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### **Issue of C permit: new language skills requirements**

On 1.1.2019, the Law on Foreigners and their Integration (AIG / LstrI) and the Ordinance on Admission, Residence and Employment (VZAE / OASA) introduced **minimum language proficiency requirements for the issuance of permits to foreigners**.

Initially, nationals from the following states were excluded from this requirement: Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Greece and the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Following the sentence of the Federal Court STF 2C\_881/2021 of 9 May 2022 and according to the Instructions of the State Secretariat for Migration in Bern (Instruction LStrI n.3.5.2.3, status as of 1.10.2022), in Ticino all citizens applying for a C permit are obliged to prove their linguistic competence in Italian (fide or CELI certificate, **minimum oral skills level A2 and minimum written skills level A1**). Only Italian citizens are excluded from this obligation.

However, the obligation to prove language skills does **not apply to the mere renewal** of C permits.