



Exchange of licences after 2 August 2021

Some holders of residence permits issued before 2 August 2021 will have to exchange them. They can apply for an exchange at the offices of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, Asylum and Migration Policy Department. In the case of family members who do not exchange their documents by the dates indicated below, their existing "paper" residence cards will expire on 3 August 2023.

Who	Exchange of licences	Until when
EU citizen	no	x
A distant family member of an EU or Czech national	yes	31/08/2022 (2. 8. 2023)*
A close family member of an EU or Czech national	yes	02/08/2023
UK citizen	yes	31/08/2022
A family member of UK national	yes	31/08/2022

**The distant family member should apply for an exchange of the existing licence for a residence card or residence permit in his/her own interest until 31 August 2022.*

From 2 August 2021 until the end of the validity of the current "paper" residence card, the "distant family member" is still considered as a close family member of an EU/Czech citizen. After 31 August 2022, this so-called distant family member can only be considered (and have the same rights) as a close family member if he/she applies for an extension or replacement of his/her existing residence card by 31 August 2022. If the distant family member fails to apply for the replacement or extension of his/her existing residence card by 31 August 2022, he/she will lose the status of a close family member and will be treated as a distant family member. However, this family member is also obliged to apply for a replacement card by 2 August 2023 at the latest. If he/she fails to do so, his/her existing paper residence card will expire on 3 August 2023.