

# Who is eligible for parental leave in Czechia?

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**Parental leave in Czechia is:**

- € Paid A total of maximum CZK 20,000 (€3,300) for the entire leave period
- 35 months
- Linked to an individual's age with some flexibility

**Almost all women and men in employment are eligible for parental leave.**

This factsheet is based on an eligibility study of how many women and men (aged 20-49) would be eligible for parental leave if they had a child in 2017 and the reasons behind their non-eligibility (%). For Czechia, it is not possible to calculate all the conditions that apply due to data restrictions.

Parental leave benefit, Rodicovska prirucka, is available for all parents irrespective of their eligibility for the leave. This allowance acts as a subsidy to childcare costs. Parents are allowed to work while receiving parental benefit. While the leave can be taken only until the child turns the age of three, the allowance is reserved for families until the child is four years of age.

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- ✓ Employees
- ✓ Self-employed
- ✓ Same-sex parents
- ✓ Non-citizens (\*) (being asylum seekers with conditions of residence)

**In the EU-28 (\*\*)**

- 15 countries restrict access to employees with short working duration before birth in the Czechia
- The self-employed are not eligible in 10 countries (the Czechia)
- 11 countries do not allow access for same-sex parents (the Czechia)
- 15 limit access to refugees or asylum seekers (with conditions for refugees and asylum seekers are not eligible in Czechia)

(\*) Residence for certain groups (refugees and asylum seekers) when they apply for residence in the Member States (Commission Decision of 2016/1247/EU)  
 (\*\*) Working status categories (self-employed and non-EU citizens), the country residence, refugees and asylum seekers.  
 (\*\*\*) The facts are valid as of 1 January 2018.

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