



**THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
STATE OFFICE FOR CROATS ABROAD**

Pursuant to Articles 33 and 60 of the Act on the Relations between the Republic of Croatia and Croats Abroad ("Official Gazette" nos. 124/2011 and 16/2012), Article 45 of the Act on the State Administration System ("Official Gazette" nos. 150/2011 and 12/2013), in connection with Article 15 of the Ordinance on Internal Organisation of the State Office for Croats Abroad ("Official Gazette" no. 52/2012) and pursuant to Article 10 of the Rules on the Award of Support/Scholarships for Croatian Language Learning in the Republic of Croatia and for Croatian Language Learning via the Internet (CLASS: 011-02/15-03/02, REG. NUMBER: 537-02-03/3-15-01) of 30 March 2015 and the Amendments and Supplements to the Rules on the Award of Support/Scholarships for Croatian Language Learning in the Republic of Croatia and for Croatian Language Learning via the Internet (CLASS: 011-02/15-03/02, REG. NUMBER: 537-02-03/3-16-02) of 7 April 2016, the State Office for Croats Abroad (hereinafter: State Office)

hereby announces a

**PUBLIC CALL
for Applications for the Award of Support/Scholarships for Croatian Language
Learning in the Republic of Croatia
and
for Croatian Language Learning via the Internet
in the 2016/17 academic year**

1. TYPE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The State Office for Croats Abroad makes awards for support/scholarship for Croatian language learning in the Republic of Croatia for one or two semesters and also for Croatian language learning via the internet for one semester (initial stage) in the 2016/17 academic year.

Members of the Croatian people, their spouses, and friends of the Croatian people and of the Republic of Croatia who nurture the Croatian identity and promote Croatian cultural unity, who have completed at least secondary education, who are not younger than 18 years and have permanent residence outside the Republic of Croatia may apply to this public invitation.

The beneficiaries of the support/scholarship for Croatian language learning in the Republic of Croatia may also have had permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia for no more than two years preceding the date of publication of this invitation for applications.

A beneficiary who has finished one or two semesters, an award for support/scholarship for Croatian language learning may be granted for the third and/or fourth semester under the condition that the explained intention to reside, study or work in the Republic of Croatia is

shown and that the certificates of the educational institution on the previously passed semesters with excellent or very good grade points are submitted.

The support/scholarship will not be awarded to candidates who are also beneficiaries of another scholarship in the Republic of Croatia.

A) Pursuant to the awarded support/scholarship for Croatian language learning in the Republic of Croatia, the State Office for Croats abroad (hereinafter: "State Office") will meet the costs for beneficiaries of:

- a Croatian language course (payment to the organizer of the course)
- subsidised meals, up to two meals a day (paid to the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports)
- accommodation costs (in a student dormitory or private accommodation) up to HRK 300 a month
- payment of HRK 100 a month for personal needs.

The State Office for Croats Abroad provides the beneficiaries of support/scholarship for learning of Croatian language in the Republic of Croatia accommodation in student dormitories in the Republic of Croatia, in accordance with the number of available places approved by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports for each academic year.

This student accommodation means a twin bedroom of medium category, pursuant to the rules of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports in force (according to price, age and the like).

Beneficiaries of support/scholarship for the learning of the Croatian language in the Republic of Croatia who have permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia up to 50 km away from the location of the course shall not be entitled to student accommodation.

B) On the basis of the awarded support/scholarship for Croatian language learning via the internet, the State Office shall meet the costs for beneficiaries of:

- a Croatian language course via the internet - HiT-1 (to be paid to the organiser of the course).

2. LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF CROATIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

A) The courses will be held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Universities of Zagreb, Split and Rijeka:

- winter semester (3 October 2016 to 27 January 2017)
- summer semester (27 February to 9 June 2017)

B) Croatian language learning via the internet will be held according to the following schedule:

- winter semester (12 September to 4 December 2016)
- summer semester (6 March to 28 May 2017)

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Tender application must be accompanied by the submission of the following documentation:

A) for Croatian Language Learning in the Republic of Croatia

A1) Candidates - members of the Croatian people

- 1) a completed application form (signed by the candidate)
- 2) a brief biography (explaining the reasons for applying)
- 3) a valid travel document from all states of which they are a citizen
- 4) proof of residence outside the RC (foreign personal identity card, or other corresponding document), or if the candidate has been resident in the RC for the past two years, it is necessary to provide proof of residence in the RC (a corresponding document issued by the Ministry of the Interior of the RC).
- 5) birth certificate
- 6) written proof of membership of the Croatian people - one of the following public documents of the candidate or their parents or some other ancestor if it contains information on Croatian nationality: birth certificate or school certificate, or a copy of a school register or student record, or an employment record book, or military service record book, or a marriage certificate or a death certificate or a decision on the award of Croatian citizenship pursuant to Articles 16 or 11, or a written statement by the head of the competent DM/CO of the RC or community/association of Croatian emigrants.
If membership of the Croatian people is to be proven by a public document of an ancestor, it is also necessary to prove the blood connection with that person and provide a birth certificate of the parents, or their parents, all the way back to the ancestral member of the Croatian people.
- 7) certificate of completion of secondary school, post-secondary or university education.

