



RECTOR'S ORDER

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Admission procedure for students from the Russian Federation and Belarus and rules for further study of students from the Russian Federation and Belarus and implementation of a ban on provision of technical assistance and other measures related to the war situation in Ukraine

Part I.

Admission procedure for students from the Russian Federation and Belarus

- (1) Due to the Russian Federation's (hereinafter also referred to as "Russia") aggression against Ukraine and Belarus's involvement therein, admission of students from these countries shall be subject to rules defined in this Order in order to apply the sanction measures imposed by the European Union that forbid, among other things, technical assistance to the Russian Federation and Belarus¹; the Council Regulations are directly applicable in all EU member states without any need for implementation in national law.
- (2) CTU shall prohibit the provision of direct and indirect technical assistance, which, for these purposes, includes the sharing of instructions, advice, training, consultations and knowledge and skills in any and all forms (including orally) in the areas defined below, be it as part of instruction or applied research. According to recommendations issued by the Interdepartmental Coordination Group for Implementation of International Sanctions in the Czech Republic on March 23, 2022, measures must be taken to prevent the provision of such technical assistance to **natural persons**, legal entities, authorities and organisations **from Russia and Belarus** (as well as in Russia and Belarus).
- (3) CTU parts shall individually assess each particular case of applicants from Russia and Belarus applying for study at CTU. The assessment must take into consideration whether the ban on technical assistance is to be applied to a specific citizen of Russia or Belarus in the form of non-admission for study.

¹ Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 of 23 June 2014 concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, Council Regulation (EU) 2022/263 of 23 February 2022 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas, Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus.

- (4) The ban on the provision of direct or indirect technical assistance does not apply to basic research the results of which are to be openly published. However, this basic research must not give rise to patented results or commercially applicable results. Caution must be used when considering whether an applicant for study would come into contact with such results as part of his/her work on basic research.
- (5) Furthermore, advanced research methods, tools and procedures made available to the student must not be applicable in any of the sanctioned areas of prohibited technical assistance.
- (6) The deciding factor in assessing whether technical assistance is to be prevented by not accepting an applicant for study is the connection of studies to any of the following areas of assistance:
 - a) dual-use goods and technologies
 - b) goods and technologies that may contribute to military and technological advancement of Russia or development of its military and security industry
 - c) goods and technologies suitable for use in aeronautic and space industry
 - d) transport
 - e) telecommunications
 - f) energy (traditional and nuclear)
 - g) exploration, surveying, extraction and production of crude oil, natural gas and other natural resources
 - h) a detailed list of affected areas is provided in the relevant Council Regulations (EU)².
- (7) Given the broad definition of the affected areas and the advanced technological education and research conducted at CTU, it is clear that the vast majority of information shared with students as part of instruction and related research may be considered part of these areas.
- (8) In particular, this includes **critical study programmes** in the following **strategic areas**: *artificial intelligence, IT technologies, cyber-security, quantum technologies, nuclear and energy technologies, aviation and space technologies, advanced materials, biomedicine, telecommunications*, etc. In these and many other areas, there is an enormous potential for dual use and definition of areas of prohibited technical assistance. Relevance for restrictions should be analysed in detail, taking into account the context of the fields of study and research.

² EU Council Regulation No. 2022/263, No. 692/2014, No. 833/2014 and No. 765/2006

Areas potentially affected by sanctions	Area of sanctions – prohibition on technical assistance								
	dual-use goods and technologies	technological advancement of Russia	military advancement of Russia	development of military and security industry	aeronautic and space industry	transport	telecom.	energy	exploration, surveying, extraction of natural resources, oil and natural gas
Faculties and institutes									
Faculty of Civil Engineering		X		X				X	X
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Faculty of Electrical Engineering	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Faculty of Architecture	X	X		X					
Faculty of Transportation Sciences		X			X	X			
Faculty of Biomedical Engineering	X	X	X	X					
Faculty of Information Technologies	X	X	X	X					
Masaryk Institute		X							
Klokner Institute	X	X				X		X	

Table 1. The table shows an overview of areas where Faculty and Institute activities may be expected to be subject to sanctions in the form of prohibition of technical assistance in the stated sanctioned areas.

- (9) The final decision shall be made by the Deans of the Faculties and Directors of the Institutes relevant to the specific student (hereinafter referred to as “Deans”) taking into account the student’s involvement in instruction across all parts of CTU; all CTU parts shall work in mutual cooperation in this regard.
- (10) The Department for Education and Student Affairs of the CTU Rector’s Office (hereinafter referred to as “DESA”) shall maintain a list of critical study programmes.
- (11) CTU Faculties and Institutes shall submit a list of critical study programmes, including specific reasons for a programme’s inclusion in the list, to the Vice-Rector for Bachelor and Master Studies within 10 days of this Order taking effect. The list must clearly state the reasons why a study programme is considered critical.
- (12) The DESA shall send the list of critical study programmes to the **Financial Analytical Office**.
- (13) If an applicant applies for study in a critical programme where there is an obvious possibility of technical assistance being provided, the applicant shall not be accepted for study, he/she shall not be invited to sit an entrance examination and the admission process shall be terminated³. If the student has already been accepted prior to this Order taking effect, he/she shall not be enrolled⁴.
- (14) In justified cases, Deans may petition the Rector, through the DESA, for an exception to be granted, stating the grounds for such an exception including information about the applicant and a motivational letter from the applicant to the Dean. The admission

³ By issuing a resolution to discontinue the admission process.

