

Rules for mountain leaders from EU/foreign countries who want to provide services in Czech Republic

According to the UIMLA standard, an **International Mountain Leader** is a person who is qualified to lead, teach, support and train clients, paying or otherwise, to all areas in all seasons, including snow covered terrain, except for activities reserved for mountain guides. When providing cross border services Mountain Leader must comply with national laws related to the provision of services.

When in this questionnaire we make reference to EU citizens or EU member states we are also including citizens coming from Switzerland and EFTA countries.

Bellow you will find the applicable rules which were obtained in a form of questionnaire from respective national authorities and further processed by UIMLA. The information provided is confirmed by:

Contact details for the authority: Martina Kovarikova, kovarikova@mpo.cz, +420 224 852 365, Ministry of Industry and Trade – Department of Business and Consumer Legislation

Date: 30 June 2023

1. Mountain leader profession

Does the profession of mountain leader exist in the Czech Republic?

Yes

And does a profession of a mountain leader exist as a profession independent of the profession of a mountain guide?

Both professions (mountain leader and mountain guide) can be carried out within a trade authorization for “tourist assistance activities in mountain areas”

2. Entry requirements for mountain leaders from EU member states - prior declaration or other?

Do you require qualified mountain leaders **from EU member states** to send a **prior declaration** before they start temporarily providing services of a mountain leader in your country?

Yes.

3. If Yes

What are the requirements and documents which a **mountain leader from EU member states** has to submit for the purpose of a prior declaration?

- Predescribed form, it is available from:
<https://www.mpo.cz/en/business/licensed-trades/obligations-arising-for-persons-temporarily-providing-services-in-the-czech-republic/obligations-of-persons-temporarily-providing-services-in-the-czech-republic--50176/> and a direct link to the form::
https://www.mpo.cz/assets/en/business/licensed-trades/obligations-arising-for-persons-temporarily-providing-services-in-the-czech-republic/2018/3/OZNAMENI-FO_180329_EN.pdf.
- Certificate of nationality

- Copy of the professional certificate or a proof of it
- Qualification diploma
- A document confirming that the person is established in the member state of origin and that the person carries out activities in accordance with that state's legislation (e.g. a business register extract)

Do you recognise **the professional certificate** issued by UIMLA national association as a proof of necessary qualification?

If the professional qualification certificate is recognized in the member state and the professional is authorized to carry out the activity of a mountain leader in that state, he is also authorized to provide activities on the temporary basis in the Czech Republic (after a prior declaration)

Is it necessary to have the documents **translated** into your language?

Yes

Is it necessary to have the documents notarised?

No

Can the declaration be passed **online**? If so, please enter a link to it:

No.

But, professionals who made the prior declaration are later listed in service providers register: https://uok.msmt.cz/uok/not_list.php?lang=en&dl=en

Are there any special rules for mountain leaders coming from EU member states where the profession is **not regulated** (the state of the origin of mountain leader does not require any qualification)? If so, please describe them

Providers of services coming from EU member states where the profession is not regulated have to attach to their prior declaration an evidence that the person has carried out the activity in the member state for at least of one year in the preceding ten years, or evidence of regulated training as professional preparation for the performance of the activity in the member state of origin (instead of qualification diploma).

Is there **a fee** for processing the prior declaration? If so, please specify how much.

The process of prior declaration is not subject to a fee.

How long does the procedure of prior declaration usually take?

The process of prior declaration is usually finished by delivery of the declaration (if the declaration contains all the necessities).

(Applies to EU member states only) Do you apply the regime of the "European professional card" in order to manage a prior declaration for the practice of mountain leaders in your country?

Yes, but only for the activity of a mountain guide.

Please specify what mountain leaders will receive at the end of the prior declaration procedure

An extract from the service providers register (only if the provider asks for it).

Do you apply the same regime for mountain leaders from non-EU states?

No

If 'No': please describe the requirements which mountain-leaders from non-EU states have to meet:

Mountain leaders from non-EU states have to fulfill conditions according to the Trade Licensing Act (general conditions, professional competence, residence permit) – they have to obtain a trade authorization for carrying out the activity in the area of the Czech Republic.

6. Entry requirements for mountain leaders **from non-EU states** - no prior declaration

Does it mean that mountain leaders **from non-EU states** are free to guide their clients in your country? No

If 'No': does it mean that mountain leaders **from non-EU states** have to meet other entry requirements? Please describe what the other requirements are:

They have to obtain a Czech trade license for “tourist assistance activities in mountain areas”. All foreigners may obtain the trade license under the same legal conditions as Czech citizens.

In general non-EU citizens, other than citizens of EFTA countries and Switzerland, cannot benefit from the right of **temporarily and occasionally** providing cross border services.

In case you find information that is incorrect or you have another experience, please send an email to secretary@uimla.org or leave a reply at the bottom of this page:

<https://uimla.org/mobility-rules/>.