

Language and Integration Czech Republic



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 the Czech Republic.

POLICIES

Recent legislation and regulations governing citizenship

- **Ministerstvo vnitra České republiky**
Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic (CR)
- **Podporovat řízenou legální migraci a zároveň minimalizovat nelegální migraci**
To promote controlled legal migration and to minimise illegal migration
- **K 28.02.2010 v ČR 431 587 cizinců (z toho 182 856 cizinců s trvalým pobytem)**
431,587 foreigners in the Czech Republic (28.02.2010), out of which 182,856 obtained permanent residence
- **Povinnost vykonat zkoušku se nevztahuje na občany Evropské unie, Norska, Islandu, Lichtenštejnska, Švýcarska a na jejich rodinné příslušníky.**
The obligation to pass the examination does not apply to citizens of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Switzerland and their family members.

Consequences of language testing on residency rights

- **Pokud cizinec nesloží zkoušku, další pokusy platí**
If the foreigner does not pass the exam, he/she pays for it
- **Bez zkoušky mu nemůže být udělen trvalý pobyt**
Without the exam, the foreigner cannot be granted permanent residence

TEACHING AND LEARNING

What courses are available for migrants?

- **Systém výuky českého jazyka a zkoušek pro cizince jako jedné z podmínek pro udělení trvalého pobytu**
The system of instruction of the Czech language and examinations for foreigners as one of the conditions for granting permanent residence
- **Kurzy nejsou povinné a hrazené vládou**
Courses are not compulsory and not financed by the government
- **Kurzovné si hradí kandidát**
Tuition fee is covered by the candidate.

Who are the course providers and participants?

- **Odbor azylové a migrační politiky Ministerstva vnitra ČR chce s využitím finančních prostředků Evropského integračního fondu postupně zakládat v krajích integrační centra pro cizince (zde mimo jiné též zdarma kurzy češtiny pro cizince)**
The Department for Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic plans to set up integration centres for foreigners with the help of financial means from the European Integration Fund (including courses in Czech for foreigners for free).

LANGUAGE TESTING

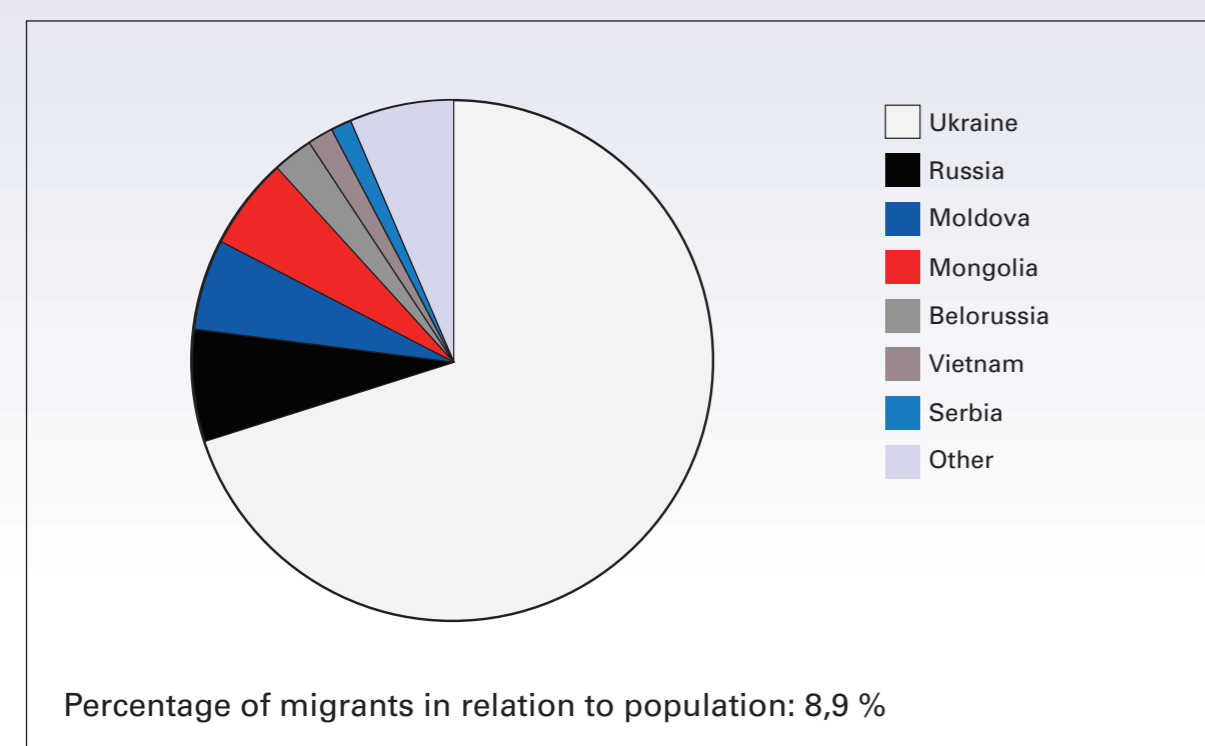
What tests are required or accepted for migration purposes?

- **Kurz před testem není povinný ani hrazený státem**
Attending a course before the exam is not compulsory and not covered by the government
- **Zkouška z českého jazyka na úrovni A1 jako podmínka pro trvalý pobyt v ČR**
Examination in the Czech language at the A1 level as a condition for permanent residence in the CR
- **První pokus hradí MV prostřednictvím poukazu**
The first attempt covered by means of a voucher by the Ministry of Interior
- **K 31. 10. 2009 zkoušku skládalo 3761 cizinců, 2981 úspěšně**
3761 foreigners have taken the exam (2981 passed; 31. 10. 2009)

Who provides the tests?

- **Zadavatel: MŠMT a Výzkumný ústav pedagogický**
Customer: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the Research Institute for Education
- **Tvůrce: tým odborníků z různých institucí**
Test developer: a team of experts from various institutions
- **Administrace: zkušební centra po celé republice**
Test administration: examination centres all over the country
- **K dispozici: Metodika přípravy ke zkoušce z českého jazyka**
Available: methodology of preparation for the examination in the Czech language

Who are the test takers?



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