A2) Candidates - spouses of members of the Croatian people

- 1) a completed application form (signed by the candidate)
- 2) a brief biography (explaining the reasons for applying)
- 3) a valid travel document for all states of which they are a citizen
- 4) proof of residence outside the RC (foreign personal identity card, or other corresponding document), and if the candidate has been resident in the RC for the past two years it is necessary to provide proof of permanent residence in the RC (a corresponding document issued by the Ministry of the Interior of the RC).
- 5) the candidate's birth certificate
- 6) written proof of the the candidate's spouse's membership of the Croatian people - one of the following public documents of the candidate's spouse or his or her parents or another ancestor if it contains information on Croatian nationality: birth certificate or school certificate or a copy of a school register or student record or employment record book, or military service record book, or marriage certificate, or death certificate or birth certificate or decision on the award of Croatian citizenship pursuant to Article 16 or 11, or a written statement by the head of the competent DM/CO of the RC or community/association of Croatian emigrants.
If membership of the Croatian people is to be proven by a public document of an ancestor of the candidate's spouse, their family links must be proven, that is it is necessary to submit a birth certificate of his or her parent, all the way back to the ancestral member of the Croatian people .
- 5.) proof that the candidate's spouse (member of the Croatian people) has permanent residence outside the RC (foreign identity card or another corresponding document), and if he or she has had permanent residence in the RC during last two years, it is

necessary to submit proof of permanent/temporary residence in RC (a corresponding document issued by the Ministry of the Interior of the RC).

- 7) candidate's certificate of completion of secondary school or higher education.
- 8) candidate's marriage certificate

A3) Candidates – friends of the Croatian people

- 1) a completed application form (signed by the candidate)
- 2) a brief biography (explaining the reasons for applying)
- 3) a valid travel document for all states of which they are a citizen
- 4) proof of residence outside the RC (foreign personal identity card, or other corresponding document), or if the candidate has been resident in the RC for the past two years, it is necessary to submit proof of permanent residence in the RC (a corresponding document issued by the Ministry of the Interior of the RC).
- 5) a birth certificate
- 6) a corresponding document certifying commitment to nurturing Croatian identity and the promotion of Croatian cultural unity (a written statement or recommendation by the head of the competent DM/CO of the RC or community/association of Croatian emigrants, certificate of membership of Croatian organisations, and the like).
- 7) a certificate of completion of secondary school, post-secondary or university education.

B) for Croatian Language Learning via the Internet

B1) Candidates - members of the Croatian people

- 1) a completed application form (signed by the candidate)
- 2) a brief biography (explaining the reasons for applying)
- 3) a valid travel document for all states of which they are a citizen
- 4) proof of permanent residence outside the RC (foreign personal identity card, or other corresponding document)
- 5) a birth certificate
- 6) written proof of membership of the Croatian people - one of the following public documents of the candidate or their parents or some other ancestor if it contains information on Croatian nationality: birth certificate or school certificate, or a copy of a school register or student record, or employment record book, or military service record book, or a marriage certificate or death certificate or a decision on the award of Croatian citizenship pursuant to Articles 16 or 11, or a written statement by the head of the competent DM/CO of the RC or community/association of Croatian emigrants.
If membership of the Croatian people is to be proven by a public document of an ancestor, it is also necessary to prove the blood connection with that person and provide a birth certificate of the parents, or their parents, all the way back to the ancestral member of the Croatian people.
- 7) a certificate of completion of secondary school, post-secondary or university education.

