

Language and Integration Bulgaria



In a number of European countries in recent years there has been a shift towards more rigorous conditions for those seeking to apply for citizenship and permanent residence. One of the new conditions for obtaining these is language proficiency. This poster illustrates the situation regarding language and integration in Bulgaria.

POLICIES

Recent legislation and regulations governing citizenship

- Bulgarian Citizenship Act – November 18, 1998
- Acquisition of Bulgarian Citizenship through Naturalization on the grounds of Article 12.
- Any person who is not a Bulgarian citizen may acquire Bulgarian citizenship if as of the date of filing an application for naturalization meets certain criteria. One of them is stated in the provision Number 5 from 3 September 1999: he/she has a command of the Bulgarian language subject to verification in accordance with a procedure established by an order of the Minister of Education and Science.

Consequences of language testing on residency rights

- Citizenship
- In case of failing the exam, possibility of re-sitting not earlier than four months after the previous test.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

What courses are available for migrants?

- Language course: general course 450 lessons – A1, A2, B1
- Over 450 lessons to max. 650 lessons on special request

Who are the course providers and participants?

- No course provided by the Ministry of Education and Science
- Course provided by the Department for Language Teaching, Sofia University
- Language course plus fundamentals about Bulgaria provided by the State Agency for refugees
- Training in Bulgarian provided by institutions authorised by the Ministry of Education
- More than 100 participants a year attending some course
- More than 70 participants completed the course

LANGUAGE TESTING

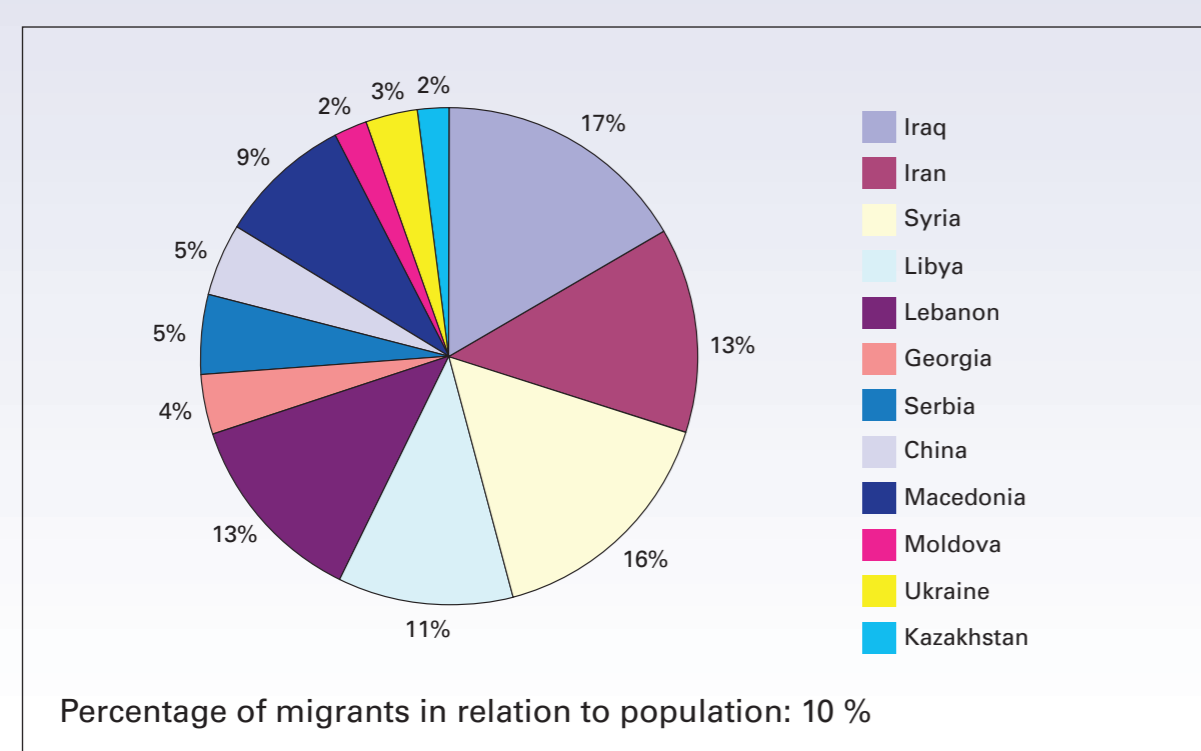
What tests are required or accepted for migration purposes?

- Placement test for the course (training)
- Threshold tests for A1 and A2
- Ministry of Education and Science written test verifying the knowledge of Bulgarian at elementary level (A2-B1) – free of charge
- Ministry of Education and Science oral test verifying the knowledge of Bulgarian at elementary level (A2-B1) for disabled persons or people over 70 – free of charge
- Department for Language Teaching, Sofia University Standardised Test of Bulgarian – B1 level
- Curriculum-based adaptive final test A2-B1 (other authorised institutions)

Who provides the tests?

- Test developer:
 - Ministry of Education and Science
 - Department for Language Teaching, Sofia University
 - Other authorized institutions
- Test administration:
 - Ministry of Education and Science
 - Department for Language Teaching, Sofia University
 - Other authorized institutions

Who are the test takers?



Compiled by Julia Todorinova
Sofia University St Kliment Ohridski
julia.todorinova@hotmail.com
www.deo.uni-sofia.bg

Conference organised by



CENTRO VALUTAZIONE
CERTIFICAZIONI LINGUISTICHE
Università per Stranieri Perugia



Università
per Stranieri
di Perugia

ALTE