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## **ACT** of July 11, 2013

## on Citizenship of the Czech Republic and on the amendment of selected other laws (the Czech Citizenship Act)

The Parliament has adopted the following Act of the Czech Republic:

#### UNIT ONE

#### CITIZENSHIP OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

## Part I General Provisions

#### Section 1

This Act shall guide the procedure of acquiring and losing citizenship of the Czech Republic, determining and documenting the citizenship of the Czech Republic, issue of certificates of the citizenship of the Czech Republic (herinafter only the "certificate "), keeping records in the database of physical persons, who lost or acquired the citizenship of the Czech Republic, and violations in respect of citizenship.

#### Section 2

For the purposes of this Act, a child shall be understood to be a physical person under the age of eighteen (18), unless they acquired full legal capacity.

# Part II Citizenship of the Czech Republic

# Subpart 1 **Acquire Citizenship of the Czech Republic**

#### Section 3

Citizenship or the Czech Republic shall be acquired:

- a) By birth,
- b) By determination of paternity,
- c) By adoption,
- d) By receiving a foundling status in the Czech Republic,
- e) By naturalisation,
- f) By declaration, or
- g) In relation to the applicant entering institutional, foster, or another form of care (hereinafter only the "foster care").

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# Subpart 2 Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by birth

#### Section 4

A child shall acquire the Czech citizenship by birth should at least one parent be, on the day of birth of the child, a citizen of the Czech Republic.

### Section 5

A child born on the territory of the Czech Republic, who would otherwise become a stateless person (hereinafter only a "homeless child") and whose parents are homeless and at least one of them has, on the day of the child's birth, a permit to reside on the territory of the Czech Republic for a period longer than 90 days, shall also acquire the Czech citizenship.

# Subpart 3 Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by determination of paternity

#### Section 6

A child, whose mother is not a citizen of the Czech Republic, shall acquire the Czech citizenship on the day of the final and conclusive court decision on determination of paternity of a Czech citizen.

#### Section 7

- (1) A child, whose mother is not a citizen of the Czech Republic but is a citizen of another EU member state, the Swiss confederation or a country, which is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2)</sup> (hereinafter only "EU member state"), or permanently reside on the territory of the CR<sup>1)</sup> or is homeless, shall acquire the Czech citizenship on the day when the parents make a concerted declaration of parents on the determination of paternity of a Czech citizen.
- (2) A child, whose mother is neither a citizen of the Czech Republic nor a citizen of another EU member state, a person permanently residing on the territory of the CR<sup>1)</sup>, or a homeless person, shall acquire the Czech citizenship on the day when the parents make a concerted declaration of parents on the determination of paternity of a Czech citizen, should the parents file a proof of paternity to the Public Registry in the form of a report on a genetic paternal test issued by a court sworn expert pursuant to the Act on court sworn experts and interpreters.

Act No.: 325/1999 Coll., on Asylum and on amendment of Act No. 283/1991 Coll., on the Police of the CR, as amended (Asylum Act), as amended.

Appendices V and VIII to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, published under No. 34/2010 Coll.

Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on Residency of foreigners on the territory of the Czech Republic and on the amendment of selected other laws, as amended.

## Subpart 4

## Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by adoption

#### Section 8

A child may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by adoption ruled upon by the Czech authorities and should at least one of the adoptive parents be a citizen of the Czech Republic. The child shall become a Czech citizen on the day when the decision on adoption becomes legally effective.

#### Section 9

A child adopted by a decision of an authority of a foreign country, at least one of whose adopters is a citizen of the Czech Republic, shall acquire the Czech citizenship on the day of final and conclusive decision on the adoption should the adoption be admitted in the Czech Republic pursuant to the Act on International private law <sup>3)</sup>.

#### Subpart 5

## Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by a foundling on the territory of the Czech Republic

#### Section 10

A child under three (3) years of age found on the territory of the Czech Republic, whose identity was not determined, shall acquire the Czech citizenship on the day they were found, unless the authorities disclose, within six months after the child was found, that the child had acquired citizenship of another country. Should the day of finding be in doubt, the day of granting the Czech citizenship to the child shall be determined by the Ministry of the Interior (hereinafter only the "Ministry") pursuant to proceedings initiated by the authorities or upon motion filed by the child's legal representative or legal custodian.

## Subpart 6 Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by naturalisation

### Section 11

A decision on naturalisation shall be made by the Ministry of the Interior.

#### Section 12

There is no legal title to the citizenship of the Czech Republic.

## Conditions of acquiring citizenship of the Czech Republic

#### Section 13

(1) An applicant for the citizenship of the Czech Republic may be naturalised should they be integrated in the Czech society, especially in terms of integration in a family or work environment, or social integration, and should they meet other conditions stipulated in Section 14.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> Section 63, Act No. 91/2012 Coll., on International Private Law.

(2) Citizenship of the Czech Republic shall be denied to a person posing danger to its security, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, its democratic political system and lives, health or property of its citizens.

#### Section 14

- (1) Citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant who has held, on the day of application, a permanent residence permit<sup>1)</sup> in the Czech Republic for an uninterrupted period of:
- a) At least five (5) years,
- b) At least three (3) years provided it concerns an applicant, who has been an EU member state citizen for a period which, together with the previous residency on the territory of the Czech Republic, counts at least ten (10) years.

The period of residency stipulated in letters a) and b) shall include any incidences of legal residency on the territory of the Czech Republic before reaching 18 years of age.

- (2) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant who proves to have resided in the Czech Republic for at least half of the period stipulated in Article (1), letters a) to c). Short stays outside the Czech Republic, should individual short stays not exceed 2 consequent months or, for serious reasons, six consequent months, while a serious reason is understood to be primarily pregnancy and child delivery, serious illness, study, vocational training, or business trip, shall be calculated as part of the period.
- (3) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant, who has reached the age of fifteen (15) and who:
- a) Was never found guilty of a negligent crime and sentenced to imprisonment or found guilty of crime,
- b) Has resided in the Czech Republic for a period of ten (10) years and in the country they are citizen of, unless it concerned an applicant, who was granted international protection in the form of asylum or supplementary protenction<sup>4)</sup> in the Czech Republic, countries in which they resided in the last ten (10) years prior to the application for at least six (6) consequent months after reaching fifteen (15) years of age, found guilty of a negligent crime and sentenced to imprisonment or found guilty of crime.

The condition under letters a) and b) shall be met should the applicant be perceived as not sentenced or should they be sentenced in a foreign country for an act, which does not constitute a crime in the Czech Republic.

- (4) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant, who proves knowledge of the Czech language. Applicants who manage to prove to have attended, for a period of at least three (3) years, an elementary, secondary, or university type school where the language of instruction was Czech, applicants under age fifteen (15) or older than age sixty five (65) on the day of application, or disabled or mentally challenged applicants, whose condition prevents them to learn the Czech language, shall be exempted from this rule.
- (5) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant who shows an elementary knowledge of the Czech constitutional system and cultural, geographical, and historical facts pertaining to the Czech Republic. Applicants who manage to prove to have attended, for a period of at least three (3) years, an elementary, secondary, or university type

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Act No. 325/1999 Coll., on Asylum and on amendment of Act No. 283/1991 Coll., on the Police of the CR, as amended (Asylum Act), as amended.

school where the language of instruction was Czech, applicants under age fifteen (15) or older than age sixty five (65) on the day of application, or disabled or mentally challenged applicants, whose condition prevents them to get knowledge of the Czech constitutional system and cultural, geographical, and historical facts pertaining to the Czech Republic.

- (6) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant who, in the past three (3) years has not substantially breached their responsibilities deriving from other legal regulations guiding entry and residency of foreigners on the territory of the CR<sup>1)</sup>, the public medical insurance scheme, social insurance scheme, pension insurance scheme, employment, taxes, duties, levies, and fees, alimonies to a child residing permanently in the Czech Republic, or public law responsibilities to the municipality in which they are registered for residency, should these be responsibilities imposed by a municipality within the scope of its own powers.
- (7) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant who proves their income and their source of income, document to have declared import of valuables when crossing the borders<sup>5)</sup>, or have received wireless transfer of money from abroad and have paid due tax from their declared income unless, pursuant to a special regulation<sup>6)</sup>, this tax be paid by another payer. The above facts shall be proven for the period of three (3) years prior to the application. Applicants under eighteen (18) years of age shall be exempted from this rule.
- (8) The citizenship of the Czech Republic may be granted to an applicant who proves that their stay on the territory of the Czech Republic in the three (3) years prior to the date of application did not substantially and without any due reason burden the welfare system or the system of community care for persons suffering financial hardship. Burdening of the welfare system or the system of community care for persons suffering financial hardship shall be understood as the applicant's major dependence on the welfare scheme or provisions from system of community care for persons suffering financial hardship, unless it concerned a person, who is not capable of earning money for their poor health, student or trainee status<sup>7)</sup>, maternity or parental leave, or permanent care for a person, who is dependent on such care.

#### Section 15

## Waiver of selected conditions necessary for acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic

- (1) Conditions stipulated in Section 14 (1) may be waived should the applicant be a permanent residency permit holder and:
- a) Was born on the territory of the Czech Republic,
- b) Is or was a citizen of the Czech Republic or the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (hereinafter only the "Czech citizen"), or, prior to 1968, a citizen of the Czechoslovak Republic or the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (hereinafter only the "Czechoslovak citizen"),
- c) At least one of their parents is a citizen of the Czech Republic,

Section 12 Act No. 117/1995 Coll., on Public welfare, as amended by Act No. 137/1996 Coll., Act No. 271/2001 Coll., Act No. 436/2004 Coll., Act No. 562/2004 Coll. and Act No. 113/2006 Coll. Section 16 Act No. 111/2006 Coll., on Community care for persons suffering financial hardship, as amended by Act No. 379/2007 Coll. and Act No. 427/2010 Coll.

Section 41 of Act No. 253/2008 Coll., on Selected measured against legitimisation of proceeds from crime and terrorist financing.

Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on Income tax, as amended.

