

15. ABSTRACT

The topic of my Master's degree thesis is Distinctions in the legal status of citizens and foreigners in the Czech Republic. Reasons for choosing this topic are the proximity of the topic for me as for a former foreigner, own experience and the fact, that this topic is very current and dynamic. This thesis mainly describes the legal status of citizens and foreigners in the Czech Republic. In my thesis I have therefore focused on the rights and duties of citizens and foreigners, the conditions and forms of acquisition citizenship and particular residence permits.

The thesis is composed of ten chapters. First chapter is the Introduction and last chapter is the Conclusion. The other eight main chapters deal with the main aim of the thesis. There are also the Content, the Index of Abbreviations, the Used bibliography and sources and the Index of Annexes beside these ten chapters.

The first chapter following the Introduction describes the concept of citizenship, it's sources of law, forms and terms for the acquisition of citizenship, it's attestation and discovery and finally the legal status of a citizen.

The third chapter is devoted to the concept of immigration law, it's sources of law, definitions of some basic concepts and structure of the immigration law.

Chapter four describes the short-term stay of foreigners in the Czech Republic and includes also the issue of refusing entry the Czech Republic to foreigners, termination of a short-term stay, departure order and the legal status of these foreigners.

Chapter five is devoted to the long-term stay and residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic and deals also with biometric identity cards, blue card, employee card and also the legal status of foreigners during a long-term stay.

The sixth chapter describes freedom of movement, entry, residence and the legal status of an EU citizen in the Czech Republic.

Chapter seven deals with the definition of a family member of an EU citizen, entry, residence and the legal status of a family member of an EU citizen.

Chapter eight discusses the permanent residence of EU citizens, their family members and third-country nationals, the terms under which permanent residence permit was granted and legal status of these foreigners.

And the last main chapter of my thesis deals with international protection - asylum and subsidiary protection and the legal status of asylum seekers, refugees, holders of subsidiary protection and foreigners after rejecting an application for international protection.