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# News and Updates

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## Extension of Application Deadlines

Have you not managed to apply for your dream programme yet, or are you searching at the last minute? Some of our faculties have extended application deadlines for certain degree programs. Check out our overview to see where you can still apply.

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## PVZP's monopoly on comprehensive health insurance abolished

Following the amendment to the Act on the Residence of Foreigners, residents of third countries in the Czech Republic no longer have to take out compulsory liability insurance with the **Pojišt'ovny VZP** (PVZP), but can now take out insurance with any commercial insurance providers.

The amendment, which has already entered into force, **allows foreigners to terminate their contract with the Pojišt'ovny VZP (PVZP), a subsidiary of the General Health Insurance Company (VZP), within three months.** Please note, that if you decide to terminate your insurance with the PVZP, you must conclude a contract with another private insurance provider.

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## Long-term visa and residence permit update

If you are a long-term or permanent resident of another state within the Schengen area and you wish to apply for a Czech long-term visa or residence permit, please note that from May 1, 2023, you can only do so at the [Visa Centre of the Consulate General in Dresden](#), Germany.

**Note:** Under certain conditions, foreign nationals holding a visa or residence permit from another Schengen country can also apply at the [MOI office](#) in Czechia.