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Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

The role of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in Finland is to promote the health and functional capacity of the population, secure a healthy living environment, ensure that people can maintain an adequate income, and safeguard social welfare and health care services.

The Ministry's primary function as part of the Government is to manage and guide the development of social protection, social welfare services and health care services, and the policies covering these areas. It also determines guidelines for this development, drafts legislation and key reforms, guides their implementation and maintains the necessary links with the political decision-making process.

The general objectives for social welfare and health care and the measures required for their implementation are set out in a separate Target and Action Plan for Social Welfare and Health Care, which covers the term of office of the Government in power. The development of social welfare and health care services is thus an integral part of the political decision-making process, and these services form part of the Government's basic public services programme. The Target and Action Plan represents an agreement on cooperation between local and central government.

For the purposes of central government administration Finland is divided into six provinces. The State Provincial Offices guide and supervise social welfare and health care within their own areas of jurisdiction. At local government level, the municipalities are responsible for the actual provision of services.

Strategic objectives

The strategic objectives for social welfare and health care policy for the next few years can be summarized as follows:

- to promote people's health and functional capacity
- to increase the attractiveness of work
- to prevent and manage social exclusion
- to ensure the provision of efficient services and reasonable income security.

For social wellbeing to be sustained it is essential to focus on independent coping and the maintenance of people's work ability and functional capacity. The goal is to ensure the continuance of the Nordic welfare state model. The system of social protection in Finland enables and encourages people to be active and assume control over their own lives.

Based on the strategic objectives, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health has adopted the following general objectives for its work in the next few years:

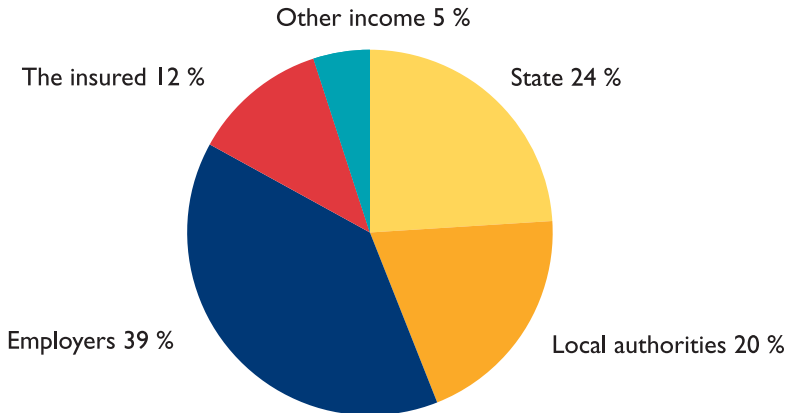
- to finance social protection and ensure that incentives are in place
- to promote people's wellbeing at work and to encourage people to extend their working careers
- to prevent and stop social exclusion
- to promote healthy lifestyles, functional capacity and a pleasant living environment

- to safeguard social welfare and health care services and improve the efficiency of care practices
- to enhance gender equality
- to improve guidance and supervision

Financing social protection

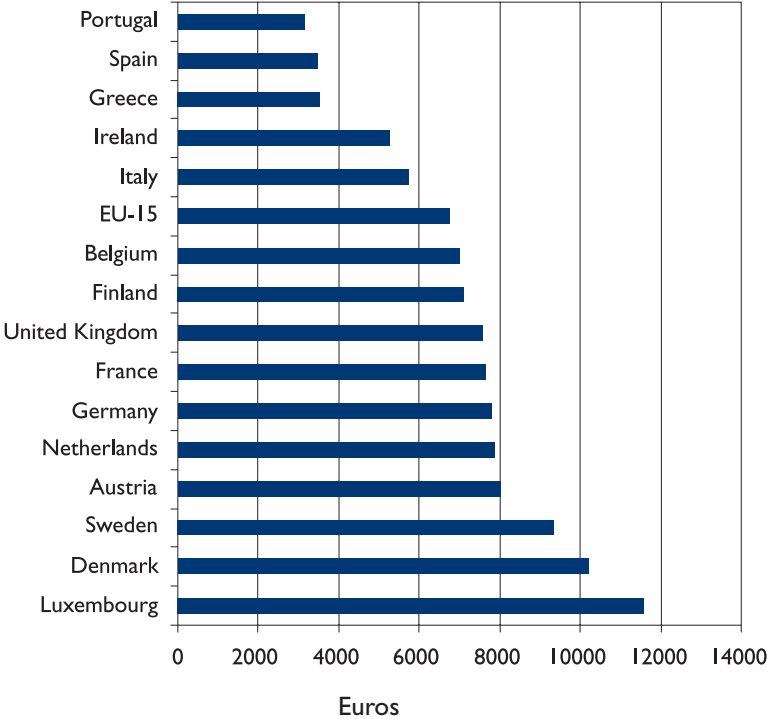
Finland's social protection expenditure in 2005 totalled EUR 42.0 billion. One third of this was financed via the State Budget. The total expenditure on social protection accounted for 27.4 per cent of Finland's GDP; this was below the EU average.

