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Acquisition of Czech Citizenship for Children

By Birth

- A child acquires Czech citizenship by birth *if at least one of the parents is a citizen of the Czech Republic on the day of its birth* – the place of birth has no effect
- *There is no need to apply*, Czech citizenship is automatic (a document proving Czech citizenship can be a passport or an ID card)
- *If the child is born abroad* – first, it is necessary to apply for registration in the so-called special register (special register in Brno), on the basis of which the child is issued a Czech birth certificate (which is necessary for issuing an ID card or a passport of the Czech Republic)
- The Czech legal system allows more citizenships
- If a child born in the Czech Republic should be *stateless*, he or she will *automatically acquire Czech citizenship if both parents are stateless and at least one of the parents is allowed to stay in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days*

By Paternity – *a child born out of wedlock, the mother is not a citizen of the Czech Republic* (or a person without citizenship) and *the father is a Czech citizen*:

- *Consent statement from both parents on paternity* – if the mother is a citizen of another EU Member State, or has a permanent residence or is homeless
- *Consent statement from both parents on paternity – proven paternity to registry office by genetic testing* if the mother is not a citizen of another EU Member State, or does not have a permanent residence, or is not homeless
- *In the case of a child born abroad, first, it is necessary to apply for registration in a special register in Brno*
- *This acquisition of citizenship is not automatic, but must be proven. The decisive citizenship of the father is at the time of filing the declaration* – determination of paternity to the child, not at the time of birth

By Adoption

- If the adoption took place by a decision of a body of the Czech Republic – *one of the adopters is a citizen of the Czech Republic*
- If the adoption took place by a decision of a body of the Czech Republic – the child acquires citizenship on the day of the legal force of the decision *on the recognition of the adoption* by the authorities of the Czech Republic

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On Request – Children under 15 Years

- Birth certificate – certified copy provided with a translation into the Czech language and the relevant higher verification if required (apostille, super legalization)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of passport and permanent residence permit
- Statement of paid benefits of state social support and assistance in material need from Labour Office, or confirmation that the applicant did not receive such benefits
- Confirmation that the applicant was (not) kept in the register of job seekers
- Consent of the other parent to be granted citizenship
- Proof of accommodation (lease agreement, extract from the cadastre)
- Certificate of study (kindergarten, primary school) and the last school report
- Documents confirming the stay in the Czech Republic and stays abroad for at least 5 years
- Documents for the last 3 years
    - If the parents do not work – a financial source used to ensure the basic needs of the minor applicant (e.g. certificate of disability of old-age pension, income from abroad, certificate of drawing benefits from the Labour Office)
    - If the parents work – a certificate of employment including income or a copy of tax return
- Certificate of indebtedness
    - Confirmation from VZP (or another insurance company where the applicant is registered)
    - Confirmation from ČSSZ
- Certificate of indebtedness (must not be older than 30 days):
    - Confirmation from the Tax Office
    - Confirmation from the Customs Administration
- Registration data and billing of premiums and arrears from VZP (or other insurance company where the applicant is registered)

We do not recommend this method of application. If you choose it, it is better that at least one adult member of household applies for it together with the child.

At the age of 18, it is possible to acquire Czech citizenship by declaration (the so-called second generation of foreigners). For more information click here.

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