



Information on fulfilling compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic

according to Section 38, paragraph 1, letter c) of the Education Act

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1. Purpose and content of the information

The purpose of the material is to provide foreign schools providing education in the Czech Republic according to a foreign educational program with comprehensive information on the conditions and requirements of an application for permission to fulfill compulsory school attendance, on the obligations arising from the issued permission, and also on the obligations of legal representatives of pupils who fulfill compulsory school attendance at this school. The information is based on the wording of the Education Act, describes the requirements of the application and its submission in accordance with the Administrative Code, and was prepared with the aim of providing information support for the correct procedure for educating a pupil in a foreign school in the Czech Republic.

The material can also be used by the legal representatives of pupils to be informed in advance about their obligations and rights related to the education of pupils in a foreign school in the Czech Republic with permission to fulfill compulsory school attendance, and local schools (elementary schools or lower levels of multi-year grammar schools and conservatories).

Current list of foreign schools in the Czech Republic with a valid permit to fulfill compulsory school attendance

is listed on the website of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: [List of foreign schools with a valid permit to fulfill compulsory school attendance in the Czech Republic.](#)

2. Legal definition

The fulfillment of compulsory school attendance (hereinafter also referred to as "PSD") in a foreign school in the Czech Republic is regulated by:

• in Section 38, Section 38a and Section 38b of Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher vocational and other education (Education Act), as amended,

• in § 18, § 18b, § 19 and § 20 of Decree No. 48/2005 Coll., on basic education and certain requirements fulfillment of compulsory school attendance, as amended.

The procedure for applying for permission to perform a course at a foreign school in the Czech Republic is as follows:

• Act No. 500/2004 Coll., Administrative Procedure Code, as amended.

3. Application for permission to complete compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic

A school is considered a foreign school in the Czech Republic if:

• educates according to a foreign educational program,

• is established in the territory of the Czech Republic by a foreign state, a legal entity with its registered office outside the territory of the Czech Republic or a foreign citizen (must be specified in the application form),

• is not registered in the register of schools and educational facilities and due to the application of the content of a foreign educational program or for registration in the register of schools and school facilities.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports permits compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic **with effect from 1 September of the school year following the submission of the application, for a period of no more than 5 years.**



Applicant

The applicant is a foreign school. If this school is not established as a legal entity, the applicant is its founder.

Application deadline

By 31 January preceding the school year in which the permit is to take effect (e.g. by 31 January 2026 if the permit is to take effect from 1 September 2026, i.e. in the 2026/2027 school year).

To whom the application is submitted

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
Department of Preschool and Primary Education
Karmelitska 529/5
118 12 Prague 1

Application form

The application can be submitted via

- data mailboxes: vidaawt,
- postal service providers,

• in person at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports' registration office.

Application attachments

The applicant shall attach to the application:

- a document or documents certifying the establishment, legal status, business name or name, registered office and subject of activity of the legal entity, if the school's activities will be carried out by the given legal entity, or a document or documents certifying the establishment and subject of activity of the school and the establishment, legal status, business name or name, registered office and subject of activity of the school's founder, if the school is not established as a legal entity; if it is a school established in the territory of the Czech Republic at a diplomatic mission or consular office of a foreign state, a document or documents certifying the establishment and subject of activity of the school,
- educational program according to which pupils will complete compulsory school attendance,
- a document issued by the highest state administration body for education or another competent administrative authority of the relevant foreign state, which shows that
 - the foreign educational program is identical to the educational program of the same type of school valid in the territory of the given foreign state, or that
 - the school is considered part of the education system in the foreign country, or
 - the school is a member of an organization of foreign or international schools, which grant legal effects to the documents issued by them on the attainment of education in a given foreign state without the need for prior verification or recognition of their equivalence,
- samples of all certificates or other educational documents issued by the school, in the teaching language,
- proof of the applicant's authorization to provide education,



• general description

• teaching staffing,

• material provision of education,

• documents certifying the applicant's right to use the premises where the teaching will take place,

• documents certifying that these premises can be used for the given purpose in accordance with legal regulations,

• information on the maximum possible number of pupils in the proposed place of teaching.

