**NOTICE!** As of 18.12.2015. new amendments in the Aliens Act, the Asylum Act and the Employment Act will be made.

The most important amendments:

* **Employment Act**

The applicants for the international protection may work for 6 months starting the day they asked for the international protection. Though, there is still need for a work permit.

* **The Aliens Act**

Long-stay visas can be issued for up to one year.

The request for a long stay or its prolonging can be handed **earliest 120 days** before the validation date will end and **latest the last day of validation of long term visa or stay permit.**

**NOTICE!**

**EMPLOYMENT CARD** You can apply for prolonging the EK earliest 120 days before the validation date end and latest 30 days before its expiration.

The application for an approval with a changing of employer or work position will be automatically considered as an application for prolonging the EK as well as long as its handed 120 to 30 days before its validation date expire.

The application for an approval with a changing of employer or work position, if applied within 120 days before the expiry of the EK, may in some cases be considered an application for an extension of EK.

If one won't manage to apply for prolonging visa or stay permit on time, it is wise to do so within 5 days with a sufficient reason that prevented the filing. Together with an application one should give reasons why one did not apply on time.

The conditions about knowledge of Czech language while applying for permanent residence permit are changing as well as list of language school where you can learn the language. **However, he acquired certificates remain valid!!!**

Foreigners who applied for a temporary residence permit of a family member of an EU citizen, can, if they were given visa over 90 days , travel during the proceedings on the submitted application

**Family member who resides in CR on the basis of temporary residence of a family member and then ceases to be a member of the family may apply for a long-term or permanent residence in Czech Republic.**

From now on only foreign passport with biometrical information will be issued.

* **Asylum Act**

Deadline for issuing decision (**6 months from handing in the application**) is amended and prolonged. It can be extended up to 18 months.

Proceedings may be suspended, in which case the decision must be issued max. 21 months from the date of submission of the application.