

FORMS OF COMPLETING EDUCATION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Completion of compulsory primary education is certified by a school report. Pupils in primary schools and students in secondary schools receive their school reports twice a year.

Secondary school education concludes with one of the following: the Maturita exam, a final exam with a vocational certificate, or a final exam.

- **Maturita** – a form of completing education at grammar schools and four-year programs at secondary vocational schools (SOŠ), as well as two- or three-year follow-up programs for graduates of vocational training schools. After passing the Maturita exam, students usually continue their studies at university.
 - o **The maturita exam** consists of two parts. The first part includes the so-called CERMAT tests, which cover Czech language and literature, as well as either mathematics or a foreign language. The second part is determined individually by each school.
- **Vocational Certificate and Final Exam** - The vocational certificate, along with the final exam, certifies the completion of a two- or three-year specialized program at a secondary vocational school (SOU). Education ending with a vocational certificate prepares students for a profession but does not qualify them to pursue university studies (a Maturita exam is required for this).
 - o The final exam consists of both oral and practical components. Upon successful completion, students are awarded a vocational certificate.
 - o An option to later obtain the Maturita qualification with this type of education is through follow-up study programs, which conclude with the Maturita exam.
- **Final exam without a vocational certificate** - this applies to practical schools, which are designed for students with intellectual disabilities or special educational needs.

University education is concluded with a state final examination.

- In addition to the oral part, the state final exam includes the submission and defense of a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral thesis.
- Upon receiving a university diploma, graduates are entitled to use the academic title specified on the diploma.
- The university diploma is accompanied by a supplement that provides an overview of the completed study program.

If you have completed your education abroad, it is necessary to have your qualifications recognized (nostrification) in the Czech Republic. More information about the nostrification process can be found [here](#).

