

Recognition of Foreign Education (Nostrification) in the Czech Republic

In keeping with the law (Act. No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education) all prospective students wishing to study at the Czech accredited program of the University of New York in Prague are required to provide a certificate of recognition of diplomas and degrees from foreign educational institutions (a “nostrification”) issued by the Czech authorities.

This does not apply to those who have state accredited secondary school diploma of these countries: **Czech, German, Hungarian, Slovak or Slovenian.**

If you do not possess such diploma, you can enroll into American accredited program without going through the process of diploma recognition. This will, however, result in less beneficial conditions of your visa status and future benefits on the Czech job market.

You can find useful information about the nostrification process and step by step instructions here: <https://nostrifikace.mkc.cz/en/>

The process of Nostrification for Undergraduate students involves following steps:

1. Collecting necessary documents:
 - Completed application form:
https://www.praha.eu/public/ee/a8/d3/3168243_1111959_ZADOST_O_NOSTRIFIKACI.doc
 - Certified copy of your secondary school leaving certificate, prepared by a Czech notary (*notář*), **legalized** or **apostilled** in the country of origin, and an **official Czech translation from a Czech court interpreter** (*soudní tlumočník*) must be attached.
 - Certified copy of your transcript of all secondary school subjects studied, with **number of hours studied**, prepared by a Czech notary (*notář*), **legalized** or **apostilled** in the country of origin, and an **official Czech translation from a Czech court interpreter** (*soudní tlumočník*) must be attached
 - Proof that your secondary school is accredited in your country. Usually, this is clear from the diploma, transcript or diploma supplement. In case that it is not clear from the document, please ask the ministry of education in your country for the certificate that your school is accredited within your country’s educational system

- Proof of payment of court fee (CZK 1,000)
 - Copy of passport or similar national ID
 - Proof of place to stay in the Czech Republic (e.g. lease agreement) if you already have arranged one. Alternatively, you can add a **sworn statement** about housing arrangement on the bottom of your application form.
 - Power of Attorney if you arrange your Nostrification documents to be submitted by another person.
2. Once all of the documents are gathered, the nostrification application must be submitted to the relevant Regional Authority. Students that are Prague residents or do not have secured accommodation can submit application to the Prague City Hall in person (addresses and opening hours can be found [here](http://skoly.praha.eu/87436_RECOGNITION-OF-FOREIGN-EDUCATION) http://skoly.praha.eu/87436_RECOGNITION-OF-FOREIGN-EDUCATION).
 3. The application fee of CZK 1,000 can be paid at the Regional Authority cash desk.
 4. The Authority will then review the student's secondary education. If it is found that the student is lacking some course or competency in comparison with the Czech secondary education curriculum, the student will be required to sit an exam to demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge in that area. The exam is in Czech, but certified interpreter will be allowed.

The nostrification process typically takes about 1-2 months to complete once students have gathered the required documents.

The process of degree recognition for Graduates

The recognition of the undergraduate degree is carried out by the public universities that provide a program with the same or similar content to the one you obtained. List of universities that provides a similar study program can be found here <https://www.msmt.cz/areas-of-work/tertiary-education/public-higher-education-institutions-websites>

The following documents are required for the recognition of your undergraduate degree:

1. Completed **application form**, which can be found at the web-site of the university providing your study program (or similar)

2. Certified copy of **legalized foreign university diploma** (notary, apostille, or superlegalization – based on the country where your diploma was issued) prepared by the Czech notary (notář) and translated by the Czech court interpreter (soudní tlumočník)
3. Certified copy of the **legalized diploma supplement** or the list of completed exams prepared by the Czech notary and translated by the Czech court interpreter
4. Additional documents that the recognition authority may require in order to evaluate your previous degree

At the moment, nostrification is required only if a student wish to follow our Master in Psychology program.