- d) Was adopted, after having reached age 18, by a citizen of the Czech Republic,
- e) Their spouse or registered partner<sup>8)</sup> (hereinafter only the "partner"), whom they share a household with, is a citizen of the Czech Republic,
- f) Holds a permanent residency permit to reside on the territory of the Czech Republic for humanitarian or other reasons deserving due concern or should their stay in the Czech Republic be in the interest of the CR<sup>1)</sup>,
- g) Is, on the day of application, under the age of eighteen (18),
- h) Is homeless or has been granted international protection in the Czech Republic in the form of asylum<sup>4)</sup>, should the decision on this form of international protection remain valid.
- (2) Conditions stipulated in Section 14 (2) may be waived should the applicant be a permanent residency permit holder and:
- a) Their spouse or registered partner<sup>8)</sup> (hereinafter only the,,partner"), whom they share a household with, is a citizen of the Czech Republic, or
- b) Is, on the day of application, under the age of eighteen (18).
- (3) Conditions stipulated in Section 14 (4) and (5) may be waived for reasons deserving special concern.
- (4) Conditions stipulated in Section 14 (6) may be waived should the applicant be a permanent residency permit holder and has removed the damage caused or has made steps to remove such damage.
- (5) Conditions stipulated in Section 14 (8) may be waived for reasons deserving special concern, i.e. primarily in the case of applicants, who are homeless were granted international protection in the form of asylum or supplementary protenction<sup>4)</sup> in the Czech Republic.

## Granting of the citizenship of the Czech Republic for the reasons of significant benefit to the Czech Republic

- (1) The Ministry may grant the citizenship of the Czech Republic to an applicant, who has a permanent residency in the CR<sup>1)</sup> and whose citizenship of the Czech Republic would be of substantial benefit to the Czech Republic for the reasons of the applicant's capacity in science, education, or sports, or should it help the Czech Republic fulfil its international obligations, or should it be in the public interest of some kind. The applicant may not meet conditions stipulated by Section 14, with the exception of condition stipulated by Section 14 (3).
- (2) The applicant shall present a document issued by one of the ministries or another central public authority<sup>9)</sup>, the Office of the President of the Czech Republic, a public or private institution of higher learning, or a public research institute<sup>10)</sup> attesting the reason for granting the Czech citizenship in line with Article (1) above; the applicant shall submit neither the document pursuant to Section 19 letter g) nor documents pursuant to Section 20.

Act No. 115/2006 Coll., on Registered partnership and on amendment of selected other laws, as amended.

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Act No. 225/1000 Coll. o. Asylum and on amendment of Act No. 283/1001 Coll. on the Police of the CP.

Act No. 325/1999 Coll., o Asylum and on amendment of Act No. 283/1991 Coll., on the Police of the CR, as amended (the Asylum Act), as amended.

Act No. 2/1969 Coll., on Ministries and other central bodies of the Czech Republic, as amended.

Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on Public research institutes, as amended.

## Procedure of application for citizenship of the Czech Republic

#### Section 17

An application for the Czech citizenship shall be submitted in person to the competent regional authority, applicants in the Municipality of Prague shall submit their application to the respective municipal authority listed in Appendix 1 hereto (hereinafter only the "regional authority") competent in respect of the place of permanent residency of the applicant.

#### Section 18

- (1) A married couple may file a joint application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic and may include their children.
- (2) Should the application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic be filed by one parent only, a child may be included to the application solely upon written consent of the other parent bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent. No notarized signature shall be required, should the respective parent express their consent and sign the application in person before the administrative authority to which the application is filed. The authorities shall not seek consent of the other parent should they be deprived of parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, or should they have deceased.
- (3) Parents, or one parent, may file a separate application for the Czech citizenship on behalf of their child. Should such application be filed by one parent only, they may do so solely upon written consent of the other parent bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent. Under conditions stipulated in Article (2), the authorities shall seek neither consent of the other parent nor a notarized signature of the respective parent Should both parents have deceased, have been deprived of their parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited or withheld, or should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, an application for the Czech citizenship on behalf of the child may be filed by the child's legal representative or legal custodian. The legal custodian shall attach to the application a copy of the final and conclusive decision on their appointment.
- (4) Applicants wishing to file an application for the Czech citizenship pursuant to Section 16 shall file neither a joint application of a married couple nor an application including children.
- (5) An application for the Czech citizenship for a minor over fifteen (15) years of age shall be accompanied by their consent bearing a notarized signature of the minor concerned. No notarized signature shall be required, should the respective minor express their consent and sign the application in person before the administrative authority to which the application is filed.

### Section 19

Except for the documents required pursuant to the Code of Administrative Procedure, applicants for the Czech citizenship shall make it clear in their application why they wish to apply for a waiver of conditions to grant the citizenship of the Czech Republic. To the application for the Czech citizenship, the applicants shall attach the following:

a) Their birth certificate,

- b) Their marriage certificate or their civil partnership certificate, should the person had entered into a marriage or a legally registered civil partnership<sup>8)</sup> (hereinafter only the partnership"), a divorce certificate, or a certificate of dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership,
- c) Their divorce certificate or a certificate of dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership should the marriage have been divorced or should the civil partnership have been dissolved or annulled,
- d) The death certificate of their deceased spouse or civil partner<sup>8)</sup>,
- e) An excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records or another document of equal information value issued by a competent court or administrative authority of a foreign country or another document proving that the applicant has no criminal record under Art. 3 letter b) or, should it concern a foreign country where the applicant had resided in the past ten years only occasionally or a foreign country, which does not issue or has refused to issue an excerpt from the Register of Crimes or an equal document (hereinafter only the "a certificate of probity"), a solemn declaration of the applicant's personal integrity; such documents shall be no older than six (6) months,
- f) A Curriculum Vitae (CV) in a text form and in the Czech language, in which the applicant shall outline relevant data pertaining to the stay in the Czech Republic, including information on the length of foreign trips during the residency in the Czech Republic, jobs or other gainful activities on the territory of the Czech Republic or study in the Czech Republic, and family and social life,
- g) A certificate showing that the applicant had successfully passed the Czech language test and the test of knowledge of the Czech constitutional system and cultural, geographical, and historical facts pertaining to the Czech Republic taken for the purposes of the Czech citizenship procedure (hereinafter only the "language and facts test") or certificates proving that the applicant attended, for a period of at least three (3) years, an elementary, secondary, or university type school where the language of instruction was Czech or a proof of physical or mental disability, which prevents the applicant from learning the Czech language or getting knowledge of the Czech constitutional system and cultural, geographical, and historical facts pertaining to the Czech Republic, unless it concerned an applicant under fifteen (15) or over sixty five (65) years of age.

- (1) To the application for the Czech citizenship, the applicant shall also attach the following:
- a) Documents proving residency of the applicant on the territory of the Czech Republic and foreign countries,
- b) Clearances, no older than 30 days, certifying that the applicant has no outstanding debt neither with the Tax authority of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic nor with the Customs office of the Czech Republic, with the exception of debt with extended maturity or payments of which will be made by instalments.
- (2) The applicant shall also attach documents proving sources of their income used to cover their living costs in the Czech Republic, primarily the following:
- a) A confirmation that the applicant receives retirement, disability or other pension,
- b) Documents confirming their spouse's or their partner's<sup>8)</sup> income, should they be dependent on such income,
- c) A confirmation of income from abroad.

- (3) An applicant who has been or was employed in the Czech Republic, shall attach the following:
- a) A confirmation of employment including information on their income,
- b) Job contracts, confirmation of employment, or other documents showing gainful activities of the applicant in the Czech Republic in the past.
- (4) An applicant, who studies or studied in the Czech Republic, shall attach the following:
- a) A confirmation of study,
- b) The last school certificate or other documents proving their student status.

- (1) The regional authority shall, in cooperation with the applicant, complete a questionnaire attached to the application and send it, within 30 days after the date of application, together with the application and documents attached, its own opinion, and the opinion of the local authority of the municipality, where the applicant resides permanently to the Ministry; for the Questionnaire, see Appendix No. 2 hereto.
- (2) Both the local authority's and the regional authority's opinions shall contain information concerning compliance of the applicant with conditions of granting the Czech citizenship, both the local authority and the regional authority should have enough entries at their disposal to evaluate such compliance.

#### Section 22

- (1) Should the Ministry be in doubt about the correctness of data contained in the documents presented or should such documents not be sufficient enough for the purposes of evaluating the application concerned, it may request information from other central public bodies, regional bodies, or a health insurance company, which are required to provide such information should it be in their possession.
- (2) To prove compliance with the condition under Section 14 (3), letter a), the Ministry shall, pursuant to a special legal regulation<sup>11)</sup> request an excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records, should it concern an applicant over fifteen (15) years of age. The request for an excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records and the excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records itself shall be made electronically by means allowing for a remote access.
- (3) The Ministry shall request, to an application for granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic, filed by an applicant over fifteen (15) years of age, an opinion of the Police of the Czech Republic and the intelligence services of the Czech Republic. Should it be disclosed, based on the opinion of either the opinion of the Police of the Czech Republic and/or the intelligence services of the Czech Republic containing secret information, that the applicant poses danger to the security of the Czech Republic, its sovereignty and territorial integrity, its democratic political system and lives, health or property of its citizens, the reasoning of the decision shall solely state that the application was declined because of danger posed to the security of the Czech Republic.

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Act No. 269/1994 Coll., on the register of Criminal records, as amended.

- (1) The Ministry shall decide on granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic no later than one hundred and eighty 180 days after the day of receiving the application.
- (2) A decision in an appellate procedure against the negative decision on an application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic shall be issued by the Minister no later than one hundred and twenty days (120) after he date of appeal.

#### Section 24

- (1) An applicant whose application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic had been accepted shall receive from the Ministry a certificate of granting of the Czech citizenship instead of a copy of a written decision. In such case, the decision on granting of the Czech citizenship shall come to force on the day stipulated in Section 27 (1)
- (2) The Ministry shall, without delay, inform the regional authority of the citizenship of the Czech Republic granted.

#### Section 25

Should the Ministry deny the application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic, the applicant may file a new application no earlier than two (2) years after the date of force of the negative decision. This shall not apply, should the applicant be, on the date of the negative decision, a minor or should they comply, in the meantime, with the condition pursuant to Section the citizenship of the Czech Republic 14, the failure to comply with was the reason for the denial of the application.

#### Section 26

## Judicial review

The decision to deny the citizenship of the Czech Republic under Section 22 (3) cannot be subjected to a judicial review.

