

Frequently ask questions

From what time is the annual deadline for completing adaptation – integration courses calculated?

The obligation to complete the adaptation-integration course applies to a foreigner who has been issued a long-term residence permit (in the form of biometric card – ePKP) in the Czech Republic since 1 January 2021, or issuing permanent residence permit without the condition of previous residence in the territory, within one year from the date of picking up the residence permit. There are exceptions to which this legal obligation does not apply.

More detailed information about who exactly is affected can be found here:

<https://www.mvcr.cz/docDetail.aspx?docid=22287862&doctype=ART>

Change of purpose and extension of long-term residence after 1 January 2021?

If a third-country national had a long-term residence permit in the Czech Republic before 1 January 2021, valid as of 1 January 2021, including the fiction of the stay, and after 1 January 2021 there is only a change in the purpose of the long-term stay or its extension, then the obligation to complete the adaptation-integration course does not apply.

If a third-country national obtained a long-term residence permit (in a form of a biometric card – ePKP) in the Czech Republic only after 1 January 2021 and is covered by one of the exceptions, the obligation may arise in the future when changing the purpose of long-term residence (eg. change from the purpose of study to purpose of an employee card). In such a case, it is necessary to fulfill the obligation within the one year from the completion of the change of purpose of stay by issuing the long-term residence permit (in the form of biometric card – ePKP).

In the case of transition of holders of employee cards and blue cards issued within the government program High Qualified Employer and The key and Scientific staff to a ordinary employee card, there is no obligation to complete the course – technically there is no change of purpose of stay.

The following cases may occur:

- a) employee card issued under a government programme -> switching to a (non-programme) employee card -> no change in purpose of stay (still "employee card") = no need to go on an adaptation and integration course
- b) blue card issued under a government programme -> change to a (non-programme) blue card -> no change of purpose of stay (still a "blue card" purpose) = no need to go on an adaptation and integration course
- c) employee card issued under a government programme -> transition to a blue card -> change of purpose of stay (from "employee card" to "blue card") = must attend an adaptation and integration course
- d) blue card issued under a government programme -> transition to an employment card -> change of purpose of stay (from "blue card" to "employment card") = must attend an adaptation and integration course

Instruction on the obligation to complete an adaptation-integration course on picking up a biometric card (ePKP).

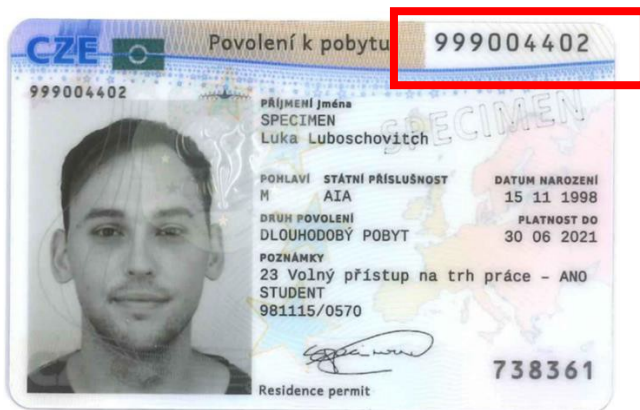
This instruction is given to every third-country national from 4 January 2021 by picking up the biometric card (ePKP) at the Mol office. However, it is up to the foreigner to assess whether this legal obligation applies to him/her or if it will apply in the future (eg. change of purpose of stay). It is therefore in no way an obligation to complete the course.

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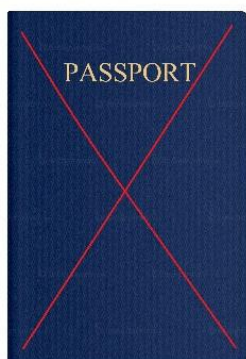
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Applying for an adaptation-integration course

To log in, a third-country national needs to have a biometric card (ePKP) issued, containing the ePKP number, which is necessary for logging into the system: <https://frs.gov.cz/kurzyl/>



Always enter only the biometric card number (ePKP) when registering.



! NEVER enter your passport or visa number when registering !

Obligation to complete an adaptation-integration course of holders of employee and blue cards issued within the government programs Highly Qualified Employee and Key and Scientific staff and their family members.

Holders of employee and blue cards issued under the government program High Qualified Employee and Key and Scientific staff not have to complete the adaptation-integration course. This only applies to the holders of these cards.

Family members of holders of the above-mentioned employee and blue cards are obliged to complete the adaptation-integration course if they do not meet any of the exceptions (the obligation to complete the adaptation-integration course does not apply for example to foreigners who has not reached the age of 15 on the day of entry into force of the decision to issue a residence permit, or who has reached the age of 61 on that day).

More about exceptions here:

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Can I register for a course even if I have no obligation to complete the course?

Foreigners from third countries can apply for a paid course without being obliged to complete it. The condition is the ownership of the biometric card (ePKP) and the payment. If the course is completed after 1 January 2021 by a third country national who does not have this obligation and it arises over time (for example by changing the purpose of stay), the obligation is considered fulfilled.

We need a tax receipt/invoice for the adaptation and integration course. Is it possible to issue it?

The Ministry of the Interior cannot issue a tax document because it is the exercise of public administration within the meaning of Section 5 of Act No. 235/2004 Coll., on Value Added Tax, which is not an economic activity.