



## “THE MOTHERLAND COMES FIRST”

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### **Simplified naturalization**

Preferential naturalization may be granted without the requirement of residence in Hungary for the non-Hungarian citizen,

- who has been living for at least ten years in a valid marriage with a person who at the time of the submission of the application was a Hungarian citizen, or
- who has been living for at least five years in a valid marriage with a person who at the time of the submission of the application was a Hungarian citizen and they had a child born, provided that this person
- has a clean criminal record, and at the time of the assessment of the application, there are no criminal proceedings in progress against the person before a Hungarian court;
- the person's naturalization does not violate the public security and the national security of Hungary, and
- can provide proof of their Hungarian language skills.

Preferential naturalization may be granted without the requirement of residence in Hungary for the non-Hungarian citizen, who had Hungarian citizens in the ascendant line or claims his/her Hungarian descent and is able to give proof of his/her Hungarian language skills, provided that

- the person has a clean criminal record, and at the time of the assessment of the application, there are no criminal proceedings in progress against the person before a Hungarian court;
- the person's naturalization does not violate the public security and the national security of Hungary.

The criteria of continuous residence in Hungary for the periods of time defined above, may be waived in the case of minors, if the minor's petition for naturalization is submitted together with that of the parent's or if the minor's parent was granted Hungarian citizenship.

Hungarian language knowledge is waived for persons who are mentally incapacitated or have limited mental capacities.

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