## Section 27

## Citizenship Oath

- (1) The applicant for the citizenship of the Czech Republic shall become a Czech citizen on the day of their Oath of Citizenship, on the day of force of the decision on waiving the Oath of Citizenship, or on the day the legal representative of a child under fifteen (15) years of age received the decision on granting of the Czech citizenship to such child.
- (2) The Oath of Citizenship shall be the following: "I hereby solemnly declare my loyalty to the Czech Republic and promise to comply with its Constitution and to obey the Czech law".
  - (3) The Oath of Citizenship shall be taken by applicants over fifteen (15) years of age.
- (4) The Oath of Citizenship shall be taken publicly and ceremonially before the Director of the regional authority, in the municipality of Prague before the secretary of the municipal authority of the competent municipal district listed in Appendix 1 hereto or before an appointed person. The Oath of Citizenship may be, for reasons deserving special concern, taken abroad before the Director of the embassy or a consular office of the Czech Republic,

with the exception of consular offices headed by consuls honorary (hereinafter only the "diplomatic mission") or a person appointed by the consul honorary.

- (5) The applicant may take the Oath of Citizenship at the latest twelve (12) months after the date of receiving the invitation to take the oath. Should the applicant fail to take the Oath of Citizenship within this period, the Ministry shall issue a decision to terminate the citizenship procedure and shall withdraw the decision on granting the Czech citizenship to the applicant.
- (6) The Ministry may, for reasons deserving special concern, waive the duty to take the Oath of Citizenship

## Special provisions pertaining to acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic

- (1) The Ministry shall grant the citizenship of the Czech Republic to a child, whose mother is neither a Czech citizen not a citizen of another EU member state or a homeless person based on a concerted declaration of both parents on paternity of a citizen of the Czech Republic, unless such determination of paternity was made solely for the purpose to get a permit for the mother and the child to reside on the territory of the Czech Republic or to abuse the welfare scheme in the Czech Republic. To determine, whether the determination of paternity was made solely for the above purpose, the Ministry shall primarily focus on whether the fatter, whose paternity had been determined:
- a) Lives together with the child in a household or keeps in regular contact with the child,
- b) Takes part in the child's upbringing, and
- c) Pays alimonies.
- (2) An application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic pursuant to Article (1) may be filed by the child's legal representative or legal custodian within a period of one (1) year after the day when the parents made a concerted declaration of parents on the determination of paternity of a Czech citizen, or, should paternity had been determined prior to the child's birth, within one (1) year after the child's birth. The applicant may fail to meet conditions pursuant to Section 14. Provisions of Sections 19 and 20 shall not apply.
- (3) Should the application be filed by one parent only, it can be done solely upon written consent of the other parent bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent. No notarized signature shall be required, should the respective parent express their consent and sign the application in person before the administrative authority to which the application is filed. The authorities shall not seek consent of the other parent should they be deprived of parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, or should they have deceased.
- (4) The application shall be filed to the Ministry or any regional authority. The regional authority shall send the application, within thirty days after the day of application, to the Ministry. The application may also be filed abroad to a diplomatic mission, which shall send it, within thirty days after the day of application, to the Ministry together with its opinion. The opinion shall be used similarly to Provision Section 21 (2), The legal representative or legal custodian of the child shall attach to the application a questionnaire in which they outline the identification data of the child and parents, data pertaining to the declaration of paternity, and other facts which may be decisive for the assessment of the application; for the questionnaire,

see Appendix 2 hereto. The legal custodian shall attach to the application the final and conclusive decision on their appointment.

- (5) The statutory period for a decision of such application shall be sixty (60) days after the date the Ministry had received the application.
- (6) Pursuant to the application, the Ministry shall seek opinion of the local authority at the place of permanent residency of the child and the child's parents, the Police of the Czech Republic, and the Office for social and legal protection of children (OSPOD). Provision of Section 21 (2) shall be used accordingly.
- (7) During the application procedure and provided that paternity of a citizen of the Czech Republic had been determined, the respective child's stay on the territory of the Czech Republic shall be considered a permanent residency<sup>1)</sup>.
- (8) The child shall become a Czech citizen on the day the child's legal representative or legal custodian receive the certificate of granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic to the respective child.

- (1) The Ministry shall grant the citizenship of the Czech Republic to a child, who is born on the territory of the Czech Republic and does not receive, at birth, the citizenship of one of the parents and whose at least one parent holds, on the day of the child's birth, a permit to stay on the territory of the CR<sup>1)</sup> for a period longer than ninety (90) days.
- (2) An application for the citizenship of the Czech Republic pursuant to Article (1) may be filed to the Ministry by the child's legal representative or legal custodian. The applicant may not meet conditions pursuant to Section 14. Provision of Section 19 and 20 shall not apply.
- (3) Should the application be filed by one parent only, it can be done solely upon written consent of the other parent bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent. No notarized signature shall be required, should the respective parent express their consent and sign the application in person before the administrative authority to which the application is filed. The authorities shall not seek consent of the other parent should they be deprived of parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, or should they have deceased.
- (4) The citizenship of the Czech Republic pursuant to Article (1) above shall not be granted to a child who became homeless as a result of the fact, that their parent failed, without any serious reason, to contact the respective authorities in the country they are a citizen of and take steps necessary for the child to be granted citizenship of that country. Should the parent have received, in the period when such steps could have been taken, international protection in the Czech Republic in the form of asylum or supplementary protection<sup>4</sup>), such fact shall be perceived as a serious reason pursuant to the first sentence above.
- (5) The child shall become a Czech citizen on the day the child's legal representative or legal custodian receive the certificate of granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic to the respective child.

- (1) The Ministry shall grant the citizenship of the Czech Republic to a physical person over three (3) years of age found on the territory of the Czech Republic whose identity cannot be determined for their lack of cognitive skills or disability and should it not be revealed, within six (6) months after the day they were found, that they had been granted citizenship of another country. The physical person may fail to meet conditions pursuant to Section 14. Provisions of Section 19 and 20 shall not apply.
- (2) The application to grant the citizenship of the Czech Republic to a foundling found on the territory of the Czech Republic shall be filed to the Ministry by the legal custodian of the respective physical person. The legal custodian shall attach to the application the final and conclusive decision on their appointment. The application may also be filed to any regional authority. The regional authority shall send the application, within thirty days after the day of application, to the Ministry. The Ministry may also commence the procedure on its own official capacity, should it become aware of a person who may beyond reasonable doubt acquire the Czech citizenship as a foundling pursuant to Article (1) above.
- (3) The Ministry shall request opinion of the local authority at the place of residency of the physical person concerned and the opinion of the Police of the Czech Republic. Provision of Section 21 (2) shall be applied accordingly to the opinion.
- (4) The physical person concerned shall become a Czech citizen on the day their legal custodian receive the certificate of granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic to the respective person.

## Subpart 7 Acquiring citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration

### Section 31

- (1) A physical person, who lost their Czech or Czechoslovak citizenship prior to the day of effect of this Act, unless they had lost their Czechoslovak citizenship pursuant to the Constructional Decree of the President on citizenship of German or Hungarian nationals or pursuant to the Agreement between the Czechoslovak Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Subcarparhian Ruthenia<sup>12)</sup>, or should it not concern a Czechoslovak citizen who became or would have become, on January 1, 1969, a citizen of the Slovak Socialist Republic or acquired, after January 1, 1969, the citizenship of the Slovak Socialist Republic and has remained a Slovak citizen, may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration (hereinafter only the "declaration").
- (2) A declaration can also be made by a person, who had been a Czechoslovak citizen and had, prior to their departure from the Czech Republic, permanently resided on the territory of the Czech Republic or the Czech Socialist Republic, unless they are, on the day of the declaration, a citizen of the of the Slovak Republic.
  - (3) The declarant shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) The birth certificate,

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Constructional Decree of the President No. 33/1945 Coll., on citizenship of German or Hungarian nationals. Agreement between the Czechoslovak Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Subcarparhian Ruthenia, No. 186/1946 Coll.

- b) A marriage certificate, a civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate, a certificate of dissolution or annulment of partnership, the death certificate of their deceased spouse or partner8),
- c) Birth certificates of both parents, their marriage certificate, should they be married, their divorce certificate, their death certificates, should they have deceased, provided the documents are necessary for the purposes of the declaration,
- d) Birth certificates of both grandparents, their marriage certificate, should they be married, their divorce certificate, their death certificates, should they have deceased, provided the documents are necessary for the purposes of the declaration,
- e) A document showing the date they had lost the Czech or Czechoslovak citizenship and how

- (1) A physical person, who was, on December 31, 1992, a citizen of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic and was neither a Czech citizen nor a citizen of the Slovak Republic, may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration. A person, who is, on the day of the declaration, a citizen of the Slovak Republic, shall not be allowed to acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by such declaration.
- (2) A physical person, who is a direct descendant of a former citizen pursuant to Article (1), may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration, unless they were a Czech citizen or a citizen of the Slovak Republic.
- (3) The declaration may include a child. There may be a separate declaration made for a child.
  - (4) The declarant shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) The birth certificate,
- b) A marriage certificate, a civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate, a certificate of dissolution or annulment of partnership, the death certificate of their deceased spouse or partner8),
- c) A certificate of not being a citizen of the Czech Republic.
- (5) Should the declaration pursuant to Article (3) be made by one parent only, it is necessary to submit a written consent of the other parent bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent. No notarized signature shall be required, should the respective parent express their consent and sign the application in person before the administrative authority to which the application is filed. The authorities shall not seek consent of the other parent should they be deprived of parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, or should they have deceased.
- (6) Should both parents have deceased, should they be deprived of their parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, or should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, the declaration on acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic can be made for the child by their legal representative or legal custodian, who shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) The birth certificate of the child,
- b) The final and conclusive court decision on their appointment as a legal custodian.

(7) A minor over the age of fifteen (15) shall consent to their Czech citizenship acquired by declaration pursuant to Article (3) by means of a statement bearing a notarized signature. A notarized signature shall not be required should the child express their consent and sigh the declaration before the competent administrative authority.