The above documents, except for the school's educational program, must be submitted in the original or an officially certified copy. All documents must be accompanied by their officially certified translation into the Czech language.

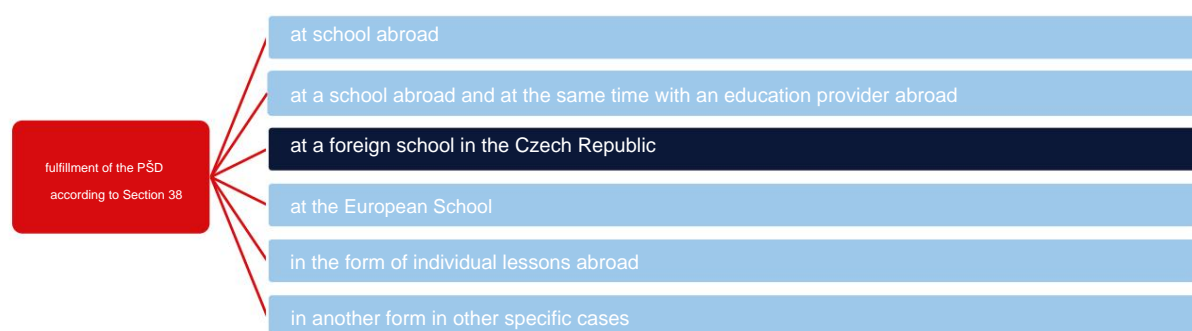
Important notice

If a foreign school in the Czech Republic has not been issued a permit by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports or if the permit has expired, pupils cannot attend compulsory school in this school (neither citizens of the Czech Republic, nor EU citizens, nor other foreigners to whom the obligation to comply with the PŠD applies).

4. Compulsory school attendance in the Czech Republic

Compulsory school attendance, according to Section 36, paragraph 2 of the Education Act, applies to citizens of the Czech Republic and to citizens of another Member State of the European Union who reside in the territory of the Czech Republic for more than 90 days. Compulsory school attendance also applies to other foreigners who are authorized to reside in the territory of the Czech Republic permanently or temporarily for a period longer than 90 days, and to participants in proceedings for granting international protection.

A pupil fulfils compulsory school attendance in a primary school established by a municipality or association of municipalities with its registered office in the school district in which the pupil has his/her permanent residence, or in the case of a foreigner, the pupil's place of residence, unless the legal guardian chooses a school other than the catchment school for the pupil. A pupil may fulfil compulsory school attendance pursuant to Section 38 of the Education Act also in the following ways:



A student of a foreign school in the Czech Republic who is subject to the PŠD is obliged (with the exceptions listed below):

• be a student of a catchment school or another school registered in the Czech Republic in the register of schools and school facilities (hereinafter referred to as the "main school"), chosen by the student's legal representative: [Register of Schools and School Facilities](#),

• take exams in the main school in selected subjects (pursuant to Section 18 of Decree No. 48/2005 Coll.).



The student's legal representative is obliged (with the exceptions listed below):

• register your child for enrollment in the PŠD between January 15 and February 15 of the calendar year in which the child is to start compulsory school attendance,

• in the application for admission, in addition to the general requirements according to the administrative code, the foreign school in the territory shall be indicated
The Czech Republic, in which the child is educated and in which the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has permitted the fulfillment of the PŠD,

• notify the principal of the main school of the expected period of completing the PŠD at a foreign school in the Czech Republic, the address of the student's place of residence and, if applicable, the address of the foreign school in the Czech Republic.

The above obligations apply to a student of a foreign school in the Czech Republic as follows:

TRIBAL SCHOOL EXAMS	citizen of the Czech Republic
	EU citizen with long-term/permanent residence
	other foreigner with long-term/permanent residence
	participant in proceedings for granting international protection
WITHOUT A TRAINED SCHOOL WITHOUT EXAMS	EU citizen with temporary residence
	other foreigner with temporary residence

Exams at the tribal school

During the period of completing the PŠD at a foreign school in the Czech Republic, the student is registered in the relevant year and class according to the exam results.

The placement of a student in a grade at a mainstream school is governed by Czech law and may differ from the placement in a grade at a foreign school in the Czech Republic according to the relevant foreign curriculum.

