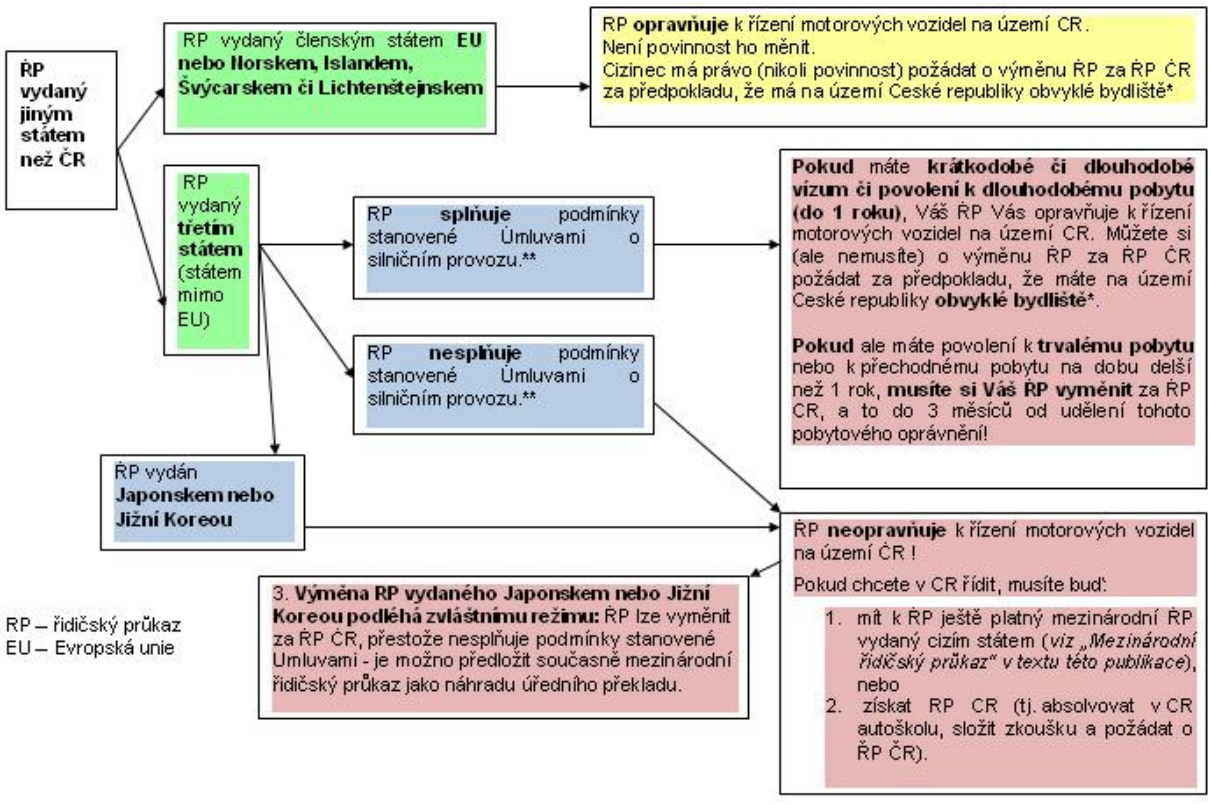
DRIVING LICENCES

It is not possible to drive a motor vehicle in the Czech Republic without a driving licence or with a driving licence that does not correspond to a "Czech" driving licence.

Is your driving licence valid in the Czech Republic?

- A driving licence issued in a member state of the European Union or in Norway, Switzerland or Liechtenstein is also valid in the Czech Republic. You do not need to change it.
- You can only keep and use a driving licence issued in a country outside the EU if it meets the road conditions in the Czech Republic. This rule is only valid for one year, for short or long stays.
- If you have been granted permanent or temporary residence in the Czech Republic for more than 1 year, you must exchange your licence within three months of being granted this permanent or temporary residence.
- If your licence was issued in a country outside the European Union and does not meet the road conditions in the Czech Republic, you must either hold an international driving licence or pass a driving school course in the Czech Republic.



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The exchange of driving licences is handled by the municipal authorities of municipalities with extended jurisdiction. In the case of an application for the exchange of a driving licence, the following documents must be provided:

- a completed 'Application for a driving licence' on the original form
- valid proof of identity of the applicant (the foreigner presents a residence permit)
- one 35 x 45 mm photograph (if the photograph is available in the Ministry of Interior register, no printed photograph is required)
- driving licence from your country, which will be stored in the driving licence register for the duration of your stay in the Czech Republic

How do I get a driving licence in the Czech Republic? On the basis of completing education and training at a driving school, including passing the final test of professional competence to drive motor vehicles.

- Enrolment in driving school is possible if:
  - you are over 18 years old**,**
  - you submit an official application at the driving school,
  - you submit a medical certificate stating that you are medically fit to drive.

Successful completion of the final test will result in an international driving licence, which is valid in EU and EEA countries and is also recognised in other countries under international conventions.

To obtain a driving licence, you must be habitually resident in the Czech Republic (permanently or temporarily residing in the Czech Republic; in the case of temporary residence, you must stay in the Czech Republic for at least 185 days per calendar year).

You can prove **your usual place of residence** with the following documents:

- temporary residence permit,
- confirmation of study,
- rent contract,
- an extract from the Land Registry confirming ownership rights to the property,
- confirmation of employment or extract from the trade register.

According to the Road Traffic Conventions, all information on the licence must be written in the Latin alphabet. If a different type of font is used, these entries must be transcribed into latin alphabet.

Each vehicle must be in the Czech Republic:

- **registered with the relevant municipal authority.** Both new and older vehicles purchased from another owner can be registered (it is necessary to arrange for the vehicle to be transferred from the original owner to the new owner upon sale).
- **insured** - so-called third-party liability insurance (also known as compulsory third-party insurance or green card).
- **Regularly inspected technically**, **including emissions measurement**.
- When using controlled-access highway in the Czech Republic, it is necessary to purchase a vignette.

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