#### Section 33

- (1) A physical person born in between October 1, 1949 and May 7, 1969 outside the territory of the Czechoslovak Republic to at least one parent who was, on the day of the child's birth, a Czechoslovak citizen and became or would have become a Czech citizen as of January 1, 1969, may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration. Such declaration shall be made no later than one year after the date of effect of this Act.
  - (2) The declarant shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) The birth certificate,
- b) Their marriage certificate or their civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate, or a certificate of dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership, the death certificate of their deceased spouse or partner8),
- c) A document certifying the Czechoslovak citizenship of one of the parents on the day of the declarant's birth

#### Section 34

- (1) A physical person who had received a certificate of the Czech citizenship by incompetence of the respective authority and who remained, in a good will, convinced they are a citizen of the Czech Republic and provided such certificate was not abolished in the period of ten (10) years after the issue of such certificate, may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration.
  - (2) The declarant shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) The birth certificate,
- b) A marriage certificate, a civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate, a certificate of dissolution or annulment of partnership, the death certificate of their deceased spouse or partner8),
- c) All documents certifying the citizenship of the Czech Republic, which had been issued to the declarant in the past and which are in the declarant's disposal.

- (1) A physical person may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration no later than three (3) years after having reached the age of eighteen (18) provided they:
- a) Permanently reside on the territory of the CR<sup>1</sup>,
- b) Have legally resided, at least since the age ten (10) to the date of such declaration, for at least two thirds of the time on the territory of the Czech Republic,
- c) Have never been convicted, finally and conclusively, of a crime or misdemeanour, unless they were perceived as never convicted.
  - (2) The declarant shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) A marriage certificate, a civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate, a certificate of dissolution or annulment of partnership, the death certificate of their deceased spouse or partner8),

- b) A document certifying their clear Criminal Record in the countries in which they resided, after having reached the age of fifteen (15) for at least six (6) months.
- (3) For the purpose of verifying the condition pursuant to Article (1), letter c), the administrative authority competent to receive the declaration shall request, pursuant to a special law<sup>11)</sup>, an excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records. The request for an excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records and the excerpt from the Register of Criminal Records itself shall be made electronically by means allowing for a remote access. Furthermore, the administrative authority competent to receive the declaration shall request an opinion of the Ministry, which shall verify the length of the legal residency<sup>2)</sup> of the declarant on the territory of the Czech Republic.

- (1) A child staying on the territory of the Czech Republic pursuant to other laws<sup>1)</sup>, should such child be in a foster care, may acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration.
- (2) Should the declaration pursuant to Article (1) be made by one parent only, it is necessary to submit a written consent of the other parent to the child acquiring the Czech citizenship bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent. The authorities shall not seek consent of the other parent should they be deprived of parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, or should they have deceased.
- (3) Should both parents have deceased, should they be deprived of their parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, or should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, the declaration on acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic can be made for the child by their legal representative or legal custodian, who shall attach to the declaration the following:
- a) The birth certificate of the child,
- b) The final and conclusive court decision on their appointment as a legal custodian.
- (4) The declaration can also be made by a person whose custody the child was entrusted into by a final and conclusive court decision or a director of a juvenile correctional institute or an institute of juvenile care having custody of the child based on a final and conclusive court decision.
- (5) A minor over the age of fifteen (15) shall consent to their Czech citizenship acquired by declaration pursuant to Article (1) by means of a statement bearing a notarized signature. A notarized signature shall not be required should the child express their consent and sigh the declaration before the competent administrative authority.

## Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired by declaration - common provisions

#### Section 37

(1) The administrative authority competent to receive the declaration shall be the regional office responsible for the region of the declarant's permanent residency or the last permanent residency of the declarant on the territory of the Czech Republic; should the declarant had never had permanent residency on the territory of the Czech Republic, the competent administrative authority shall be the Office of the Municipality Prague 1. Declarations

pursuant to Section 36 je shall be received by the Ministry. Declaration may also be made abroad at a diplomatic mission, which shall submit such declaration, within thirty (30) days and together with the documents attached, to the competent regional office or the Ministry.

- (2) The regional office or the Ministry shall verify compliance with conditions of acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration. Should the declarant fail to comply with the conditions, the regional office or the Ministry shall decide that the declarant have not acquired the citizenship of the Czech Republic.
- (3) The declarant shall acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic on the day they receive the certificate of acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic, with the exception of declaration pursuant to Section 34, when the day of acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic shall be the day of issue of the declarant's first document proving their Czech citizenship; this date shall be entered by the regional office onto the certificate of acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic as the they of the declarant's of acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic.
- (4) The Ministry shall inform the regional office without delay on the declarant acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic pursuant to Section 36.
- (5) Provisions of Part Two and Part Three of the Code of Administrative Procedure shall apply accordingly to the process of the regional office and the Ministry in relation to the verification of compliance with conditions required in order to acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic.

# Subpart 8 Citizenship of the Czech Republic acquired in relation to foster care

#### Section 38

- (1) A child born on the territory of the Czech Republic who stays on its territory pursuant to the special law<sup>1)</sup> and who was, on the day of their birth, and remained after their birth a homeless person and was entrusted in foster care shall acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic.
- (2) The child shall become a Czech citizen on the day of final and conclusive court decision on the foster care.

## Subpart 9

## Renewal of procedure to acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic

### Section 39

Renewal of procedure to acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic shall be guided by the Code of Administrative Procedure. In the new procedure, opinions pursuant to Section 22 (3) shall not be required. Provisions of the Code of Administrative Procedure guiding renewal of procedure shall apply accordingly to the process of the regional office and the Ministry in relation to the verification of compliance with conditions required to acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration. The declarant's citizenship of the Czech Republic shall

terminate on the date of final and conclusive decision on the fact, that they had not acquired the citizenship of the Czech Republic.

# Part III **Losing citizenship of the Czech Republic**

- (1) A Czech citizen shall lose the Czech citizenship by declaration of renunciation of the Czech citizenship should they:
- a) Live abroad permanently,
- b) Not be registered for permanent residency in the Czech Republic, and
- c) Be simultaneously a citizen of another country or applied for foreign citizenship and have made a declaration of renunciation of the Czech citizenship in relation to the new citizenship.
- (2) Should the declarant, upon declaration of renunciation of the Czech citizenship, document their citizenship of the Czech Republic and attach to the declaration the following:
- a) A document verifying their stay abroad,
- b) A document certifying that they had acquired a foreign citizenship or that a foreign citizenship has been promised to them.
- (3) The declaration of renunciation of the Czech citizenship shall be made before a diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic having competence over the country where the declarant permanently resides or the country, citizenship of which the declarant had applied for or before the regional office competent in respect to the last place of permanent residency of the declarant on the territory of the Czech Republic. Should the declarant had never had a permanent residency on the territory of the Czech Republic, the competent authority shall be the Office of the Municipality Prague 1. The diplomatic mission shall send the declaration together with the documents attached to the competent regional office no later than within fifteen (15) days.
- (4) The declaration may include a child. Should the declaration pursuant to the first sentence be filed by one parent only, a child may be included to the declaration solely upon a written consent of the other parent bearing a notarized signature of the respective parent by which the parent agrees with the child losing the Czech citizenship. The authorities shall not seek consent of the other parent should they be deprived of parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, or should they have deceased.
- (5) Should both parents have deceased, should they be deprived of their parental responsibility, their exercise of parental responsibility be limited, or withheld, or should their residence, in case they live outside the Czech Republic, be unknown, the declaration on loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic can be made for the child by their legal representative or legal custodian; consent of the parents shall not be required in such case. The legal custodian shall attach to the declaration the final and conclusive court decision on their appointment as a legal custodian.
- (6) A minor over the age of fifteen (15) shall consent to the loss of their Czech citizenship by declaration pursuant to Article (4) by means of a statement bearing a notarized

signature. A notarized signature shall not be required should the child express their consent and sigh the declaration before the competent administrative authority.

- (7) Should the declarant meet conditions required to lose the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration stipulated by Article (1), the regional office shall issue to the declarant the following:
- a) A certificate of losing the Czech citizenship by declaration, should the declarant have submitted a certificate of acquiring a foreign citizenship, or
- b) A document certifying that they will lose the Czech citizenship should the declarant have submitted a document showing that they had been promised a foreign citizenship; In the document certifying that the declarant will lose the Czech citizenship, the office shall stipulate to which date the citizenship of the Czech Republic will have been lost.
- (8) The declarant shall lose their citizenship of the Czech Republic on the day of receiving the document on the loss of the Czech citizenship by declaration.
- (9) In case the authorities issue to the declarant a document certifying that they will lose the Czech citizenship, the declarant shall lose the Czech citizenship on the day when they submit to the competent diplomatic mission or regional office a certificate of acquiring a foreign citizenship. The diplomatic mission shall without delay inform the competent regional office of the fact, that a certificate of acquiring the foreign citizenship by the declarant was received. The regional office shall, upon request, issue to the declarant a certificate of losing the Czech citizenship by declaration in which it stipulates the date of losing the Czech citizenship. The declarant shall also lose their citizenship of the Czech Republic on the day the competent diplomatic mission or any other public authority of the Czech Republic receive a notification of a foreign country that a Czech citizen had acquired foreign citizenship without regards to the fact that the declarant failed to deliver the certificate of acquiring a foreign citizenship to the competent diplomatic mission.

#### Part IV

## Documenting and determining of the citizenship of the Czech Republic and the issue of certificates

# Subpart 1 **Documenting of the citizenship of the Czech Republic**

#### Section 41

The Czech citizenship shall be documented by the following:

- a) An identity document issued to a citizen of the Czech Republic,
- b) A passport issued to a citizen of the Czech Republic <sup>13)</sup>,
- c) A certificate no older than one (1) year,
- d) A certificate on acquiring the Czech citizenship or naturalisation no older than one (1) year.

Act No. 329/1999 Coll., on Travel documents and on amendment of Act No. 283/1991 Coll., on the Police of the CR, as amended, (Travel Documents Act), as amended.

