

Translated Letter dated March 10, 2017 – from SLOVAK to English with June 1st deadline to Close File

Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Ottawa
Our Ref. 004262/2017-CAVV-0034912
Ottawa, March 10, 2017

RE: Notification Re Request for Additional Information for Application for Proof of SR
Citizenship - Jan Popelas

Please find attached the request of the District Municipality of Kosice, Ref. No. 2681/2017 with respect to your application for Certificate of SR Citizenship.

Please send requested additional documents to the address of our Embassy by May 1, 2017.

Please confirm reception of this notification at andrea.dankaninova@mzv.sk

Encl. Application for delivery of Notification Re Request for Additional Information for Application for Proof of SR.

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF KOSICE
Section of General Agenda
Department of Administration, Citizenship and Vital Statistics
Komenskeho 52, 041 26 Kosice

Ref. No. OU-KE-OV VSI-2017/010211, February 15, 2017

RE:
Issuing of the Certificate of Citizenship of the Slovak Republic - Notification

The District Municipality of Kosice has registered your application for search for the Slovak citizenship under Act....., filed through the Slovak Embassy in Ottawa.

You have supported your application with your Canadian passport, birth and marriage certificate, death certificate of your wife, certificate of Canadian citizenship, and the certificate of Czechoslovak citizenship issued in 1935. Based on the submitted documents it is possible to conclude that you with your parents were the Czechoslovak citizens at least in 1935.

However, as a result of your immigration, most likely with your mother in 1936(since your father was a permanent resident of Canada at the time of issuing the certificate of Czechoslovak citizenship), it is assumed that the citizenship was lost on the grounds of the long -term stay abroad, for period of 10 years or longer, under ss. 31/32 ... of the Austro-Hungarian Act on acquiring and loss of Hungarian citizenship as amended by the Czechoslovak Republic Citizenship and Domicile Act 236/1920.

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The uninterrupted absence commences on the day of expiration of the passport of the parent who accompanied then minor applicant (age of maturity was 21 years) or on the date of expiration of the passport of the minor applicant himself. Therefore, without submitting of the respective document showing the expiration date of the passport used to leave the country it is not possible to establish loss or preservation of Czechoslovak citizenship and, subsequently, declare the citizenship of the Slovak Republic.

The 10-year period of absence was, under the legislation quoted above, interrupted if [a] the respective Czechoslovak authorities were notified of the intent to keep Czechoslovak citizenship, or if [b] a person registered domicile with the Consular Section of the respective country of stay, or if [c] he/she extended validity of his/her passport, or if [d] a new passport was issued upon return to native country, even for a short stay for the purposes of visit, business, etc.

If the wife, or the wife with children, respectively, joined her husband or the father of the children abroad and the husband/father of the children lost his Czechoslovak citizenship afterwards in spite of the fact that they resided abroad less than 10 years, they all lose Czechoslovak citizenship together with the husband/father of the children.

The loss of Czechoslovak citizenship due to long-term absence could have occur before 09/30/1949.

In your application you state that you have acquired Canadian citizenship by naturalization in 1986, which contradicts the information in your marriage certificate according to which in 1952 you got married already as a Canadian citizen.

Under ... Act quote above, the applicant should submit additional documents requested by the District Municipality in order to assess an application for Certificate of Citizenship of the SR. Therefore, we ask you to submit by June 1, 2017 to provide us with additional documents required for establishment of your status, and especially, the copies of your and your father's passports, any documents showing the date on which you and your parents acquired Canadian citizenship, or the documents showing your Czechoslovak citizenship status after your moving to Canada, respectively, or any such document.

In addition, we would like to note that the District Municipality carried out its own search in the matter. As soon as we receive additional supporting documents, we will reopen your case and, should we establish that indeed you are a citizen of the Slovak Republic, we will issue the relevant Certificate.

Sincerely, etc....

Commented [KP1]: Please note that the original Citizenship Card submitted was issued in 1986. This is the date of issue and not the date John Popelas became a Canadian Citizen. Please note on enclosed document John Popelas became a Canadian Citizen on January 1, 1947. (Official Proof attached and translated into Slovak)

Commented [KP2]: Please note John Popelas (DOB – Nov 5, 1925) immigrated to Canada with his mother (Anna – DOB – 1905) Feb 17, 1936. The following year (1937) she passed. His father Jan (DOB – Jan 17, 1904) passed in 1984. Other than the grave stone (picture attached) we have no additional information.