Validation of the secondary education („nostrifikace")

Validation of the secondary education is according to Law 111/1998 Coll. and on the amendment and supplementation of other laws a prerequisite for being admitted to any university in the Czech Republic.

The validation of secondary education is done by the Regional Government Authorities. The relevant Regional Government Authority issues a certificate on the equivalence of foreign degrees and makes decisions regarding the recognition of foreign degrees (validation) in the Czech Republic. Validation process of foreign educational outputs isn´t subordinate just to the Czech legislation but most importantly to international agreements that are favoured for document validation.

The relevant authority for Brno (South-Moravian Region) is:
Department of education, „Krajský úřad Jihomoravského kraje", Cejl 73, Brno,
Mrs. Dagmar Kostrhůnová, e-mail: kostrhunova.dagmar@kr-jihomoravsky.cz, phone: +420 541 653 527.

There are different regulations in respect to different countries in mutual diploma validation. Every request is reviewed individually and for this reason it is very difficult to generalize about this process. In most cases the students must submit the following documents:

Documents required for validation of secondary education:
1. An original or a verified copy of high school leaving certificate (or equivalent).
2. An original or a verified copy of transcript (study plan) from at least three last school years (this plan must contain all subjects and number of lessons assigned to each subject)
3. In case that the school is private, it´s needed a document confirming that the school is acknowledged as part of the educational system by the state under whose legal system the certification from abroad is issued
- all these documents must be translated by a certified translator to the Czech or Slovak language.
- in the Regional Government Office you will receive an Application and you will pay there a fee of 1000 CZK.