## Subpart 2 **Issue of a certificate**

#### Section 42

- (1) A certificate shall be issued upon request of the physical person concerned.
- (2) Applications for certificates concerning minors under 15 years of age shall be filed by their legal representatives or legal custodians. The applicant shall attach to the application a final and conclusive decision of the court on their appointment. The application may be also filed by a person whose custody the child was entrusted into by a final and conclusive court decision or a director of a juvenile correctional institute or an institute of juvenile care having custody of the child based on a final and conclusive court decision.
  - (3) Application for a certificate concerning a deceased person may be filed by:
- a) A direct relative of the person, a sibling, the widow, or the widower;
- b) A physical person proving a legal interest in the issue of the certificate.

#### Section 43

The certificate shall certify the fact that the physical person is, on the date of the issue of the certificate, a citizen of the Czech Republic. Upon request, the certificate may include information on how and based on which legal instrument the physical person concerned received or lost the Czech or Czechoslovak citizenship or whether such physical person was, on a certain date or in a certain period of time, a Czech or Czechoslovak citizen, or that such physical has been a citizen of the Czech Republic without interruption since a certain date to the date of issue of the certificate.

#### Section 44

- (1) Certificates shall be issued by regional authorities having competence in respect of the place of the current permanent residency or the last permanent residency in the Czech Republic of the physical person concerned. Should the physical person concerned has never had a permanent residency on the territory of the Czech Republic, the competent authority shall be the Office of the Municipality Prague 1 (Úřad městské části Praha 1).
- (2) Applications for certificates shall be filed to competent regional authorities pursuant to Article (1) above. Applications may also be filed abroad to a Czech embassy, which shall refer such application immediately to the competent regional authority in the Czech Republic.

- (1) Applications for citizen certificates shall be accompanied by a completed questionnaire, see Appendix 2 hereto, as well as the following documents related to the citizenship of the physical person concerned by the application for citizenship:
- a) Their birth certificate, a marriage certificate, should the person be married, a civil partnership certificate, should the person had entered into a legally registered civil partnership, a divorce certificate, a certificate of dissolution or annulment of the civil partnership, the death certificate of their deceased spouse or partner<sup>8)</sup>,
- b) Birth certificates of both parents, their marriage certificate, should they be married, their divorce certificate, their death certificates, should they have deceased, should the applicant be in their possession,

- c) Citizenship certificates pertaining to the applicant issued in the past, citizenship certificates pertaining to their parents or other predecessors should the applicant be in their possession,
- d) Certificate of adoption, should the physical person applying for the certificate have been adopted by a citizen of the Czech Republic,
- e) A certificate showing the date and procedure by which the applicant had acquired foreign citizenship.
- (2) The competent regional authority may request the applicant to submit other documents, should they be substantial for the determination of the citizenship of the applicant concerned.
- (3) An adoption certificate issued by a foreign authority which may have impact on the procedure of acquiring the Czech citizenship will be taken account of solely should such adoption be admissible in the Czech Republic in line with the respective provisions of the private law.

Upon reception of an application, the regional authority shall proceed without delay to gather all necessary documents and to perform all checks required to determine, whether the certificate bearing the requested data may be issued to the respective applicant. The statutory period for complex cases requiring search in archives shall be 180 days. Other certificates shall be issued without any undue delay.

#### Section 47

Should the regional authority determine, in the course of the search and review of documents, that conditions necessary to issue the certificate have been met, it shall issue the certificate to the applicant. In such case, there is no written decision made. Should the application not meet all requirements necessary, it shall be declined.

### Section 48

The regional authority competent to issue the citizenship certificate shall issue, upon request of a person authorized to apply, in keeping with Section 42, for the citizenship certificate, a certificate that the physical person is not, on the date of issue of such certificate, a citizen of the Czech Republic. There shall be no written decision made.

### Section 49

The regional authority competent to issue the citizenship certificate shall issue, to the central public authorities as well as to the regional bodies, information on whether the physical person is or is not a citizen of the Czech Republic, or information concerning dates when and pursuant to which legal instrument the physical person concerned acquired or lost their Czech or Czechoslovak citizenship or whether they were or were not a citizen on a certain date. This should concern physical persons unable to prove such facts pertaining to their citizenship or persons who are, pursuant to this Act, empowered to apply for such certificate or should such facts be in dispute. The physical person concerned shall cooperate with the authorities to determine facts pertaining to their citizenship.

#### Part V

## Registration of physical persons who acquired or lost the citizenship of the Czech Republic

## Subpart 1 Central Register

## Section 50

Physical persons who lost or acquired the citizenship of the Czech Republic shall be kept in the information system of the Central register of physical persons who had acquired or lost the citizenship of the Czech Republic (hereinafter only the "Central Register"). The Central Register is maintained by the Ministry.

#### Section 51

The Central Register does not list Czech citizens who acquired their Czech citizenship at birth pursuant to Section 4.

#### Section 52

- (1) In the Central Register, the Ministry keeps the following data:
- a) Name, or names,
- b) Surname,
- c) Maiden name,
- d) Gender,
- e) Date of birth or the birth number (if relevant),
- f) Citizenship before acquiring the Czech citizenship,
- g) District of permanent residency, for physical persons permanently residing abroad it is the state of residency,
- h) When and how the physical person acquired or lost the Czech citizenship.

The data kept should be the data valid on the day the physical person concerned acquired or lost the Czech citizenship, with the exception of the information concerning the district of permanent residency, which can be amended, pursuant to a special law<sup>14)</sup>.

(2) In the Central Register, the Ministry also keeps information on the exchange of data pursuant to Section 54 (2).

### Section 53

The central public authorities, the regional bodies, legal persons as well as physical persons shall, for the purposes of maintaining the Central Register, cooperate and coordinate with the Ministry and exchange information and data pertaining to the citizenship of the Czech Republic lost or acquired.

#### Section 54

(1) The Ministry shall exchange data kept in the Central Register in the extent necessary and under conditions stipulated by law.

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Act No. 36/1960 Coll., on Territorial Division of the Czech Republic, as amended.

- (2) The exchange of data pursuant to Article (1) shall be recorded in the Central Register together with the date and, potentially, the hour of the exchange, should the data be exchanged by means allowing for remote access and identification of the subject receiving such data.
- (3) In case of data exchanged pursuant to Article (1) based on a special law which are necessary to secure the following:
- a) Security of the Czech Republic,
- b) Defence of the Czech Republic,
- c) Public order and internal security,
- d) Prevention, investigation, detection, and prosecution of crime,
- e) Substantial economic or financial interest of the Czech Republic or the EU, including the foreign currency, budget, or tax related issues, or
- f) Protection of the subject of data or rights and freedoms of others,

and the subject receiving such data has declared in writing that should the record of such exchange be made public, it would pose threat to one of the objectives under letters a) to f) above, such record shall not be made public for the period of the threat, with the exception of the law enforcement bodies, which may get access to such record of data exchange should they investigate a crime related to the objective of the data exchange, or an authority responsible for supervision of data processing under a special law<sup>15</sup>. The manager of the information system shall have access to such record of data exchange solely in the extent necessary for the purposes of their performance as a system manager under a different law.

#### Subpart 2

# Records Kept by the regional offices on physical persons who acquired or lost the citizenship of the Czech Republic

- (1) The regional office shall keep data pertaining to physical persons who had or have resided permanently on its territory and who acquired or lost the citizenship of the Czech Republic in the extent stipulated by Section 51 and 52. Should the physical person concerned had never permanently resided on the territory of the Czech Republic, the data under the first sentence above shall be kept by the Office of the Municipality Prague 1.
- (2) The regional office shall keep data registered pursuant to Article (1) for the purposes of exercising its powers.
- (3) The regional office shall, without delay, communicate any changes in the data registered pursuant to Article (1) to the Ministry for the purposes of maintaining the Central Register.
- (4) The regional office may, under conditions stipulated in Section 54, exchange data registered pursuant to Article (1) with other subjects.

Act No. 101/2000 Coll., on Protection of personal data and on amendment of selected other acts, as amended.

## Subpart 3 The Use of Data from other Central Databases

#### Section 56

The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, a regional office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomatic missions shall use the following reference data from the Central Registry:

- a) Surname,
- b) Name or names(if relevant),
- c) Address,
- d) Date, place and district of birth; date, place and country of birth of subjects of data born outside the territory of the Czech Republic,
- e) Date, place and district of death, for the subjects of data deceased abroad, the Central Register keeps the date, place and country where they deceased; should there be a court declaration of death, the Central register shall keep the date which is stipulated in the declaration as the date of death or the day the deceased persons did not survive and the date of force of such decision,
- f) Citizenship, or multiple citizenships (if relevant).

- (1) The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, a regional office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomatic missions shall be entitled to use the following data from the Information System of the Register of Inhabitants:
- a) Name or names (if relevant), surname, including surnames in the past, maiden name,
- b) Date of birth,
- c) Gender,
- d) Place and district of birth, in case of birth abroad, place and country of birth,
- e) Birth number,
- f) Citizenship, or multiple citizenships (if relevant),
- g) Permanent address, including permanent addresses in the past, and a mailing address (if relevant) to which documents under a special law are to be served,
- h) Commencement of the permanent residency or the day of deletion of the information on the permanent residency, or the date of termination of permanent residency on the territory of the Czech Republic,
- i) Limitation of legal capacity, name or names (if relevant), surname, and the birth number of the legal custodian; should the legal custodian have no birth number, the date, place and district of their birth; should there be a local authority appointed as a legal custodian, the exact name and address of such legal authority,
- i) Ban on residency, place of banned residency, and the period of such ban,
- k) Name or names (if relevant), surname, including surnames in the past, birth number of the mother, father, or other legal custodian; should one of the parents or the legal custodian did not receive a birth number, their name or names (if relevant), surname, and date of birth; should the legal custodian of a child be a legal person, the exact name and address of such legal person,
- Marital status, date, place and district where the marriage was concluded, the place and country of marriage, should the marriage be concluded outside the territory of the Czech Republic, date of force of the court decision on annulment of marriage, date of force of the court decision on the non-existence of marriage, date of termination of marriage by death of the spouse, or the force date of the court declaration of death of the spouse and