Financing of social protection expenditure in 2005*



* prediction

Social protection expenditure per capita in selected EU countries in 2002



Source: Eurostat

Organization

The work of the Ministry is directed by two Ministers: the Minister of Social Affairs and Health and the Minister of Health and Social Services. Their work is supported by the Permanent Secretary and two State Secretaries, who are the highest civil servants in the Ministry.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health has six Departments:

- Administrative Department
- Insurance Department
- Department for Family and Social Affairs
- Health Department
- Finance and Planning Department
- Department for Occupational Safety and Health

The Departments are responsible for preparatory work on the key elements of social welfare, health care, social protection and occupational safety and health, and for guiding and coordinating the execution of activities in these fields. The work of the Departments is coordinated by the Ministry's Executive Group, which is chaired by the Permanent Secretary.

The following independent authorities operate in association with the Departments:

Ombudsman for Equality
Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board
Ombudsman for Children

Separate units with special tasks:

International Affairs Unit
Advisory Staff
Information and Communication Unit
Preparedness Unit (Social and Medical Preparedness and Response)
Gender Equality Unit

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health employs approximately 490 people.

Administrative Department

The Administrative Department is responsible for the Ministry's general administration and its human resources policy. It also coordinates the Ministry's provision of performance guidance to the Social and Health Departments of the State Provincial Offices, and is in charge of all matters concerning distribution of the Finnish Slot Machine Association's profits and supervision of the Association itself. The Ministry's Social and Medical

Preparedness and Response Unit is also part of the Department and is responsible for emergency planning of social welfare and health care to cope with urgent situations and exceptional circumstances.

The Department is divided into the following units:

- Administrative Services
- Real Estate and Office Services
- Information Management
- Information Services
- Social and Medical Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Joint Management Staff

The Department's activities cover:

- general administration of the Ministry and related authorities
- human resources policy and personnel development
- information services
- information management
- real estate and office services, materials management
- emergency preparedness and planning
- distribution of profits from the Finnish Slot Machine Association, and monitoring of gaming addiction

Ombudsman for Equality

The Ombudsman for Equality operates as an independent authority in association with the Ministry. The statutory function of the Ombudsman

is to supervise compliance with the Act on Equality between Women and Men, in particular compliance with the prohibition on discrimination and discriminatory notices. By issuing initiatives, advice and guidance, the Ombudsman for Equality aims to ensure that the full intent of the law is applied in practice. The extent to which gender equality has been realized in different sectors of society is also monitored by the Ombudsman.

Insurance Department

The function of the Insurance Department is to direct and guide insurance policy and to develop the social insurance legislation and other insurance legislation. The Department deals with matters that concern the Social Insurance Institution and other insurance and pension institutions. It is also in charge of matters concerning the Finnish Centre for Pensions, the Association of Insurance Funds, the Finnish Motor Insurers' Centre, the Patient Insurance Centre, the Unemployment Insurance Fund, the Support Fund and the Education Fund.

