and 3rd quarters of the 2022 calendar year must be documented (to determine entitlement to housing allowance in the second and fourth calendar quarters)
- The level of housing allowance is set as the **difference between prescriptive housing costs** (average housing costs based on the size of the municipality and the number of members of the household) **and the relevant family income** multiplied by a coefficient of 0.30 (in Prague 0.35)
- Orientation [calculator](#)

What are the [prescriptive housing costs](#)?

- an average housing costs based on the size of the municipality and the number of members of the household
- They include a rent and similar costs for residents of cooperative flats and flat owners, including costs of services and energy
- They are calculated on the basis of reasonable sizes of flats for the number of persons permanently residing in them
 - The amount of [prescriptive housing costs](#) are from the 1st of October 2022 as follows:
 - For flats according to the flat agreement

Number of persons in the family according to the law § 7 odst. 5 zákona	Monthly housing costs according to the number of citizens in the municipality in CZK				
	Prague	More than 100 000	50 000 - 99 999	10 000 - 49 999	do 9 999
one	14 621	12 771	12 435	11 429	11 246
two	18 129	15 597	15 137	13 761	13 510
three	20 812	17 500	16 899	15 099	14 771
Four and more	24 995	21 002	20 277	18 106	17 711

Who is entitled for a housing allowance?

- Property owners or tenants having residence in that property are entitled to a housing allowance if 30% (in Prague 35%) of family income is insufficient to cover housing costs and at the same time this 30% (in Prague 35%) of family income is lower than the relevant prescriptive costs set by law

- There has to be a stable housing situation for the person or a family – proper housing agreement, or proved ownership of the house/flat
- It is not accepted co-housing or renting of the cooperative flats
- Citizens of NON-EU countries with a permanent residency in the Czech Republic for at least 1 year
- EU citizens with valid permanent residency in the Czech Republic for more than 3 months and proved the centre of the interest (residency, employment, sickness insurance benefits – maternity, pension, parental allowance) in the Czech Republic

What permanent residency means?

- Long-term visa, long-term stay or employment card
- Temporary or permanent residency

What does [centre of interest](#) means?

- Your country of residence
- Have to have a permanent address in the Czech Republic, a job, family, doctors
- Pay housing, bills and taxes in the Czech Republic
- Send kids to schools in the Czech Republic
- Or get benefits from the Labour Office (parental allowance) or [Czech Social Security Administration \(CSSA\)](#) (maternity, pension, sickness insurance benefits)

Where can I apply for the child allowance?

- At the Labour Office in person according to your place of residency or by data box or [online](#)
- You need to fill out the [Application for housing allowance](#) and the [Proof of quarterly income form](#) and [Proof of quarterly housing costs](#)
- **Attention!** For foreigners, especially EU citizens, the online form usually does not work and you have to apply in person

What is datová schránka (data box)?

- Datová schránka is an electronic online tool for communication with public administration
- It is obligatory for self-employed
- From 2023 should be obligatory for all self-employed
- You can send applications for benefits or communicate other issues with public administration
- Here are [videos](#) and information about the data box in the Czech language

What if I am not eligible for a housing allowance?

- You can request a housing allowance 3 months retrospectively if you will meet the requirements



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