• holding exams is mandatory for students of foreign schools in the Czech Republic, to whom the obligation applies to be a student at a tribal school,

• exams are held for **a period of at least 1 semester, a maximum of 4 semesters** – the choice of the length of the period depends on the decision of the legal guardian, the date is then set by the school principal,

• the exam is held no later **than 2 months** after the end of the period in which it is held (exceptionally within 4 months),

• before the exam, the student's legal representative submits to the principal of the local school the student's report card from a foreign school in the Czech Republic, including its translation into Czech, for the period during which the exam is being held (an official translation is required only in case of doubt),

• the exam is taking place

• **in all grades** from the educational content of the educational field of Czech Language and Literature,

• **in the 4th and 5th grades** from the educational content of a national history nature related to the Czech Republic in the educational field of Man and his World (in the school educational program of the core school the subject may be listed under different names, e.g. Homeland Science),



ŷ at the 2nd level of primary school in the educational content related to the Czech Republic in the educational field of History and Geography,

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- ŷ the exam is a commission exam, the three-member commission is appointed by the principal of the local school,
- ŷ composition of the commission: school principal, or designated teacher, examining teacher teaching the subject in the class, assistant professor teaching the subject,
- ŷ the date of the exam is set by the principal in agreement with the pupil's legal representative, i.e. in such a way that the exam was held no later than two months after the end of the period during which it is held
- ŷ the content and scope of the exam is determined by the principal according to the school curriculum and the statutory the student's representative sufficiently in advance, i.e. no later than when the exam date is set,
- ŷ when assessing the exam, the individual educational needs of the student must be taken into account (multilingual environment),
- ŷ the exam report is part of the school's documentation,
- ŷ if a pupil fails the exam, he/she repeats the year in the main school; this does not apply to a pupil who at the primary school level has already repeated a grade once (see Section 52(6) of the Education Act).

Tribal school

- ŷ provides textbooks and teaching texts,
- ŷ issues a certificate to the student based on the exam.

5. Obligations of a foreign school with permission to fulfill compulsory school attendance

A foreign school in the Czech Republic in which the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has permitted compulsory school attendance, or if the school is not established as a legal entity, its founder, is obliged to:

- ŷ inform the legal representatives of all pupils of the school of the issued permit and the legal consequences associated with the fact that pupils subject to compulsory school attendance will complete compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic (this applies to pupils who complete compulsory school attendance at this school, not all pupils (e.g. foreigners not subject to compulsory school attendance, persons who have already completed compulsory school attendance),
- ŷ record the address of the primary school entered in the school register, chosen by the pupil's legal representative, for pupils who are also required to be pupils of a mainstream school,
- ŷ notify the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of changes to all data on the basis of which the permit was issued,
- ŷ publish, in a manner enabling remote access, the full text of the school's foreign educational program in the language of instruction, as well as in the Czech language if the language of instruction is not Czech,
- ŷ provide the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, upon request, with information regarding the fulfillment of compulsory school attendance in this school.



Submission of pedagogical diagnostic results when enrolling a student in compulsory school attendance

Foreign schools in the Czech Republic where a child is educated are obliged to:

- submit the results of pedagogical diagnostics in electronic form to the principal of the primary school, who requested the transfer of results on the prescribed form,
- Data other than those in the form are not transmitted (if the school would like to transmit additional information, must have parental consent)
- the form is submitted to the local school in Czech within 30 days of the delivery of the request from the headmaster of the local school schools,
- details here: [How to transfer the results of pedagogical diagnostics between kindergarten and elementary school.](#)

6. Cancellation of permission to fulfill compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic

Permission to complete compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic **may be a decision**

