

# **Granting citizenship of the Czech Republic**

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the acquisition of Czech citizenship by granting, which is regulated by Act No. 186/2013 Coll., on the Czech Republic's citizenship and on amendments to certain acts (on Czech citizenship). For the vast majority of citizens, this is a matter of course associated with birth to parents who already have this citizenship.

However, for persons who are granted citizenship of the Czech Republic, it is a complex administrative and legal process requiring a relatively long time not only to fulfil the legal conditions for the granting, but also to process the application for the granting as such. In this thesis, the author focuses on the general features of state citizenship as such, its characteristics and genesis, as well as on the development of this institution in our territory, as the events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in particular had a significant impact on the institution of state citizenship. The institute of granting citizenship is then described from the perspective of the currently applicable legislation, which is described in detail, especially focusing on the process of granting citizenship and its conditions and specifics.

The thesis also focuses on the contemporary jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court concerning the granting of citizenship, or situations when citizenship is not granted to the applicant, especially because of a threat to the security of the state by the applicant. The aim of the thesis is to provide a comprehensive interpretation of the institute of granting citizenship of the Czech Republic in the light of its historical development and in particular the current legislation in conjunction with recent, especially constitutional-legal jurisprudence.

In the final part, the thesis evaluates the current legal regulation and offers possibilities of its changes, which, in the author's opinion, could lead to the improvement of the process of granting citizenship of the Czech Republic and fill the gaps and blind spots, which in his opinion the current legal regulation has.

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