

For the AIDA Country Report: Hungary – Update on the year 2025, responses were received from the following authorities:

1. Government Office of the Capital City Budapest
2. Ministry of Finance
3. National Office for the Judiciary

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In 2021, the HHC was aware of the practice in place at government offices, according to which the officer requires the applicant to write down their whole curriculum vitae again or a summary of it, or to fill in the application form in front of them, thereby controlling the Hungarian language skills of the applicant. Even minors were requested to re-write their CV on the spot.	page 124, Content of International Protection section A. 4. Procedure	Pursuant to Section 2(1) of Government Decree No. 125/1993 (IX. 22.) (hereinafter: Government Decree) pursuant to Section 2(1) pursuant to Section 2(1), following receipt of the application for citizenship, a civil servant of the district (capital district) office of the metropolitan and county government office, a consular officer, a civil servant of the integrated customer service office, and the authority handling citizenship matters shall verify the applicant's identity, as well as, in the case of citizenship applications submitted pursuant to Section 4(3) and (3a) of the Act, the applicant's knowledge of the Hungarian language, and shall certify this, as well as the authenticity of the applicant's signature, by signing the application. The verification of Hungarian language proficiency covers both oral and written communication. This may also include writing a resume in the presence of the authority. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 3(9) of the Government Decree, a handwritten resume—which

		must be attached to an application for naturalization or restoration of citizenship submitted on the form specified in Section 1—may only be submitted by adult applicants.
Nonetheless as per the experience of HHC, in 2020 the government offices did not accept the certificate of one specific school that is considered to provide a lower quality educational programme by the authorities. Applicants presenting such certificates were instructed by the officers to take the constitutional exam. In the view of the HHC, this practice is unlawful as the mentioned school is accredited in Hungary and there is no legal basis for such a rejection for the certificate. Such practice has not been reported since 2021.	page 124, Content of International Protection section A. 4. Procedure	In all cases, the authority handling citizenship matters acted in accordance with the relevant legal provisions. Thus, in these cases, in accordance with the Act on National Public Education, educational qualifications were assessed in accordance with the provisions in force at the time regarding exemption from the constitutional basics exam. Under current regulations, a certificate issued upon successful completion of the eighth grade—regardless of the type of school—as well as the completion of special education, certifies basic school education. A certificate issued upon successful completion of the final grade of high school, vocational school, or skills development school, on the other hand, certifies a secondary school diploma.
Menedék Association highlights, however, that persons of concern are not only afraid of their status being withdrawn, but also of the authorities of their countries of origin being aware of their whereabouts. Menedék Association reported a concrete case where a client from Palestine was specifically asked by the case-officer of the naturalisation procedure to travel to Tel-Aviv, Israel, to have the diplomatic legalisation of his documents via the Hungarian embassy there. ⁶⁶⁸ This problem still persists in 2025.	page 125, Content of International Protection section A. 4. Procedure	For an application for citizenship, unless otherwise provided by an international treaty, a generally applicable and directly enforceable legal act of the European Union, or a practice of reciprocity, the foreign document must be accompanied by diplomatic legalization—provided there is no insurmountable obstacle to this under a government decree.
There is an <i>ex lege</i> eventual practice of the Government Office of Budapest, according to which the authority summons the applicant for a so-called ‘data checking’.	page 125, Content of International Protection section A. 4. Procedure	Pursuant to the judgment of the Budapest Metropolitan Court No. 105.K.701.143/2023/6, where the law does not stipulate that a given condition must exist at a specific point in time, the provision is to be interpreted as meaning that this condition must exist throughout the entire duration of the proceedings. Based on the foregoing, the conditions for naturalization may be examined throughout the entire course of the proceedings.
The pattern seems to show that the government office would consider eligible only the children of recognised stateless parents, even though the Citizenship Act does not mention such criteria.	page 126, Content of International Protection section A. 4. Citizenship by declaration	There is no established practice in this regard, as the Government Office considers only the children of stateless parents to be eligible; no applications for citizenship on this basis were submitted in either 2024 or 2025. Two applications were received in 2023. Applications from children of parents with Ethiopian and Syrian citizenship were rejected on the grounds that both children had acquired their parents’ citizenship by birth. In 2022, applications were rejected not only due to statelessness but also due to the lack of other legal requirements (the parents’ residence in Hungary).

However, Menedék Association reported that in the child's birth certificate it is not written that the child is stateless, but that they are of unknown nationality and since according to the Government Office, it is only possible to acquire Hungarian citizenship by declaration for stateless persons, such children would not receive Hungarian citizenship	page 127., Content of International Protection section A. 4. Citizenship by declaration	It is not true that only stateless persons can obtain Hungarian citizenship by declaration. The citizenship entry on the birth certificate is irrelevant in this government procedure. We do not take it into account, so the fact that the certificate does not list the person as stateless does not affect the decision.
No appeals were initiated against the rejections.	page 127., Content of International Protection section A. 4. Statistical information	With regard to Article 12 of the 1997 European Convention on Nationality, which Hungary has ratified—specifically, the requirement that administrative or judicial remedies be available against such decisions—Hungary entered a reservation. Consequently, the President of the Republic's decision on naturalization becomes final immediately; no legal remedy may be sought against the decision, and there is no possibility of appeal or judicial review. However, an application for citizenship may be submitted an unlimited number of times, regardless of whether it has been rejected.

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"There is no state support targeting specifically people with international protection to obtain employment."	Pg 142, Section E/1.	Subsidy for housing and commuting for employers who employ asylum seekers of Ukrainian citizenship https://nfsz.munka.hu/cikk/2060/Ukran_allampolgarsaggal_rend_elkezo_szemelyek_munkavallalasanak_tamogatasa Subsidy for housing for employers who employ asylum seekers of Ukrainian citizenship https://nfsz.munka.hu/cikk/3076/Menedekes_munkavallalok_lak_hatasi_tamogatasa
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Page 16, *Temporary protection procedure*: 'The Szeged Regional Court (Szegedi Törvényszék) submitted...'

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Page 19, List of authorities intervening in each stage of the procedure, 5th row in the table correctly:

Appeal (Judicial review) – 8 Regional Courts – ~~with administrative law division.~~

Page 22, Short overview of the asylum procedure, fourth paragraph

'The second instance is a judicial review procedure carried out by 8 Regional Courts, which are specialized in administrative litigation, but not specialised in asylum.'

Page 24, Last paragraph, missing last sentence is:

'The court – with some exception – shall also change the administrative act if in the repeated procedure the administrative body – based on the same legal or factual situation – has taken an act contrary to the final judgment of the court (Torubarov amendment).'

Page 46

'Decisions taken by the NDGAP may be challenged in a single instance judicial review procedure; there is no onward appeal. 8 of the ~~The Public Administrative and Labour Law~~ Regional Courts (which have administrative branches), organised at the level of regional courts (at the judicial second-instance level), have jurisdiction over asylum cases, which are dealt with by single judges. Judges are typically not asylum specialists, nor are they specifically trained in asylum law.'¹⁸¹

Competent court

Since April 2020, the administrative branches of the 8 regional courts have jurisdiction.¹⁸²

Page 57, first paragraph

Asylum seekers have the right to request judicial review of a Dublin decision before the competent Regional Administrative and Labour Court within 3 days.²⁴⁵

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