The Department is divided into the following units:

- Planning
- International Insurance Affairs
- Unemployment and Health Insurance
- Pension Insurance
- Insurance Market
- Joint Management Staff

The Department's activities cover:

- national pensions and survivors' pensions
- child care allowance
- health and maternity insurance
- disability allowance
- earnings-related pensions
- social security contributions
- motor third party liability insurance
- accident insurance
- patient insurance
- unemployment security
- life assurance and personal insurance
- veterans' pension
- non-life insurance
- international affairs

Agencies and boards subject to the Department's performance guidance procedures:

- Insurance Supervisory Authority
- Unemployment Appeal Board
- Appeal Tribunal

Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board

The function of the Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board, which operates in association with the Ministry, is to confirm the reasonable wholesale price

to be approved as the basis for reimbursements made on the costs of medicinal products, clinical nutritional products and basic creams covered by the compensation system. A reasonable wholesale price means the maximum price at which the product can be sold to pharmacies and hospitals. In addition, the Board decides whether to approve particular medicinal products for special reimbursement.

Health Department

The Health Department is responsible for developing and guiding preventive health care, health care services, occupational health care and health protection, and for drafting legislation on these areas.

The Department is divided into the following units:

- Health Services
- Health Promotion
- Environmental Health and Occupational Health Service
- Joint Management Staff

The Department's activities cover:

- health services
- pharmaceutical service
- health care equipment and supplies
- health care professionals
- state psychiatric hospitals

- central government transfers and specified government transfers to health care
- health promotion and preventive health care
- combating communicable diseases
- reduction of smoking and prevention of substance abuse
- injury prevention
- health protection
- chemicals and radiation control
- gene technology
- occupational health care

Agencies and institutions subject to the Department's performance guidance procedures:

- National Agency for Medicines
- Centre for Pharmacotherapy Development
- National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs
- National Public Health Institute
- Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority
- Finnish Institute of Occupational Health

Department for Family and Social Affairs

The Department for Family and Social Affairs is responsible for social services, promotion of social wellbeing, family policy, alcohol and drugs policy, other social policy, and matters concerning social welfare and health

care planning and central government transfers for social welfare and health care.

The Department is divided into the following units:

- Social Welfare
- Planning and Family Affairs
- Joint Management Staff

The Department's activities cover:

- preventive social policy
- social work
- legislation, planning and guidance concerning social work with substance abusers
- status of, and social services for, older people and people with disabilities
- social assistance and other income security within the social welfare system
- farmers' holiday and stand-in scheme
- compensation for military injuries
- social services for families, children and young people
- family benefits
- social welfare services legislation concerning families, children and young people
- state reform schools

- centres of expertise on social welfare, and regional development and coordination of social services
- legislation on central government transfers to social welfare and health care

Agencies subject to the Department's performance guidance procedures:

- National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health
- National Product Control Agency for Welfare and Health

Ombudsman for Children

The Ombudsman for Children is an independent authority based in Jyväskylä and operating in association with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The Ombudsman's duty is to promote the realization of the interests and rights of the child in cooperation with other authorities and with organizations and other similar actors in the sector.

Finance and Planning Department

The Finance and Planning Department is responsible for preparing and coordinating strategies on social protection. The Department also produces reports and analyses required in the decision-making process, and planning and monitoring documents. It coordinates performance guidance and the preparation and implementation of the budget and action plan for the Ministry's entire administrative sector. The Department also handles the Ministry's remittances, bookkeeping and payroll computation.

In addition, the Department is responsible for developing the policies and legislation on gender equality, and for participation in the work on equality within the EU, the Council of Europe and the UN, and among the Nordic countries.

The Department is divided into the following units:

- Finance
- Accounting
- Planning
- Research and Development
- Gender Equality
- Joint Management Staff

The Department's activities cover:

- strategic planning
- planning and development of social protection
- budget and action plan for the Ministry's administrative sector
- coordinating the performance agreements of agencies and institutions under the Ministry
- analyses concerning income security and social and health conditions
- statistical and information systems on social welfare and health care policy
- research and development
- gender equality

- payroll computation and accounting
- EU financial administration that falls within the Ministry's field of jurisdiction
- EU social protection issues

Department for Occupational Safety and Health

The Department for Occupational Safety and Health is responsible for drafting and developing the occupational safety and health legislation and national policy on occupational safety and health, for coordinating research and for participating in international cooperation on occupational safety and health. The Department is also responsible for performance guidance of the District Administration for Occupational Safety and Health, which supervises occupational safety and health, and for performance guidance of other authorities and establishments under the Ministry in matters of occupational safety and health.

