



## **U.S. Embassy Prague American Citizen Services Newsletter**

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**Dear American Citizens :**

Greetings from Prague! I hope you are enjoying the winter weather.

**Social Security Agreement.** Under a recent agreement between the U.S. Social Security Administration and the Czech Republic regarding Social Security, Americans working in the Czech Republic are no longer required to pay social security taxes to both the United States and the Czech Republic. U.S. and Czech employers and their employees will now contribute to either the U.S. Social Security and Medicare systems, or to the Czech social security and unemployment systems, but not both. Additional information regarding the agreement is available on the Embassy website by following [this link](#). Frequently asked questions are answered here: [FAQs](#).

**Brno American Citizen Services Day.** The date is now set for our American citizen services day in Brno. On March 11, we will be at the International School of Brno, Cejkovická 10, from 10:30AM to 12:30PM and from 1:30PM to 2:30PM. We will provide citizen services such as passport renewals, notarial services, and reports of birth abroad. If you plan to request citizen services in Brno, please email us at [ACSPrg@state.gov](mailto:ACSPrg@state.gov) so we have a better idea how many of you will attend and what types of services you will need.

**Warden Communication.** We are launching a new method of communicating with Americans in the event of an emergency: text messages. If you would like to participate in this program, please email your name and Czech cellphone number to [ACSPrg@state.gov](mailto:ACSPrg@state.gov). For general warden notices, we will continue to use email.

**Passport Renewal By Mail.** We are working on the final details of our passport renewal by mail service. You will be able to pay for the passport renewal by visiting a ČSOB branch or a post office, and will also be able to pay for courier delivery of the passport at the same time. When the service is up and running, we will let you know.

As always, please let us know if you have questions or suggestions on how we might improve our services. You can reach us at [ACSPrg@state.gov](mailto:ACSPrg@state.gov), and can also review a list of the common services we provide to American citizens at <http://prague.usembassy.gov>.

Best Regards,  
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