- the day, which was, in the final and conclusive declaration of death, stipulated as the date of death or, if relevant, the date the deceased did not survive, or the date of force of the court decision on the divorce of marriage,
- m) Date and place of entering into partnership, date of force of the court decision on annulment of partnership or declaration of non-existence of such partnership, date of termination of partnership by death of the legal partner, or the force date of the court declaration of death of the legal partner and the day, which was, in the final and conclusive declaration of death, stipulated as the date of death or, if relevant, the date the deceased did not survive, or the date of force of the court decision on the termination of partnership.
- n) Name or names (if relevant), surname, including surnames in the past, birth number of the spouse or legal partner; should the spouse or the legal partner did not receive a birth number, their name or names (if relevant), surname, and date of birth,
- o) Name or names (if relevant), surname, and birth number of children; should the child be a foreigner who did not receive a birth number, their name or names (if relevant), surname, and date of birth,
- p) In case of an adoption, dates of force of the court decision on adoption or termination of adoption,
- q) Date, place and district of death, in case of subjects of data deceased abroad, the date, place and country of death,
- r) The day, which was, in the final and conclusive declaration of death, stipulated as the date of death or, if relevant, the date the deceased did not survive,
- s) The day, which was, in the court decision to declare the person missing, stipulated as the date the person went missing and the date of force of the court decision to declare the person missing.
- (2) Data kept as reference data in the basic database of inhabitants shall be used from the Information System of the Register of Inhabitants solely should they be in their interim form.
- (3) The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, a regional office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomatic missions shall use the following data from the Registry of Birth Numbers:
- a) The reason from assigning the birth number,
- b) The code number of the workplace which assigned the birth number,
- c) Name, names (if relevant), surname, or maiden name (if relevant) of the person whom the birth number was assigned to,
- d) Birth number,
- e) Date of assigning the birth number,
- f) Date, place and district of birth; the country of birth of birth number holder born outside the territory of the Czech Republic.

- (1) The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, and a regional office shall use the following data from the Information System of the Register of Foreigners:
- a) Name or names (if relevant), surname, including surnames in the past, maiden name,
- b) Date of birth,
- c) Gender,
- d) Place and country of birth of the foreigner; for foreigners born on the territory of the Czech Republic, the place and district of birth,
- e) Birth number.

- f) Citizenship, or multiple citizenships (if relevant),
- g) Address and type of residency,
- h) Commencement of residency or the date of termination of residency,
- i) Limitation of legal capacity,
- j) Marital status, date, place and district where the marriage was concluded, the place and country of marriage, should the marriage be concluded outside the territory of the Czech Republic, date of force of the court decision on annulment of marriage, date of force of the court decision on the non-existence of marriage, date of termination of marriage by death of the spouse, or the force date of the court declaration of death of the spouse and the day, which was, in the final and conclusive declaration of death, stipulated as the date of death or, if relevant, the date the deceased did not survive, or the date of force of the court decision on the divorce of marriage,
- k) Date and place of entering into partnership, date of force of the court decision on annulment of partnership or declaration of non-existence of such partnership, date of termination of partnership by death of the legal partner, or the force date of the court declaration of death of the legal partner and the day, which was, in the final and conclusive declaration of death, stipulated as the date of death or, if relevant, the date the deceased did not survive, or the date of force of the court decision on the termination of partnership,
- l) Name or names (if relevant), surname, including surnames in the past, birth number of the spouse or legal partner; should the spouse or the legal partner did not receive a birth number, their name or names (if relevant), surname, and date of birth,
- m) Name or names (if relevant), surname, and birth number of children; should the child be a foreigner who did not receive a birth number, their name or names (if relevant), surname, and date of birth,
- n) Name or names (if relevant), surname, including surnames in the past, birth number of the mother, father, or other legal custodian; should one of the parents or the legal custodian did not receive a birth number, their name or names (if relevant), surname, and date of birth,
- o) In case of an adoption, dates of force of the court decision on adoption or termination of adoption,
- p) Date, place and district of death, in case of subjects of data deceased abroad, the date, if relevant, and country of death,
- q) The day, which was, in the final and conclusive declaration of death, stipulated as the date of death or, if relevant, the date the deceased did not survive,
- r) Ban on residency, place of banned residency, and the period of such ban,
- s) The day, which was, in the court decision to declare the person missing, stipulated as the date the person went missing and the date of force of the court decision to declare the person missing.
- (2) Data kept as reference data in the basic database of inhabitants shall be used from the Information System of the Register of Foreigners solely should they be in their interim form.

Data from the basic register of inhabitants, the Information System of the Register of Inhabitants and the Information System of the Register of Foreigners may be, for the purposes of this Act, further disseminated, sorted, or combined. The authorities may use solely the data necessary to complete a certain task.

The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, a regional office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomatic missions shall use the following data from the Information System of the Register of Identity Cards and their holders:

- a) Name or names (if relevant), surname,
- b) Birth number,
- c) Place and district of birth, in case of birth abroad, place and country of birth,
- d) Identity card number and serial number (if applicable),
- e) Identity card date of issue,
- f) Identification of the issuing authority,
- g) Identity card validity,
- h) Card numbers and serial numbers (if applicable) or identity cards lost, stolen, damaged, or invalid and the date when such lost, stolen, damaged, or invalid card was reported.

#### Section 61

The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, a regional office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomatic missions shall use the following data from the Information System of the Register of Travel Documents on travel documents and their holders:

- a) Name or names (if relevant), surname and the birth number,
- b) Place and district of birth, in case of birth abroad, place and country of birth,
- c) Number and type of the travel document issued,
- d) Date of issue of the travel document,
- e) Date on which the holder received their travel document,
- f) Validity of the travel document,
- g) Identification of the authority which issued the travel document,
- h) Number, type, date of issue and validity of lost, stolen, or invalid travel documents and the date when such lost or stolen travel document was reported.

#### Section 62

The Ministry, the Office of the Municipality of Prague, a regional office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and diplomatic missions shall use the following data from the Information System of the Register of Diplomatic and Service Passports on diplomatic and service passports and their holders:

- a) Name or names (if relevant), surname and the birth number,
- b) Place and district of birth, in case of birth abroad, place and country of birth,
- c) Number and type of the diplomatic or service passport issued,
- d) Date of issue of the diplomatic or service passport issued,
- e) Date on which the holder received their diplomatic or service passport issued,
- f) Validity of the diplomatic or service passport issued,
- g) Identification of the authority which issued the diplomatic or service passport,
- h) Number, type, date of issue and validity of lost, stolen, or invalid diplomatic or service passport and the date when such lost or stolen diplomatic or service passport was reported.

## Part VI **Misdemeanours**

#### Section 63

- (1) A physical person should be guilty of a misdemeanour should they:
- a) Declare, as an applicant for the citizenship of the Czech Republic, untrue or incomplete data concerning their personal integrity in the solemn declaration pursuant to Section 19 letter e),
- b) Declare, as a declarant, untrue or incomplete data as part of one of the declarations pursuant to Section 31 to Section 36, or
- c) Declare untrue or incomplete facts which may have substantial impact on the decision in respect of their application or hide such facts in order to unlawfully:
  - 1. Acquire, as an applicant for the citizenship of the Czech Republic, the citizenship of the Czech Republic,
  - 2. Acquire, as a legal representative or a legal custodian acting on behalf of a child in the citizenship of the Czech Republic proceedings, such citizenship for the respective child,
  - 3. Acquire, as an applicant for a certificate, such certificate, or
  - 4. Acquire, as a legal representative or a legal custodian applying for a certificate on behalf of a child, such certificate for the respective child.
- (2) Misdemeanours under Article (1), letter a) may be punished by a fine up to CZK 20,000 and misdemeanours under Article (1), letter b) or c) may be punished by a fine up to CZK 50,000.
- (3) Misdemeanours under Article (1), letters a) or b) or letter c1) or c2) shall be heard in the first instance by the administrative authority responsible for the Czech citizenship procedure, misdemeanours under Article (1), letter c) 3) or c)4) shall be heard by the administrative authority empowered to issue the certificates concerned.

# Part VII Common, transitional, empowering, and final provisions

# Subpart 1 **Common provisions**

#### Section 64

When determining whether the person is or was a Czech citizen, a Czechoslovak citizen, a citizen of the Czechoslovak Federative Republic, or a citizen of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic, the authorities shall act in keeping with the law in effect in the period when the person had allegedly acquired or lost such citizenship.

## Section 65

Should the applicant's application in keeping with this Act be approved of by the administrative authorities in its full extent, there shall be no written decision made.

- (1) Documents issued by foreign authorities which are to be submitted pursuant to this Act, shall be submitted in the required notarized form<sup>16)</sup>, unless stipulated otherwise by the international agreement, which is a part of the Code of Administrative Proceedings, and shall be accompanied by court sworn translations to the Czech language<sup>17)</sup>, with the exception of documents in the Slovak language.
- (2) The competent authority may not require a notarized document<sup>16)</sup>, should such notarisation be extremely difficult to arrange for.

#### Section 67

- (1) Documents which shall be otherwise submitted pursuant to this Act shall not be required should facts contained therein can be verified by the competent administrative authority from the basic register of inhabitants, the Information System of the Register of Inhabitants, the Register of Birth Numbers, the Information System of the Register of Foreigners, the Information System of the Register of Identification Cards, the Information System of the Register of Diplomatic and Service Passports.
- (2) Documents which shall be submitted pursuant to this Act may be replaced by similar documents issued by a foreign country, should the country not issue such documents.
- (3) The competent administrative authority shall waive the duty to submit a document, should such document be extremely difficult to arrange for.

## Section 68

The Office for social and legal protection of children competent to perform in keeping with this Act shall be the municipal office of municipality with extended powers, on the administrative territory of which the child lives; should the child reside outside the territory of the Czech Republic, the competent authority shall be the municipal office of municipality with extended powers, on the administrative territory of which the person who filed the application to acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic lives.

## Section 69

Responsibilities entrusted in the authorities of self-administrative territorial units by this Act shall be exercised in in the regime of the transferred competences.

#### Section 70

The language and life and institutions testing may be organised by a subject, which is regular member of the European Association for Language Testing and which provides this Czech language test certified by the Association as a foreign language test. The language and life and institutions test shall be a paid test.

Act No. 36/1967 Coll., on Court sworn experts and interpreters, as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16)</sup> Act No. 91/2012 Coll., on International private law.

