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CZECH FREELANCER STARTER KIT

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WHO IS THIS GUIDE FOR?



Foreign professionals living in the Czech Republic who are thinking about freelancing (self-employment/OSVČ) — or have already started but feel lost navigating the local system.

Whether you're offering digital services, consulting, coaching, short-term accommodation services, design, translation, IT, or any other freelance work — this guide walks you through the must-know essentials of freelancing in Czechia.

Embark on your freelancing journey with a comprehensive handbook that covers everything you need to know about freelancing in Czechia. From setting up as a freelancer to managing your taxes, this guide has got you covered every step of the way.



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You can reach out in Czech, English, or German.

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CHAPTER 1

DECIDING TO GO FREELANCE: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN OSVČ

WHAT IS OSVČ?

SO, YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT FREELANCING IN CZECHIA?
HERE'S WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS — AND WHY IT MATTERS.

In Czech, a self-employed individual is called osoba samostatně výdělečně činná — or simply OSVČ. This is the legal term for freelancers, consultants, creatives, digital nomads, and others who work independently.

Being OSVČ is a legal business form. You're not just working for yourself — you're running a business under Czech law.

That means:

- You're responsible for your own taxes and insurance contributions
- You must register with several offices (Trade, Tax, Social, Health)
- You don't get sick leave (unless you pay sickness insurance contributions voluntarily, ➡ why sickness insurance matters: Chapter 6), paid holidays, or employer coverage

BUT — you also get more flexibility, potential tax advantages, and full control over your time and income.

COMMON OSVČ ACTIVITIES:

- Consulting & coaching
- Short-term rental through Airbnb or Booking.com
- Copywriting, translation, content creation
- Web development, design
- IT & tech support
- Marketing & advertising
- Photography or videography
- Therapy or wellness services