



POLISH LANGUAGE AND LEGALISATION OF STAY

Knowledge of the local language is always helpful in everyday life in another country, when looking for work and dealing with any other matters.

IN POLAND, DOCUMENTED KNOWLEDGE OF POLISH IS REQUIRED DURING TWO PROCEDURES:

- while applying for a stay permit as a long-term European Union resident,
- while applying for Polish citizenship.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THOSE TWO PROCEDURES NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE CONFIRMING LANGUAGE SKILLS. SUCH A CERTIFICATE CAN BE:

- 1. Certificate of knowledge of Polish as a foreign language issued by the National Committee for Certification of Knowledge of Polish as a Foreign Language (Państwowa Komisja do spraw Poświadczania Znajomości Języka Polskiego jako Obcego) at the language level of at least B1,

OR

- 2. Certificate of completion of a primary, secondary (upper-secondary, technical, vocational or post-secondary) or art school in Poland, or a diploma (Bachelor's or Master's) confirming completion of university studies in Poland with the language of tuition being Polish,

OR

- 3. Certificate of completion of a school or university abroad with the language of tuition being Polish, if the education system in that country is similar to the Polish education system.

Persons under 16 years old do not have to demonstrate knowledge of Polish as part of those procedures.

A certificate of knowledge of Polish as a foreign language can be obtained by passing an exam, which is held several times a year in large Polish cities (in Mazovia only in Warsaw).

WHEN'S THE EXAM?

The examination schedule is established by the National Committee for Certification of Knowledge of Polish as a Foreign Language. In 2019, exams will be held on 9–10 March, 15–16 June and 23–24 November.

Please note that exams for different language levels are held on different dates. When planning to take an exam you should check the current dates, levels and locations where exams are held.

REGISTRATION

You can register for an exam at one of the centres authorised to hold examinations. A list of examination centres can be found at www.certyfikatpolski.pl.

Each centre has its own recruitment procedure. Registration usually opens 2–3 months before the scheduled examination date and lasts until all places have been taken. It's a good idea to register in advance – there are usually many people who want to take the exam.

BEFORE YOU TAKE THE EXAM...

You can take the exam irrespective of where, when and how long you learnt Polish. However, you it's a good idea to check your language level, for example, by using sample tests published on the website dedicated to the exam: www.certyfikatpolski.pl. On the website you will also find additional guidance, tasks, materials and handbooks to help you learn. Some centres also hold special courses to help candidates prepare for the exam (e.g. Linguae Mundi Foreign Language Teaching Foundation – *Fundacja Nauki Języków Obcych Linguae Mundi*).

The exam checks your understanding of spoken and written Polish, as well as your knowledge of Polish grammar and ability to write in Polish.

FEES

All examination centres determine their fees individually. The fees can't exceed the maximum amounts set out by the Polish Language Act (art. 11g, item 5 of the Polish Language Act of 7 October 1999):

- 90 euro for levels: A1, A2, B1 and B2 (children and youth)
- 120 euro for levels: A1 and A2 (adults)
- 150 euro for levels: B1 and B2 (adults)
- 180 euro for levels: C1 and C2 (adults)

You need to pay separately for a certificate confirming that you've passed the exam. Its cost is the equivalent of 20 euro (payable in Polish złoty).

All necessary information about the exam is available at: www.certyfikatpolski.pl





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