Czechia amends Education Act with impact on the education of foreigners

Effective as of 1 September 2025, the Ministry of Education amended the Education Act, which will affect schools nation-wide, including the education of students with a foreign background. Key changes include:

- Language support for pupils with a different mother tongue will be extended to pupils who are Czech citizens but still have similar integration needs as foreigners. Methodological guidance has been also issued for the implementation of this measure.
- The range of applicants eligible for admission to secondary and higher vocation schools is expanded, as of January 2026, while admission is also facilitated through a number of practical measures.
- The minimum required level of proficiency in Czech language is reduced for certain profiles of teachers, as of September 2025.
- School 'indexation' will be introduced as of January 2026 to allow for a fairer funding based on complexity of education provided by each school, allocating, for example, more resources to schools with higher proportion of foreign students.

More information is available here.

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