B2) Candidates - spouses of members of the Croatian people

- 1) a completed application form (signed by the candidate)
- 2) a brief biography (explaining the reasons for applying)
- 3) a valid travel document for all states of which they are a citizen
- 4) proof of residence outside the RC (foreign personal identity card, or other corresponding document)
- 5) the candidate's birth certificate

- 6) written proof of the the candidate's spouse's membership of the Croatian people - one of the following public documents of the candidate's spouse or his or her parents or another ancestor if it contains information on Croatian nationality: birth certificate or school certificate or a copy of a school register or student record or employment record book, or military service record book, or marriage certificate, or death certificate or birth certificate or decision on the award of Croatian citizenship pursuant to Articles 16 or 11, or a written statement by the head of the competent DM/CO of the RC or community/association of Croatian emigrants.
If membership of the Croatian people is to be proven by a public document of an ancestor of the candidate's spouse, their family links must be proven, that is, it is necessary to submit a birth certificate of his or her parent, all the way back to the ancestral member of the Croatian people.
- 7) proof that the candidate's spouse (member of the Croatian people) has permanent residence outside the RC (foreign identity card or other corresponding document)
- 8) the candidate's certificate of completion of secondary school, post-secondary or university education.
- 9) the candidate's marriage certificate

B3) Candidates – friends of the Croatian people

- 1) a completed application form (signed by the candidate)
- 2) a brief biography (explaining the reasons for applying)
- 3) a valid travel document for all states of which they are a citizen
- 4) proof of permanent residence outside the RC (foreign personal identity card, or other corresponding document)
- 5) a birth certificate
- 6) a corresponding document certifying commitment to nurturing Croatian identity and the promotion of Croatian cultural unity (a written statement or recommendation by the head of the competent DM/CO of the RC or a community/association of Croatian emigrants, certificate of membership of Croatian organisations, and the like).
- 7) a certificate of completion of secondary school, post-secondary or university education.

REMARK: Candidates – members of the Croatian people who have been awarded previously support/scholarship for the Croatia language learning by the State Office for Croats Abroad, are not obliged to submit a written proof of membership of the Croatian people when submitting this application.

4. CRITERIA

The criteria which will be the basis for the determination of the list of candidates for the award of support/scholarship for the Croatian Language Learning are the following:

A) for Croatian Language Learning in the Republic of Croatia

	Criteria	Number of credits
1.	candidates under 25 years by the date of the publication of the Public Invitation (to be proven by a birth certificate)	20
2.	candidates from 26 to 35 years by the date of the publication of the Public Invitation (to be proven by a birth certificate)	10

3.	candidates enrolled in the first or second year of studies, or the first or second year of undergraduate studies at a post-secondary institution in the RC (to be proven by a certificate of the higher education institution in the RC)	20
4.	returnee candidates with up to two years of permanent residence in RC (to be proven by a certificate from the Ministry of the Interior of RC)	20
5.	candidates who have already completed one semester for which the costs were borne by the State Office with excellent grades (to be proven by an agreement concluded with this State Office and a certificate from a higher education institution in RC at which the candidate took the course)	15
6.	candidates with completed post-secondary or university education (to be proven by a certificate of the higher education institution outside RC)	10
7.	candidates who have already completed one semester for which the costs were borne by the State Office with very good grades (to be proven by an agreement concluded with this State Office and a certificate from the higher education institution in the RC at which the candidate took the course)	10
8.	candidates who are active members of a community/association of the Croatian minority or Croatian emigrants (to be proven by a certificate by the community/association outside the RC)	20

B) for Croatian Language Learning via the Internet

	Criteria	Number of credits
1.	candidates under 25 years (to be proven by a birth certificate)	20
2.	candidates between 26 and 35 years (to be proven by a birth certificate)	10
3.	candidates who are active members of a community/association of Croatian minority or Croatian emigrants (to be proven by a certificate by the community/association outside RC)	20

REMARK: If candidates are awarded the same number of credits, the priority for the award of support/scholarship for learning the Croatian language in the Republic of Croatia shall be given to members of the Croatian people, followed by their spouses, followed by friends of the Croatian people.

5. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications shall be submitted only by the electronic mail to:
tečaj-hrvatskog-jezika@hrvatiizvanrh.rh

Applications may be submitted from the date of the publication of the Public Invitation on the website of the State Office for Croats Abroad: www.hrvatiizvanrh.hr until **16 May 2016**. Incomplete and incorrect applications and applications submitted after the expiry of the deadline shall not be considered.

6. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The decision on the award of support/scholarships for Croatian language learning in the Republic of Croatia and for Croatian language learning via the internet shall be published on the website of the State Office for Croats Abroad: www.hrvatiizvanrh.hr.

Further information may be obtained by calling: +385 (1) 6444 683

7. REGULATION OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Candidates selected for learning the Croatian language in the Republic of Croatia - members of the Croatian people, their spouses and friends of the Croatian people who do not have Croatian citizenship (foreign citizens) must regulate their temporary stay in the Republic of Croatia in good time.

For all information related to temporary residence in the Republic of Croatia, candidates should apply to the competent diplomatic-consular representative of the Republic of Croatia.

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Enclosure:

- Application form