Occupational safety and health also covers the terms and conditions of employment relationships, the physical, social and mental demands of work, and the functioning of workplace communities. Occupational safety and health services are designed to enhance wellbeing at work.

Priorities in occupational safety and health include the prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorders, promotion of employees' mental wellbeing at work and the prevention of accidents in the workplace.

The Department is divided into the following units:

- Development
- Field Operations
- Legislation
- Administrative Resources

Operating in association with the Legislation unit is a section for employment law and the Board for Ratification of the Validity of Collective Agreements.

The Department's activities cover:

- occupational safety and health and its supervision
- wellbeing at work
- control of products used at work
- general applicability of collective agreements
- District Administration for Occupational Safety and Health
- Finnish Work Environment Fund

Agencies subject to the Department's performance guidance procedures:

8 Occupational Safety and Health Inspectorates

Separate units with special tasks

International Affairs Unit

The International Affairs Unit operates as a separate unit outside the control of the Ministry's Departments.

The Unit deals with matters that concern the development, planning and coordination of international affairs management within the Ministry's administrative sector, and the Ministry's representation in bodies dealing with international cooperation.

The Unit is responsible for coordination of EU-related matters, for improving the management of EU matters within the Ministry, for general coordination within the framework of the Government's work on EU affairs and for relations with EU institutions and Member States. The Unit's coordination duties cover the activities of the UN and its specialized agencies (especially the World Health Organization), other international cooperation on social and health issues at global level, Nordic cooperation, cooperation related to the Northern Dimension and regional councils, cooperation with neighbouring countries and bilateral cooperation.

Information and Communication Unit

The Information and Communication Unit operates as a separate unit under the Ministry's Permanent Secretary. The Unit is responsible for the Ministry's internal and external provision of information and for developing

this work, for coordinating and developing the Ministry's communications and those of the agencies and institutions under it, and for supporting the Ministry's Departments and separate units in their communications. The Unit also supports the Ministry's management of basic functions and internal cooperation, guidance within the Ministry's administrative sector and work with stakeholders. Its work is intended to present an overview of the Ministry's objectives, strategies and action for the employees of the Ministry and for its customers, stakeholders and ultimately the general public.

The Unit is responsible for developing and coordinating the Ministry's publishing activities and online communications. It publishes *Socius*, a social welfare and health care journal appearing six times a year, and the English-language *Socius Finland*, which appears a few times a year. The latter is published in collaboration with the International Affairs Unit and is intended for the Ministry's international stakeholders. It also produces online versions of *Socius* and *Socius Finland* and is responsible for internal communications, including the intranet.

Advisory Staff

The Advisory Staff is a separate unit that is directly subordinate to the Permanent Secretary.

The unit's function is to assist the Permanent Secretary and support his/her work in planning, realizing and supervising wide-ranging or otherwise important matters. In matters of strategic planning and monitoring,

the unit operates in cooperation with the Finance and Planning Department. The unit is also responsible for monitoring the execution of the Government Programme, supporting cooperation within the Ministry's administrative sector, and developing the process of drafting legislation.

Social and Medical Preparedness and Response Unit

Emergency social welfare and health care plans to cope with urgent situations or exceptional circumstances within the Ministry's administrative sector are managed, supervised and coordinated by the Ministry in cooperation with the Social and Health Departments of the State Provincial Offices.

The Ministry's Social and Medical Preparedness and Response Unit was set up under the Administrative Department for the purposes of emergency planning. The Unit has specialist expertise and provides guidance and development initiatives for social welfare and health care emergency planning. It develops and coordinates the resources required to meet not only exceptional circumstances but also disruptive situations occurring under normal circumstances, and maintains arrangements for situation management and security.

Gender Equality Unit

The Gender Equality Unit is located in the Ministry's Finance and Planning Department. It is responsible for drafting and developing the gender

equality legislation and the Government's equality policy, managing tasks concerning gender equality mainstreaming and the equality law and policies of the EU, and other international equality issues.

The General Secretary of the Council for Gender Equality is based in the Gender Equality Unit.

