

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Czech Republic

Czech Republic prohibits certain Russian nationals from entering for tourism, sports or cultural purposes

### Executive summary

Effective 25 October 2022, Russian nationals who hold valid Schengen Visas issued by any EU country will be prohibited from entering the Czech Republic for tourism, sports or cultural purposes if they arrive from a country outside the Schengen Area.

### Key developments

Russian nationals who hold valid Schengen Visas issued by any EU country will still be permitted to enter the Czech Republic for tourism, sports or cultural purposes after 25 October 2022, provided they arrive from a [Schengen Member State](#).

Earlier this year, Czech embassies worldwide suspended the issuance of new visas to Russian and Belarusian nationals. These individuals may still submit visa and long-term residence permit applications to Czech embassies in limited circumstances only (e.g., if they are family members of EU nationals who reside in the Czech Republic). This restriction will remain in place until 31 March 2023 and may be extended at the discretion of the Czech authorities.

### Impact on employers

Employers that seek to deploy Russian employees to the Czech Republic for business may assist them in obtaining appropriate Schengen business visas to mitigate immigration compliance risks, including the risk of these travelers being denied admission to the country.

### Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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