## Subpart 2 **Transitional Provisions**

#### Section 71

A physical person, whose adopter was, on the day of adoption, a citizen of the Czech Republic or who would have become a citizen of the Czech Republic on January 1, 1969, shall become a citizen of the Czech Republic on the day of coming to effect of this Act unless they had otherwise acquired the Czech citizenship. Should it concern an adoption by a decision of a foreign country, such adoption may be accepted in the Czech Republic.

## Section 72

A citizen of the Slovak Republic may, within one (1) year after coming to effect of this Act make a declaration on acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic under Section 18a, Section 18b and Section 18c of the Act No. 40/1993 Coll., on Losing and acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic, as amended on the day of coming to effect of this Act and Acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic.

#### Section 73

A physical person who should meet conditions pursuant to Section 35 (1), letters a) to c) an be, on the day of coming to effect of this Act, older than twenty one (21) years of age, may, within one (1) year after coming to effect of this Act acquire the citizenship of the Czech Republic by declaration. Provisions of Section 35, Articles (2) and (3) shall be used accordingly.

## Section 74

Procedures which were not finally and conclusively concluded prior to the day of coming to effect of this Act shall be concluded in keeping with the previous law; for the acquisition of the citizenship of the Czech Republic, the loss of the existing citizenship shall not be required.

#### Section 75

Databases of physical persons who had acquired or lost the citizenship of the Czech Republic which had been, prior to December 31, 2013, maintained by municipal authorities of the municipalities of Plzen, Brno, and Ostrava, shall be taken over by the competent regional authorities.

#### Section 76

Parental consent stipulated in other provisions of this Act shall not be required should the parent was, prior to day of coming to effect of this Act, deprived of their legal capacity or their legal capacity limited in respect of the parental responsibility and should the effect of such decision remain in force.

### Section 77

Before the day of coming to effect of the regulation guiding the single place of payment, the applicant for the citizenship of the Czech Republic shall attach to their application a clearance showing that they have neither an outstanding debt in respect of the social insurance with the

respective authority nor an outstanding debt in respect of the public medical insurance with the respective authority.

# Subpart 3 **Empowering and final provisions**

#### Section 78

The Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports shall, in concert with the Ministry, legislate by means or a Regulation the following:

- a) The extent of knowledge of the Czech language, basic knowledge of the constitutional system of the Czech Republic and the Czech life, culture, geography and history for the purposes of the language and life and institutions testing,
- b) Detailed rules of the language and life and institutions testing, including the testing procedure and dissemination of information on such testing,
- c) A specimen of a language and life and institutions test certificate,
- d) A language test as an equivalent to the language and life and institutions test.

#### Section 79

The Ministry shall specify, by means of a regulation, the following specimen:

- a) A certificate of acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic and on naturalisation,
- b) A certificate of losing the citizenship of the Czech Republic,
- c) A certificate.

#### Section 80

The following instruments shall be declared null and void:

- 1. Act of the Czech National Council No. 40/1993 Coll., on Acquisition and loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic.
- 2. Act No. 272/1993 Coll., amending the Act of the Czech National Council No. 40/1993 Coll., on Acquisition and loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic.
- 3. Act No. 140/1995 Coll., amending the Act of the Czech National Council No. 40/1993 Coll., on Acquisition and loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic, as amended by Act No. 272/1993 Coll.
- 4. Act No. 139/1996 Coll., amending the Act of the Czech National Council No. 40/1993 Coll., on Acquisition and loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic, as amended by Act No. 272/1993 Coll. and Act No. 140/1995 Coll.
- 5. Act No. 194/1999 Coll., amending the Act No. 40/1993 Coll., on Acquisition and loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic, as amended.
- 6. Part 51 and Part 52 of Act No. 320/2002 Coll., on amendment and termination of force of selected acts in relation to the withdrawal of the district authorities.
- 7. Act No. 357/2003 Coll., amending the Act No. 40/1993 Coll., on Acquisition and loss of the citizenship of the Czech Republic, as amended.

- 8. Part 20 of Act No. 413/2005 Coll., on amendment of law in relation to the adoption of Act on protection of confidential data and security clearance.
- 9. Act No. 124/2008 Coll., amending the Act No. 269/1994 Coll., on the Register of Criminal records, as amended, and on other laws.
- 10. Part 7 and Part 11 of Act No. 142/2012 Coll., on amendment of selected laws in relation to the introduction of the Central Registers.
  - 11. Act No. 193/1999 Coll., on Citizenship of some former Czechoslovak citizens.
- 12. Act No. 46/2006 Coll., amending the Act No. 193/1999 Coll., on Citizenship of some former Czechoslovak citizens, as amended by Act No. 320/2002 Coll.
- 13. Part 47 of Act No. 124/2008 Coll., amending the Act No. 269/1994 Coll., ., on the Register of Criminal records, as amended, and on other laws.
- 14. Government Decree No. 337/1993 Coll., prolonging statutory periods for selection and granting of the Czech citizenship to citizens of the Slovak Republic.
- 15. Regulation No. 137/1993 Coll., stipulating criteria for testing of knowledge of the Czech language of applicants for the citizenship of the Czech Republic.

#### UNIT TWO

## Amendment of the Act on Intelligence Services of the Czech Republic

#### Section 81

In Section 11 (2) of Act No. 153/1994 Coll., on Intelligence services of the Czech Republic, as amended by Act No. 53/2004 Coll., Act No. 80/2006 Coll., Act No. 342/2006 Coll. and Act No. 227/2009 Coll., the words "agenda information system of database of diplomatic and service passports," shall follow "database of physical persons who acquired or lost the citizenship of the CR<sup>8</sup>,".

Note No. 8 shall be:

### **UNIT THREE**

#### Amendment of the Act on the Database of Inhabitants

## Section 82

In Section 3a (3) of Act No. 133/2000 Coll., on the Database of Inhabitants and birth numbers and on amendment of selected other acts (Database of Inhabitants Act), as amended by Act No. 227/2009 Coll. and Act No. 424/2010 Coll., the words " in the municipality of Brno, Ostrava and Plzen, the municipal offices" shall be deleted.

Section 50 and on, Act No. .../2013 Coll., on Citizenship of the Czech Republic".

#### **UNIT FOUR**

#### Amendment of the Act on Administrative Fees

#### Section 83

Act No. 634/2004 Coll., on Administrative Fees, as amended by Act No. 217/2005 Coll., Act No. 228/2005 Coll., Act No. 357/2005 Coll., Act No. 361/2005 Coll., Act No. 444/2005 Coll., Act No. 545/2005 Coll., Act No. 553/2005 Coll., Act No. 48/2006 Coll., Act No. 56/2006 Coll., Act No. 57/2006 Coll., Act No. 81/2006 Coll., Act No. 109/2006 Coll., Act No. 112/2006 Coll., Act No. 130/2006 Coll., Act No. 136/2006 Coll., Act No. 138/2006 Coll., Act No. 161/2006 Coll., Act No. 179/2006 Coll., Act No. 186/2006 Coll., Act No. 215/2006 Coll., Act No. 226/2006 Coll., Act No. 227/2006 Coll., Act No. 235/2006 Coll., Act No. 312/2006 Coll., Act No. 575/2006 Coll., Act No. 106/2007 Coll., Act No. 261/2007 Coll., Act No. 269/2007 Coll., Act No. 374/2007 Coll., Act No. 379/2007 Coll., Act No. 38/2008 Coll., Act No. 130/2008 Coll., Act No. 140/2008 Coll., Act No. 182/2008 Coll., Act No. 189/2008 Coll., Act No. 230/2008 Coll., Act No. 239/2008 Coll., Act No. 254/2008 Coll., Act No. 296/2008 Coll., Act No. 297/2008 Coll., Act No. 301/2008 Coll., Act No. 309/2008 Coll., Act No. 312/2008 Coll., Act No. 382/2008 Coll., Act No. 9/2009 Coll., Act No. 141/2009 Coll., Act No. 197/2009 Coll., Act No. 206/2009 Coll., Act No. 227/2009 Coll., Act No. 281/2009 Coll., Act No. 291/2009 Coll., Act No. 301/2009 Coll., Act No. 346/2009 Coll., Act No. 420/2009 Coll., Act No. 132/2010 Coll., Act No. 148/2010 Coll., Act No. 153/2010 Coll., Act No. 160/2010 Coll., Act No. 343/2010 Coll., Act No. 427/2010 Coll., Act No. 30/2011 Coll., Act No. 105/2011 Coll., Act No. 133/2011 Coll., Act No. 134/2011 Coll., Act No. 152/2011 Coll., Act No. 188/2011 Coll., Act No. 245/2011 Coll., Act No. 249/2011 Coll., Act No. 255/2011 Coll., Act No. 262/2011 Coll., Act No. 300/2011 Coll., Act No. 308/2011 Coll., Act No. 329/2011 Coll., Act No. 344/2011 Coll., Act No. 349/2011 Coll., Act No. 350/2011 Coll., Act No. 357/2011 Coll., Act No. 367/2011 Coll., Act No. 375/2011 Coll., Act No. 428/2011 Coll., Act No. 457/2011 Coll., Act No. 458/2011 Coll., Act No. 472/2011 Coll., Act No. 19/2012 Coll., Act No. 37/2012 Coll., Act No. 53/2012 Coll., Act No. 119/2012 Coll., Act No. 169/2012 Coll., Act No. 172/2012 Coll., Act No. 202/2012 Coll., Act No. 221/2012 Coll., Act No. 225/2012 Coll., Act No. 274/2012 Coll., Act No. 350/2012 Coll., Act No. 359/2012 Coll., Act No. 399/2012 Coll., Act No. 407/2012 Coll., Act No. 428/2012 Coll., Act No. 496/2012 Coll., Act No. 502/2012 Coll., Act No. 503/2012 Coll., Act No. 50/2013 Coll. and Act No. 69/2013 Coll., shall be amended as follows:

- 1. In the Appendix to the Act, Part I, Agenda 8, letter h) and Article 2, the words "or a certificate" shall be deleted.
- 2. In the Appendix to the Act, Part I, Agenda 8, letter i) the words "or citizenship" shall be deleted.
- 3. In the Appendix to the Act, Part I, Agenda 8, letter j) shall be:
- "j) Granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic to an adult

CZK 2 000".

