

Law N. 451 of 4 October 1991 - The Great Lustration Act

[Czechoslovakia dissolved on 31 December 1992, the Czech Republic, together with the Slovak Republic, came into existence on 1 January 1993]

This first lustration law was supposed to be into place till 1996. However, the application of the act was extended till 2000. In the year 2000 the time limitation of the act validity was abolished.

The law barred certain categories of people (specifically people who had various ties to the communist regime. E.g.: officers and collaborators of the State Security Service, high officials of the Communist Party, members of the People's Militias or students of certain high schools – *Suspected Positions*) from holding a series of public positions (state administration, the armed and security forces, constitutional courts and state-owned enterprises – *Protected Positions*).