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports cancelled if

- education at a foreign school according to the educational program attached to the application for a PŠD permit would be in fundamental conflict with the framework educational programs,
- the educational program attached to the application is in conflict with the legal order of the Czech Republic, with the goals and principles of education set out in Section 2 of the Education Act,
- foreign school:
 - does not have the material or personnel resources to provide education according to the educational program attached to the application that are comparable to the conditions for the activities of schools entered in the register of schools and school facilities,
 - fails to inform the legal representatives of all school pupils of the issued permit and the legal consequences associated with the fact that pupils subject to compulsory school attendance will complete compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic,
 - does not record the address of the local school registered in the school register, which was chosen by the legal guardian a student representative, for students to whom this obligation applies,
 - fails to notify the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of changes to all data on the basis of which the permit was issued,
 - does not publish in a manner enabling remote access the full text of the school's foreign educational program in the language of instruction, as well as in the Czech language, if the language of instruction is not Czech,
- the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports will not provide information on request regarding the fulfillment of compulsory school attendance in this school,
- conducts teaching in premises for which it has not provided documents certifying the applicant's right of use to these premises and documents certifying that these premises can be used for the given purpose in accordance with legal regulations.



The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports will revoke the permission to complete compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic by decision if :

- a foreign school ceases to meet the condition that it is established by a foreign state, a legal entity domiciled outside the territory of the Czech Republic or a foreign citizen,
- does not provide education according to the foreign educational program attached to the application for permission to fulfill the PŠD,
- is registered in the register of schools and educational facilities,
- the number of pupils to whom the school provides education has exceeded the number specified in the application for permission to fulfill the PŠD,
- the school's documentation does not allow verification of whether the foreign school provides compulsory school attendance to pupils in accordance with the educational programme and whether the number of pupils does not exceed the number specified in the application for permission to fulfil the compulsory school attendance programme,
- the cancellation is requested by the school in question, or its founder, if the school is not established as a legal entity.

7. Inspection of a foreign school with permission to fulfill compulsory school attendance

The Czech School Inspectorate carries out inspections in foreign schools in the Czech Republic, in which the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has permitted the implementation of the PŠD.

The Czech School Inspectorate checks the fulfillment of obligations and conditions in a foreign school to ensure that:

- education according to the educational program attached to the application is not in fundamental conflict with with framework educational programs,
- the educational program attached to the application for a PŠD permit is not in conflict with the legal order of the Czech Republic, with the objectives and the principles of education set out in Section 2 of the Education Act,
- has material or personnel resources for the implementation of education according to the educational program attached to the application comparable to the conditions for the activities of schools entered in the register of schools and school facilities,
- the school informed the legal representatives of all school pupils of the issued permit and the legal consequences associated with the fact that pupils subject to compulsory school attendance will complete compulsory school attendance at a foreign school in the Czech Republic,
- records the address of the primary school registered in the school register, chosen by the pupil's legal representative, for pupils to whom this obligation applies,
- notified the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of changes to all data on the basis of which the permit was issued,
- published in a manner that allows remote access the full text of the school's foreign educational program in the language of instruction, as well as in the Czech language if the language of instruction is not Czech,
- provided the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, upon request, with information regarding the implementation of the PŠD in this school,
- conducts teaching in premises for which the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has provided documents,
- is established by a foreign state, a legal entity with its registered office outside the territory of the Czech Republic or a foreign citizen,



• provides education according to a foreign educational program and is not registered in the school register and school facilities,

• provides education to pupils completing the PŠD according to the educational program specified in the application for permission fulfillment of the PŠD,

• the number of pupils to whom the school provides instruction did not exceed the number specified in the application for permission to perform the activity PŠD.

8. Recognition of studies at a foreign school in the Czech Republic

Recognition of proof of primary/secondary education

A graduate of a foreign school in the Czech Republic who has obtained a document certifying completion of primary or secondary education may apply for the validation of a document certifying foreign education to the regional office (education department) competent for the place of residence (pursuant to Section 108 of the Education Act). Application procedure and more detailed information: [Recognition of foreign education \(except for universities\), Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic](#).

Recognition of studies for social and health purposes in the Czech Republic

Studying at a foreign school in the Czech Republic, in which the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has permitted compulsory school attendance, is considered to be the systematic preparation of a child for a future profession (pursuant to Section 12, Paragraph 1, Letter g), Point 1 of Act No. 117/1995 Coll., on State Social Support, as amended).

• a legal person having its registered office, central administration or principal place of business in the territory of an EU Member State, or

• was established or incorporated under the law of an EU Member State.