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Minister of Social Affairs and Health
State Secretary

Minister of Health and Social Services
State Secretary

Permanent Secretary

International Affairs Unit

Advisory Staff

Information and
Communication Unit

Administrative
Department

Office of the
Ombudsman
for Equality

Insurance
Department

Pharmaceu-
ticals Pricing
Board

Department for Fam-
ily and Social Affairs

Office of the
Ombudsman
for Children

Health
Department

Finance and
Planning
Department

Department for
Occupational
Safety and Health

Insurance
Supervisory
Authority

Unemploy-
ment
Appeal Board

Appeal
Tribunal

Social
Insurance
Institution

Finnish
Centre for
Pensions

Unemploy-
ment Insur-
ance
Fund

Education
Fund

National Research
and Development
Centre for Welfare
and Health

National Product
Control Agency
for Welfare and
Health

Alko Inc.

Radiation and
Nuclear Safety
Authority

National
Agency for Medicines
Centre for Pharmaco-
therapy
Development

National Author-
ity for Medicolegal
Affairs

National Public
Health Institute

Finnish Institute
of Occupational
Health

District
Administration
for Occupa-
tional
Safety and
Health

Finnish Work
Environment Fund

Finnish Slot
Machine
Association

Social and Health Departments of State Provincial Offices

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and related authorities

A number of independent agencies and institutions operate in the administrative sector of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. They produce research data for use in drafting legislation, formulating social and health policy and as a basis for decision-making. Some are also responsible for issuing licences and permits and for supervision. These organizations employ more than 3,400 people.

An Executive Group comprised of senior management representatives from the Ministry and the agencies and institutions under it coordinates the work of these agencies and institutions. Each year, the Ministry draws up a performance agreement with nine agencies and institutions, eight Occupational Safety and Health Inspectorates and two boards. Agreements are also made with the State Provincial Offices and the Finnish Slot Machine Association.

National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health

The function of the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health is to promote the wellbeing and health of the population at large and the social welfare and health care services. It does this through research and development and by maintaining information resources.

The Centre also evaluates changes affecting wellbeing and health and the consequences for welfare policy. Its work enhances national expertise on wellbeing and establishes a sound basis for the operation of the country's social welfare and health care sector.

The Centre has four divisions: Health and Social Services, Promotion of Wellbeing and Health, StakesInformation, and Administration. There are also two other units: International Development Collaboration, and Regional and Municipal Consulting.

For more information: www.stakes.fi

National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs

The function of the National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs is to grant licences to health care professionals and to supervise their activities and thereby promote patient safety and the quality of health care services. The Authority also maintains the National Register of Healthcare Professionals, which contains the records of more than 300,000 health care professionals.

In addition, the Authority's work covers the following areas: pregnancy termination, sterilization, forensic psychiatry, medical use of human organs and tissue, medical research, and any duties prescribed for the Authority in the legislation on establishing cause of death.

The Authority operates three separate boards discussing and resolving matters concerning supervision of health care professionals, forensic psychiatry, and pregnancy termination and sterilization.

For more information: www.teo.fi

National Public Health Institute

The National Public Health Institute promotes the potential for people to lead a healthy life. It is responsible for providing decision-makers, professionals in different fields, and the general public with the best available information to support their choices.

The Institute has ten departments: Department of Bacterial and Inflammatory Diseases; Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion; Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Department of Mental Health and Alcohol Research; Department of Viral Diseases and Immunology; Department of Molecular Medicine; Department of Health and Functional Capacity; Department of Environmental Health; Department of Vaccines; and Internal Services. The Institute's units are based in Helsinki, Kuopio, Oulu and Turku.

For more information: www.ktl.fi

National Agency for Medicines

The function of the National Agency for Medicines is to ensure that medicinal products on the Finnish market are effective and safe for users, and are of good quality. The Agency also maintains and promotes the safe use of health care equipment, supplies and blood products, and is responsible for the general planning of pharmaceutical services.

Aside from ordinary users of medicinal products and health care equipment and supplies, and ordinary users of blood products, the Agency's main customers also include businesses and other operators that deal with

medicines and health care equipment, as well as health care professionals. The Agency also supervises medicines and health care equipment in increasingly close cooperation with other EU countries and international organizations. Close collaboration is also conducted with other authorities in Finland in matters such as classification, medicinal product imports, veterinary medicines, consumer protection and equipment supervision.

