



# Social Security

The Czech Republic has a social security system into which all economically active residents (employees, entrepreneurs, etc.) contribute. This system provides assistance to socially vulnerable citizens, families with children, and other groups.

## Social Insurance

Residents of the Czech Republic are required to pay social insurance contributions from their income. This insurance includes pension insurance, sickness insurance, and a contribution to state employment policy.

By paying these contributions and meeting all the required conditions, you are entitled to:

- Old-age pension
- Sickness benefits
- Maternity or paternity benefits
- Attendance Allowance

**i** For entrepreneurs, sickness insurance is voluntary. However, if you choose not to participate in the sickness insurance system, you are not entitled to [sickness benefits](#), [maternity pay](#), [paternity benefits](#), or [long-term caregiving benefits](#).

[The Czech Social Security Administration](#) is responsible for collecting social insurance and paying pensions and benefits.

**⚠** Sickness insurance is a type of social insurance and is different from health insurance. Health insurance finances healthcare services, as described in the Healthcare section.

# State Social Support and Assistance in Material Need

**State social support** includes benefits paid to individuals in case of childbirth, child-rearing, lack of funds for housing, or the death of a close family member. These include:

- Parental allowance
- Child allowance
- Housing allowance
- Birth grant
- Funeral grant

**Assistance in material need** is provided to individuals in very difficult life situations who do not have sufficient funds to ensure a dignified life:


- Allowance for Living
- Supplement for Housing
- Extraordinary Immediate Assistance


Applications for state social support and assistance in material need are submitted at [the offices of Labour Department](#).

## Humanitarian Benefit

[Information on humanitarian benefit for individuals granted temporary protection](#)

For questions regarding humanitarian benefit, employment, and safe working conditions, you can contact **the labor office helpline in Ukrainian:**

 +420 950 180 100

 Mon, Wed: 8.00–17.00 Tue, Thu, Fri: 8.00–13.00

If you need advice regarding social security, you can schedule a social counseling session at the Integration Centre Prague or at another organization. If you don't speak Czech well yet and need interpreting, we will be happy to accompany you to the relevant institution.



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