**Recognition of Foreign Education – Ukraine**

The recognition of the validity of a completed degree of education obtained abroad (hereinafter referred to as Recognition) is governed by Section 108 of Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (the Education Act), as amended, and Decree No. 12/2005 Coll., on conditions for the recognition of equivalence and nostrification of certificates issued by foreign schools.

The Education Department of the Regional Authority competent at the place of residence of the Applicant in the Czech Republic carries out the Recognition of foreign certificates **in the Czech Republic**.

**The Regional Authority performs Recognition of secondary education and higher vocational education.**

**The following must be submitted for the application for Recognition:**

1. an **original copy** of diploma or an **officially certified copy** of the final certificate (diploma),
2. proof of the content and scope of the education completed at a foreign educational institution (i.e. curriculum – list of **subjects taught with the number of lessons** for the entire duration of study or the 10th and 11th years of general education,
3. proof of the fact that the educational institution is recognized by the state under whose legal system the foreign certificate was issued as part of its educational system **if this fact is not apparent from the foreign certificate** – it is not needed in most cases.

There is no uniform template for these documents and each school issues them individually.

If the above-mentioned documents have been issued for the surname at birth, it is necessary to provide e.g. a marriage certificate or a document proving the change of surname.

A completed Application for the Recognition of a Foreign Certificate – see attachment – must be attached to the above-mentioned documents. If the documents are sent by post, a copy a personal document with the indicated place of residence must be attached. In case of personal submission, please use the reservation portal at http://www.kraj-jihocesky.cz or order in person by calling 386 720 840.

The application must be accompanied by a **certified translation of all the documents** into the Czech language made by an **interpreter registered in the list of experts and interpreters in the Czech Republic**. Their list can be found at https://tlumocnici.justice.cz/.

The recognition process itself consists in comparing the content and scope of education completed at a foreign school with education in a similar field in the Czech Republic. If a large number of lessons from some subjects are missing or some subjects are missing completely, the Applicant will take a so-called Recognition Examination in front of a committee appointed by the Department of Education, Youth and Sports. The Recognition Examination is taken by the Applicant at a school selected by the Regional Authority located in the territory of the given region.

If you meet the specified conditions, the Regional Office will issue a recognition supplement and a decision on the recognition of the validity of a foreign certificate in the Czech Republic or a certificate of equivalence.

An administrative fee of CZK 1,000 is paid upon submitting the application. You can pay this fee either at the cash office of the Regional Authority (when applying in person) or by transfer to the bank account of the Regional Authority. The account number and the number of the variable symbol, which must be entered during the transfer, will be communicated to you only after your application with the attached documents has been registered by our office, to the contact provided by you. **If a tolerance visa has been granted (the Applicant is a war refugee), the administrative fee is not paid.**

The documents can be sent by post to the address:

Krajský úřad Jihočeského kraje

Odbor školství, mládeže a tělovýchovy

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