For more information: www.nam.fi

Centre for Pharmacotherapy Development

The Centre for Pharmacotherapy Development is a specialist unit operating in association with the National Agency for Medicines. The Centre is responsible for promoting and improving the health of the Finnish population, which it does by collecting and disseminating information to promote rational pharmacotherapy, and by supporting implementation of this in practice. Rational pharmacotherapy means pharmacotherapy that is effective, safe, cost-efficient and appropriate, also from the patient's viewpoint.

The Centre was set up in 2003 and its principal target group consists of primary health care doctors, as it is this group that deals with a substantial proportion of all medical prescriptions. The Centre also helps health centres to organize workshops for their personnel, in which doctors review their own prescription practices together with other health care professionals. In addition to the training and development work taking place in health centres, the Centre for Pharmacotherapy Development

produces medicinal evaluations, mainly of new medicines whose use it is felt should be carefully targeted.

For more information: www.rohto.fi

National Product Control Agency for Welfare and Health

The mission of the National Product Control Agency for Welfare and Health is to prevent and reduce the adverse health effects of alcoholic products, tobacco and chemicals on the population at large and to promote a safe and healthy living environment. The Agency also has the task of implementing the Ministry's strategy for promoting people's health and functional capacity, which it pursues through its licence administration, supervision and lobbying, and through issuing guidance for regional and local administration. Guidance for businesses is also a key part of the Agency's work. The Agency's influence on people's living and working environments and on lifestyles and conditions that are detrimental to health is evident through its work on evaluating and monitoring risk factors and providing information on these.

The Agency is divided into three departments: the Alcohol Administration Department, the Chemicals Department and the Administrative Department. It also has an Alcohol Product Control Unit, a Chemicals Product Register Unit, a Data Administration Unit and an Environmental Health Care Unit. In addition, the Agency maintains a gene technology register.

For more information: www.sttv.fi

Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority

The aim of the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority is to protect people, society, the environment and future generations from the harmful effects of radiation.

The Authority supervises and monitors the country's nuclear power plants, nuclear materials and nuclear waste, and the use of radiation and radioactive substances in health care, industry, research and teaching. It also continuously monitors radiation levels in the environment.

As part of its emergency planning, the Authority is ready to respond to any observations, reports or incidents that could endanger the safety of people or the environment. Where necessary, it issues recommendations and instructions for combating the hazard in question and for reducing the detrimental effects.

The Authority's work is divided into the following areas: nuclear safety, safety of radiation use, research, environmental radiation surveillance, communications, emergency planning and commissioned services.

For more information: www.stuk.fi

Insurance Supervisory Authority

The aim of the Insurance Supervisory Authority is to ensure the sound functioning of insurance and pension institutions and to maintain confidence in the insurance system.

Through supervision and inspection, the Authority seeks to ensure that the organizations under supervision have adequate solvency, appropriate

internal control and risk management systems, and reliable governance. The Authority is also responsible for monitoring compliance with the law and with good insurance practices in the organizations under supervision.

The Authority is divided into the following departments: Financial Supervision, Market Affairs, Supervision of Unemployment Benefit Provision, and Administration and Internal Services.

For more information: www.vakuutusvalvonta.fi

Finnish Institute of Occupational Health

The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health is a multidisciplinary research and expert organization that promotes occupational health and safety and the wellbeing of employees. Through its research, training, specialist services and information provision, the Institute offers solutions for the needs of working life. Multidisciplinary research guarantees that problems are examined from a wide perspective. The Institute operates in six locations, namely Helsinki (head office), Kuopio, Lappeenranta, Oulu, Tampere and Turku, and it employs a total of about 800 people. It is an institution under public law subordinate to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The Institute also works closely with the World Health Organization as a Collaborating Centre for Occupational Health, and with the International Labour Organization.

For more information: www.ttl.fi

Appeal Tribunal

The Appeal Tribunal operates as an appeals body comparable to a special social insurance court. It is the first appellate level in matters concerning national pensions and pensioners' housing allowance, and the rehabilitation, child care allowance, disability allowance and general housing allowance matters dealt with by the Social Insurance Institution. The Board is the highest appellate level in matters concerning health insurance, child benefit, child home care allowance, private child-care allowance, maternity grant and conscript's allowance.

