

CHANGE IN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

THE CZECH LANGUAGE TEST AT THE A2 LEVEL WILL BE REQUESTED SINCE 1.9.2021

What are the reasons for the change?

In the Czech Republic, the required level of knowledge to obtain permanent residence is one of the lowest in the EU. The migration policy strategy of the Czech Republic states that the currently required knowledge of Czech at the A1 level is no longer sufficient for independent communication. Knowledge of the Czech language at the newly designed A2 level will enable foreigners to better understand the information communicated and communicate in areas that relate to the needs of everyday life.

When will the higher level of the exam apply?

Anyone who applies for permanent residence on or after 1st September 2021 is obligated to pass the **A2** level of the Czech language exam.

When can I use the A1 level of the exam?

Anyone who applies for permanent residence by the end of August 2021 will be able to use the A1 level exam results as part of this specific application. A1 exams will be running by the end of 2021.

Where can I get support?

Foreigners can attend Czech language courses, which are organized in all regions of the Czech Republic by the Integration Centers for Foreigners (www.integracnicentra.cz).

Methodological support for exam preparation is available here:

- www.zkouskaA2.cz
- Facebook - @cestinaprotrvalypobyt,
- YouTube - Czech language test for permanent residence.

Of course, foreigners will also be able to use the paid services of language schools and other institutions to prepare for the exam.

How much does the exam cost?

The exam costs 2500 CZK. You can get your **first attempt for free** using the voucher issued by the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior.

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