

## **Application for the Certificate of Czech citizenship for persons born before 1.1.1993**

**Initially, the applicant must send us a self-addressed and prepaid large envelope (format A4) with a letter describing their background.** S/he should especially write in detail regarding the following points:

Which one of the parents was/is a Czech citizen (mother or father or both), whether the parent(s) held/holds a Czech passport himself/herself, whether the parent was ever dismissed by the former Czechoslovak government or whether his/her citizenship was ever ablated, and then possibly acquired again after 1989. State the parents' dates and places of birth and also whether the parent(s) currently hold(s) a Czech passport or Certificate of Czech citizenship issued after 1.1.1993.

We also need to know whether the applicant was born within a marriage or outside marriage (if s/he was born within marriage, then we would need to know the date and place of that marriage), in **which country** and **when the applicant was born**, whether his/her birth was ever registered with the Czech authorities and whether the Czech birth certificate was consequently issued.

We also need the information on which citizenship (Czech or Slovak) the applicant or their parents chose (or would have been eligible to), when the two separate citizenships within the former Czechoslovakia were officially recognised on 1. 1. 1969. The applicant should also state what citizenship(s) s/he has now, and how and when it was acquired (for example: The applicant acquired British citizenship by having been born to a British parent, etc.). In case the applicant changed his/her names/surname(s), s/he should describe the circumstances (i.e. accepting the spouse's surname after solemnization of marriage). Also state the applicant's marital status at the time of the application (i.e. bachelor/spinster, married, divorced or widowed).

In addition to that, the applicant should inform us what the purpose of this application is, and give any other information which s/he thinks might be relevant to their Czech citizenship.

Please note that different citizenship laws were valid at different periods of time, i.e. at some periods, both of the parents had to be Czech citizens, at other periods the birth of the child born outside the Czech Republic had to be registered within a certain time in order to become a Czech citizen, etc. In order to assess whether the applicant is a Czech citizen or not, we need to forward the signed application forms together with the relevant documents to the Citizenship department in the Czech Republic. The forms must be filled in legibly in the Czech language, and signed in the presence of a Consular Officer during an appointment.

After receiving the pre-paid envelope and the letter describing the applicant's background, the Consular Officer will be able to establish the correct procedure, and the relevant forms with instructions will be sent to the applicant. As the only official language in the Czech Republic is the Czech language, all the forms must be filled out in Czech, and all relevant foreign documents must be translated into Czech. Upon request we can provide the applicants with a list of Czech/English translators and interpreters residing in the U.K. Please note, the Embassy do not provide translating/interpreting services.

When the applicant has prepared all the required documents and completed the necessary forms, s/he may call us either on **020 7243 7920** or **020 7243 7991** to arrange an appointment with one of the Consular Officers in London.