- 4. In the Appendix to the Act, Part I, Agenda 8, there shall be new letters k) to m) added after the letter j):
- ,k) Granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic to a minor

CZK 500

1) Granting the citizenship of the Czech Republic to an asylum seeker

CZK 500

- m) Acceptance of declaration on acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic pursuant to Section 31, 32, 35 and 36 of the Czech Citizenship Act CZK 500".
- 5. In the Appendix to the Act, Part I, Agenda 8, the text of "Empowerment" shall read as follows:

## ,Empowerment

- The administrative authority may, for reasons requiring special concern, lower the fee pursuant to letter j) of this Agenda to CZK 500, the fee pursuant to letter k) of this Agenda to CZK 100 and the fee pursuant to letter l) of this Agenda to CZK 100.".
- 6. Appendix to the Act, Part XII shall read as follows 159:
- "a) Issue of certificate of Citizenship of the Czech Republic

CZK 300

b) Acceptance of declaration on acquiring the citizenship of the Czech Republic pursuant to Section 31, 32, 35 and 36 of the Czech Citizenship Act CZK 500".

UNIT FIVE

#### **EFFECT**

Section 84

This Act shall enter into effect on January 1, 2014.

Appendix No. 1 to Act No. .../2013 Coll.

# LIST OF OFFICES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRAGUE IN CHARGE OF THE CITIZENSHIP RELATED AGENDA

Office of the Municipality Prague 1 (Úřad městské části Praha 1)

Office of the Municipality Prague 2 (Úřad městské části Praha 2)

Office of the Municipality Prague 3 (Úřad městské části Praha 3)

Office of the Municipality Prague 4 (Úřad městské části Praha 4)

Office of the Municipality Prague 5 (Úřad městské části Praha 5)

Office of the Municipality Prague 6 (Úřad městské části Praha 6)

Office of the Municipality Prague 7 (Úřad městské části Praha 7)

Office of the Municipality Prague 8 (Úřad městské části Praha 8)

Office of the Municipality Prague 9 (Úřad městské části Praha 9)

Office of the Municipality Prague 10 (Úřad městské části Praha 10)

Office of the Municipality Prague 11 (Úřad městské části Praha 11)

Office of the Municipality Prague 12 (Úřad městské části Praha 12)

Office of the Municipality Prague 13 (Úřad městské části Praha 13)

Office of the Municipality Prague 14 (Úřad městské části Praha 14)

Office of the Municipality Prague 15 (Úřad městské části Praha 15)

Office of the Municipality Prague 16 (Úřad městské části Praha 16)

Office of the Municipality Prague 17 (Úřad městské části Praha 17)

Office of the Municipality Prague 18 (Úřad městské části Praha 18)

Office of the Municipality Prague 19 (Úřad městské části Praha 19)

Office of the Municipality Prague 20 (Úřad městské části Praha 20)

Office of the Municipality Prague 21 (Úřad městské části Praha 21)

Office of the Municipality Prague 22 (Úřad městské části Praha 22)

Appendix No. 2 to Act No. .../2013 Coll.

# QUESTIONNAIRE To the application for the Czech citizenship

I.

## 1. Applicant

Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)

Date and place of birth

Birth number, if assigned

Had the applicant applied for the citizenship of the Czech Republic in the past, when and where

Address

Other contact data (telephone number, email)

Education

Marital status

Had the applicant entered into a marriage, when and where, the marriage was divorced, when and where

Employment

Entrepreneurship

Monthly income

Financial means used to satisfy the applicant's cost of living in the Czech Republic

Income from abroad, please specify

Member of associations or any other similar activities of the applicant in the Czech Republic

Welfare and community care for persons suffering financial hardship

# 2. Spouse

Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)
Date and place of birth
Birth number, if assigned
Employment
Entrepreneurship
Address
Education
Citizenship
Monthly income
3. Children
Name and surname
Date and place of birth
Birth number, if assigned
Address
Citizenship
Does the applicant have parental responsibility for the child or should their parental responsibilities be limited, withdrawn, or should they be deprived of such responsibilities.

# 4. Citizenship of the applicant in the past

How did the applicant acquire or lose their citizenship in the past and how do they prove their citizenship in the past.

# 5. Stay on the territory of the Czech Republic

Since when have you stayed in the Czech Republic

When did you receive the permanent residency permit to reside on the territory of the Czech Republic

Where did you reside before entering the territory of the Czech Republic

Your identification document to stay on the territory of the Czech Republic

Your travel document

II.

# Applicant's parents

Name and surname	
Date and place of birth	
Birth number, if assigned	
Citizenship	
Address	
Stay on the territory of the Czech Republic	
Had they in the past applied for the citizenship	of the Czech Republic, if so, when and where
On	
Signature of the competent official	signature of the applicant

Official stamp

#### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

# To the application for the Czech citizenship should the applicant be a minor I.

# 1. Applicant

Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)

Date and place of birth

Birth number, if assigned

Address

Had the applicant applied for the citizenship of the Czech Republic in the past, when and where

Legal representatives of the applicant

Contact data of the legal representatives of the applicant (address, telephone number, and email address)

Education

School where the applicant currently studies

Member of associations or any other similar activities of the applicant in the Czech Republic

Marital status

Had the applicant entered into a marriage, when and where, the marriage was divorced, when and where

Financial means used to satisfy the applicant's cost of living in the Czech Republic

Welfare and community care for persons suffering financial hardship

# 2. Applicant's parents

Name and surname

Date and place of birth

Birth number, if assigned

Citizenship

Address

Stay on the territory of the Czech Republic

Had they in the past applied for the citizenship of the Czech Republic, if so, when and where

Employment

Entrepreneurship

Monthly income

# 3. Citizenship of the applicant in the past

How did the applicant acquire or lose their citizenship in the past and how do they prove their citizenship in the past

Had the applicant applied for the citizenship of the Czech Republic in the past, when and where

# 4. Stay on the territory of the Czech Republic

Since when have you stayed in the Czech Republic

When did you receive the permanent residency permit to reside on the territory of the Czech Republic

Where did you reside before entering the territory of the Czech Republic

Your identification document to stay on the territory of the Czech Republic

Your travel document

# 5. Gainful activities of the applicant and the applicant's own income 1

Employment
Entrepreneurship
Monthly income
Income from abroad, please specify
6. Spouse <sup>2</sup>
Had the applicant entered into a marriage, when and where, the marriage was divorced, when and where
Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)
Date and place of birth
Birth number, if assigned
Address
Education
Citizenship
Employment
Entrepreneurship
Monthly income
7. Children <sup>3</sup>
Name and surname
Date and place of birth
Birth number, if assigned
Address
Only should the minor applicant had already worked in the CR or has an income of their own

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Official stamp

# **QUESTIONNAIRE**

To the application for the Czech citizenship by determination of paternity pursuant to Section 28 of Act No. .../2013 Coll.

# 1. Child in respect of whom the application for the Czech citizenship by determination of paternity is filed

Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)
Date and place of birth
Birth number, if assigned
Citizenship
Address
Financial means used to satisfy the applying child's cost of living
Welfare and community care for persons suffering financial hardship received by the child
Type of the child's residence in the Czech Republic, currently or in the past
Had somebody applied for the citizenship of the Czech Republic on behalf of the child in the past, when and where
2. Mother of the child
Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)
Date and place of birth
Birth number, if assigned
Citizenship
Address
Address Marital status

Entrepreneurship

Monthly income

Welfare and community care for persons suffering financial hardship received by the child's mother

#### 3. Father of the child

Name and surname, maiden name (if relevant)

Date and place of birth

Birth number, if assigned

Citizenship

Address

Marital status

Children

Employment

Entrepreneurship

Monthly income

Welfare and community care for persons suffering financial hardship received by the child's father

# 4. Data concerning the determination of paternity

Date when paternity was determined

The registrar's office or court before which the declaration of paternity was made

# 5. Some other facts pertaining to the application

Does the father of the child, whose paternity was determined, live in a household together with the child

Does the father of the child, whose paternity was determined, take part in the child's upbringing

Does the father of the child, whose paternity was determined, pay alimonies to the child, if so, how much

On	
Signature of the competent official	signature of the applicant

Official stamp

# QUESTIONAIRE To determine Citizenship of the Czech Republic and to Issue Certificate of Citizenship of the Czech Republic

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Date a	nd place of b	oirth:						
Citizens	ship upon e	ntering in	to the marriage:					
Date a	nd place of t	he marria	ge:					
Last ac	ddress in the	Czech R	epublic:					

# Declaration

Name and surname: Date and place of birth: Birth number:

### I hereby declare:

- 1) a) to have acquired\*
  - b) not to have acquired\*

in the period of January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1992, by choice or by naturalisation, the citizenship of the Slovak Socialist Republic or the Slovak Republic

- 2) a) to have acquired\*b) not to have acquired\*a foreign citizenship of the following
- state (states):
- day, month and year of acquiring such citizenship(s):
- acquired by:
- citizenship of the spouse
  Upon acquiring the foreign citizenship:
- date of the marriage

I hereby acknowledge this declaration as evidence pursuant to Section 51, Article (1) of Act No. 500/2004 Coll., the Code of Administrative Procedure.

**Instruction:** In keeping with Section 63 (1), letter c) (3( and (4) of Act No. 186/2013 Coll., on The citizenship of the Czech Republic and the amendment of selected other acts (the Czech Citizenship Act), a physical person should be guilty of a misdemeanour should they declare untrue or incomplete facts which may have substantial impact on the decision in respect of their application or hide such facts in order to, as an applicant for a certificate or a legal representative or legal custodian applying for a certificate on behalf of a child, acquire such certificate for themselves or for the respective child.

Such misdemeanour may be punished by a fine up to CZK 50,000.

Date:
Signature of the applicant
Identification document of the applicant:
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by
Signature and identity of the applicant notarized by:
Please send the certificate to:
a) Administrative fee paid upon application:  Receipt No
b) No fee

<sup>\*</sup> if relevant

<sup>&</sup>quot;Declare how you acquired foreign citizenship, was it automatically by law (e.g. by adoption, determination of paternity, or by marriage), or based on a declaration of will (application, consent, declaration or another act towards acquiring foreign citizenship), i. e. by naturalisation in the USA, by declaration, by choice, or by other means. Should you have at your disposal a document showing how you had acquired foreign citizenship, please attach its copy.