The Board has a full-time chairman, three vice chairmen and 18 members, each with a personal deputy. The Government appoints the chairman, vice chairmen, members and deputies for a maximum of four years at a time.

The Board has four sections for deciding on appeals. Each of these has a chairman trained in law and members comprising a doctor, a lawyer and a person acquainted with the circumstances of the insured.

For more information: www.tarkastuslautakunta.fi

Unemployment Appeal Board

The Unemployment Appeal Board is a social insurance appellate authority for matters concerning unemployment security. It functions as the first appellate level in matters related to unemployment allowance, labour market support, training allowance, membership of unemployment funds, social benefits for students taking adult labour market training, adult education

allowance, vocational study grants, job-alternation allowance and pay security.

The Board has a chairman and vice chairmen, and members who are lawyers, doctors and labour market representatives. Each of these serves with the responsibility of a judge. Cases are determined in three different sections, each of which has a chairman, two labour market members and three lawyer members. When handling a case that rests heavily on medical issues, one of the lawyer members is replaced by a doctor. If a case is a matter of principle or if the solution could diverge from previously established practice, it will be determined at a plenary session of the Board.

For more information: www.stm.fi

Advisory boards, committees and councils operating in association with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, and appellate levels within the Ministry's purview

Within the purview of the Advisory Staff:

- Advisory Board on Veterans' Affairs in Finland

Within the purview of the Administrative Department:

- Advisory Board for Health and Welfare in Emergency Conditions

Within the purview of the Insurance Department:

- Actuaries' Examination Board
- Advisory Board for Ageing and Pensioners' Affairs
- Earnings-Related Pension Appeals Board
- Environmental Insurance Board
- Expert Group of the Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board
- Health Insurance Advisory Board (in association with the Social Insurance Institution)
- Insurance Funds Board (in association with the Association of Insurance Funds)
- Insurance Mediation Board
- Occupational Accidents Compensation Board
- Patient Injuries Board
- Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board
- Social Insurance Appeal Boards
- Traffic Accident Board

Within the purview of the Department for Family and Social Affairs:

- Advisory Board on Centres of Excellence on Social Welfare
- Advisory Board on Conciliation in Criminal Matters
- Advisory Board on Early Childhood Education and Care
- Advisory Board on Romani Affairs
- Advisory Board on Social Work
- Advisory Committee on Intoxicant and Temperance Affairs
- Finnish Board of Inter-Country Adoption Affairs
- National Council on Disability

Within the purview of the Health Department:

- Advisory Board for Biotechnology
- Advisory Board for Public Health
- Advisory Board for Health Care Professionals (in association with the National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs)
- Advisory Board for Rehabilitation
- Advisory Board on Communicable Diseases
- Advisory Board on Occupational Health Care
- Advisory Board on the Centre for Pharmacotherapy Development (in association with the National Agency for Medicines)
- Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Home and Leisure Accidents
- Advisory Committee on Chemicals
- Advisory Committee on Radiation Safety
- Board for Gene Technology
- Board for Forensic Psychiatric Affairs (in association with the National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs)
- Board for the Supervision of Health Care Professionals (in association with the National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs)
- Board on Termination of Pregnancy and Sterilization Affairs (in association with the National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs)
- Committee for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity
- Committee on the Safety, Efficacy and Quality of Medicines of the National Agency for Medicines

- Committee on the Safety, Efficacy and Quality of Veterinary Medicines of the National Agency for Medicines
- National Advisory Board on Health Care Ethics
- Supervision Committee of the National Agency for Medicines

Within the purview of the Finance and Planning Department:

- Council for Gender Equality
- Equality Board

Within the purview of the Department for Occupational Safety and Health:

- Advisory Board on Wage Statistics in Forestry
- Advisory Committee on Occupational Chemical Safety
- Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health
- Advisory Committee on Preparation of Occupational Safety Regulations
- Board for Blasters Training
- Board for Ratification of the Validity of Collective Agreements

Appellate levels within the Ministry's purview

- Accident Appeal Board
- Appeal Tribunal
- Unemployment Appeal Board

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