

Rules for Organising and Taking the Examination in the Czech Language for Foreigners as One of the Conditions for Granting Permanent Residence

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MŠMT) issues for the purposes of implementing the System of Instruction of the Czech Language and Examinations for Foreigners as One of the Conditions for Granting Permanent Residence in the CR the following Rules for Organising and Taking the Examinations in the Czech Language (hereinafter only as the Rules):

Article 1 Scope of the Rules

The rules are binding for organising and taking examinations in the Czech language in all of the schools given in the list of schools (hereinafter only as the List), which is issued by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MŠMT) in a decree in compliance with Section 182a, Subsection 2b) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., On the Residence of Aliens on the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as subsequently amended, namely on the basis of a declaration of these schools through which they undertook to observe the Rules prior to their inclusion in the List.

Article 2 Application for the Examination

As of 1st September 2008, applicants will be able to register for an examination in person, by telephone or by email. An alien can find the contact for the relevant school at the website of the information system of MŠMT, focused on providing information on the examination in the Czech language as one of the conditions for gaining permanent residence and on the possibilities of taking the examination at the language schools in the individual regions.

Article 3 Dates of Examinations and Invitation to the Examination

(1) The dates of examinations are set by the school in such a way that it is possible to accommodate the requests of the registered applicants on an ongoing basis and by utilising the specific dates of the examinations effectively. The school posts the dates set in a publicly accessible place in the school and a way enabling remote access.

(2) If a specific date of the examination was not agreed upon with the applicant, the school will invite him/her to take the examination on the nearest suitable date; the invitation does not have to be in written form.

Article 4

The Course of the Examination

(1) The examination comprises a written and oral part. Both parts are taken by the alien on the same date in accordance with Article 3, Subsection 2.

(2) Prior to beginning the written and oral parts of the examination, the examiner will verify the identity of the alien by checking his/her identification document. The applicant cannot be allowed to take the examination without presenting an identification document.

(3) During the examination, the applicant is not allowed to use a mobile phone, dictionary or any other electronic aids. Not observing this ban may be a reason for exclusion from the examination.

(4) The alien successfully passes the examination if he successfully passes both its written and oral parts. The school issues the alien a certificate proving the required knowledge of the Czech language on the day of taking the examination, namely on the form whose sample is prescribed by a decree issued by the MŠMT on the basis of Section 182a, Subsection 2c) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll.

Article 5

The Course and Assessment of the Written Part of the Examination

(1) For taking the written part of the examination, the applicants are divided into a group of speakers of Slavic languages and a group of speakers of non-Slavic languages.

(2) The written part takes 70 minutes and comprises these component parts: reading comprehension, writing and listening comprehension. The school is obliged to provide every tested alien with a quality reproduction of the recording.

(3) The applicant passes the written part of the examination successfully if he/she has at least 60% in each section. Should the result be worse, the alien is not allowed to take the oral part; successfully completed parts cannot be recognised in further examinations. The examiner corrects the written part immediately after its being taken so that the oral part can begin as soon as possible.

Article 6

The Course and Assessment of the Oral Part of the Examination

(1) According to the Common European Framework Reference for Languages (CEFR), a student can on the Level A1 create simple, mostly isolated sentences about people and various places that he/she knows, can in a simple way describe himself/herself, what he/she does and where he/she lives. He/she is able to communicate in a simple way in everyday, common situations, manages short, social conversations, can ask simple questions on known topics and answer questions of a similar type.

(2) The oral part of the examination lasts 10 minutes and comprises guided oral expression (during which the alien introduces himself/herself, describes people who he/she knows and the place where he/she lives) and a dialogue arising from a common communication situation which he/she has drawn himself/herself. No time for preparation is provided.

(3) The oral part of the examination takes place before a three-member examining commission. The chair of the examining commission must be a university-educated pedagogical employee with a qualification to teach the Czech language and with at least five years of teaching experience. For the remaining members of the examining commission, university education with a specialisation on teaching the Czech language or foreign languages is required.

In the communication, the examiners will avoid issues of cultural, social, religious etc. differences and topics which could negatively affect the results of the exam.

(4) The members of the examining commission verify and using a scale from 1 to 5 assess these four skills: acceptable (i.e. comprehensible) oral expression, grammatical correctness corresponding to the Level A1, range of vocabulary used corresponding to the Level A1 and ability to react adequately to the questions of the examiner.

(5) The alien will pass the oral part of the examination successfully if the arithmetic average calculated from the assessments of the individual members of the commission is not higher than 3.5 (the figures are not rounded).

Article 7

Repeating the Examination

The alien who fails the examination can apply for another examination on another date at the same or another school provided in the List. The number of subsequent examinations is not limited. These Rules apply in the full extent to each additional examination taken by the alien.

Article 8

Examination Fee

Before taking the examination, the alien tenders at the school the original of the voucher issued in his/her name by the Ministry of Interior, which authorises him/her to take an examination at no cost. In other cases, the examination is provided for a fee. The original of the voucher remains a part of the documentation of the school regardless of whether the alien has passed the examination or not.

Article 9

Documentation of Taking the Examination

(1) A protocol on the course of the examination is always written, signed by the chair of the examining commission; a sample protocol is given at the end of the Rules. The protocol includes the results of the written and oral parts, the examined communication situation and in the case of failure in the oral part of the examination also the reason and a brief description of the course of the oral part.

(2) The school is required to archive the following documentation for at least five years: the protocol on the examination, the written part of the examination and the voucher issued by the Ministry of Interior if the alien has submitted it to the school.

Article 10

Final Provisions

(1) A school given in the List is required to provide without delay information on substantial changes concerning the possibility to administer an examination, as well as a change of address and other contact data on the school to the administrator of the web information system of MŠMT, who will update the data.

(2) MŠMT reserves the right to amend these Rules and request a declaration from the schools included in the List through which they will undertake to observe the amended rules. Not providing this declaration within 30 days after the amendment of the Rules comes into effect will be a reason for excluding the school from the List.

Article 11

Sample Protocol on Taking the Examination

Protocol on the examination is prepared in a form according to the following sample:

Voucher Number:

PROTOCOL

On the Examination in the Czech Language on the Level A1 according to the CEFRL for the Purposes of a Permit for Permanent Residence on the Territory of the CR

Taken on

Name and Surname:

Identification Card No.:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth and Country of Origin:.....

WRITTEN PART

	Number of Points	%
Reading Comprehension		
Writing		
Listening Comprehension		

ORAL PART

Topic:

Total Average:
Written Evaluation (only in the case of failure in the oral part of the examination):

Members of the Commission:

Signature of the Chair of the Commission:

Article 12

Date of Effect

These principles come into effect as of (*show date of acceptance of the resolution of the Government*).

Material for download:

[Protocol on Taking the Examination](#)