⁴ The decision accept the student shall be reviewed and nullified due to illegality.

process shall be suspended until the exception is granted. The DESA may request the assistance of the Financial Analytical Office.

- (15) In case of doubt, the heads of CTU parts may seek the help of the **Financial Analytical Office** to solve a particular contestable situation.
- (16) If an applicant applies for study in a non-critical study programme, it is advisable to inform the applicant that the Czech Republic is currently not issuing new visas to citizens of Russia and Belarus.
- (17) If a Dean decides to accept an applicant from Russia or Belarus to a study programme where prohibited technical assistance is not provided, the Dean must make sure that the student attends only instruction related to the specific study programme and the student must sign a document binding him/her to such restrictions; this, however, does not relieve the Faculty or Institute of its obligation to ensure that forbidden technical assistance is not provided to this student by other means in relation to the study programme wherein forbidden technical assistance is not provided; if these restrictions are not respected, such a situation shall be considered reason for termination of studies as it poses a security risk and a threat to sensitive information.
- (18) Before enrolment, an applicant from Russia or Belarus shall submit a valid student visa; if the applicant has not been granted such a study visa, he/she may request an interruption of studies. If the student does not request an interruption of studies and fails to attend classes, the relevant procedure is to terminate his/her studies pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 56.1.b of the Higher Education Institution Act.

Part II.

Rules for further study of students from the Russian Federation and Belarus

- (1) Considering that student from Russia and Belarus who are already studying at CTU and currently live in the Czech Republic share and participate in CTU's academic and social life, and **in the belief that we share the same common human and democratic values that are currently being repressed in their home country, in consideration of European humanistic ideals and in an effort to propagate these ideals in Russia and Belarus in the future, the rules for further study of students from Russia and Belarus shall change in the following manner:**
 - a) If a student studies in a study programme that fully or partially falls under a strategic area (a **critical study programme**) subject to sanctions in the form of a ban on the provision of technical assistance, the Faculty/Institute may consider setting an individual study plan approved by the Dean provided that this arrangement does not compromise the level of knowledge necessary to fulfil the profile of a graduate of the relevant accredited study programme.
 - b) In justified cases, the Deans may petition the Rector, through the DESA, for an **exception to be granted**, stating the grounds for such an exception including information about the student and a motivational letter from the student to the Dean; the DESA may request the assistance of the Financial Analytical Office. The student may continue his/her studies until the decision on this exception is made.

- c) If a student from Russia or Belarus currently studying in a non-critical study programme wishes to transfer to a critical follow-up programme, he/she must submit to the Dean or Director of the relevant CTU part **a written request for continued studies no later than by 30 June of the academic year in which he/she completed/is to complete study in the non-critical programme**; the request should include a motivational letter explaining the student's motivation for continued study at CTU and continued stay in the Czech Republic. The motivational letter may, but does not need to, include information about any of the student's activities in support of Ukraine, his/her anti-war stance or other activities that may expose him/her to repression after his/her return to his/her home country. The latter may also state other important facts such as the student having permanent resident status in the Czech Republic, family ties to the Czech Republic, a pending application for asylum in the Czech Republic as well as the support of his/her department, thesis supervisor, student organisations, etc. The motivational letter shall be treated as confidential personal material and shall not be disclosed to third parties, with the exception of the Financial Analytical Office that may have access to the letter in order to assess the request for exceptional study in a critical study programme. Furthermore, motivational letters may serve as a source of information allowing CTU to support students, e.g. in their visa applications. A student's request for an exception may also be supported by statements by the staff of the Faculty/Institute where the student is enrolled who personally know the student and are able to corroborate information stated in the letter or by members of student organisations or members of academic bodies.
- d) In the case of transfer to follow-up study programmes, students can be accepted for continued study at CTU only if they also meet all conditions of the admission process (this does not preclude the option of interrupting their studies if necessary).
- e) If the Faculty/Institute is unable to allow the student's continued study (e.g. an individual study plan is not possible, etc.) his/her study shall be terminated.
- f) Once the sanctions are lifted, the war situation comes to an end and academic relations with Russia and Belarus are normalised again, CTU shall do its utmost to enable the student to resume his/her studies.

Part III. Final provisions

- (1) In accordance with the procedures recommended by relevant state authorities, the sanctions and measures must not be applied to all applicants and students from the sanctioned countries indiscriminately; each case must be evaluated on an individual basis.
- (2) Information about the content of this Order shall be communicated to students from Russia and Belarus through appropriate channels (e.g. through the publicly accessible CTU website or through the KOS information system, etc.).
- (3) The rules laid down in Part I and Part II hereof apply to all study levels.

- (4) This Order cancels Rector's Order no. 5/2022.
- (5) This Order takes effect and comes into force on May 9, 2023.

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