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Welcome to Finland



Ministry of Economic Affairs
and Employment of Finland

Moving to Finland

How do I get started?

Take care of the following matters when you have moved to Finland.





Housing

Find housing. You cannot register yourself as a person living in Finland if you do not have an address. You can search for rental and owner-occupied housing in newspapers and on the Internet. You can rent housing from a private person, company or municipality, for example. When you have found housing, you should also take out home insurance.



Personal identity code, municipality of residence and identity card

Obtain a personal identity code. You will receive a personal identity code when your data has been registered in the Population Information System. You can obtain a personal identity code if you are legally resident in Finland and there is a basis for registration. The personal identity code is issued by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency (DVV), the Finnish Tax Administration for tax purposes, or the Finnish Immigration Service when a residence permit decision or a right of residence is registered. The DVV determines whether you can be registered with your **municipality of residence**. When you have a municipality of residence, you can use the services of your municipality of residence. You can apply for an **identity card** via the online service of the Finnish Police. Identity card is an identification document bearing a photograph which can be issued to a Finnish citizen or a foreigner residing in Finland.



Work

If you do not have work, **register as a jobseeker at the Employment and Economic Development Office (TE Office)** or the employment services of your municipality of residence. TE Office helps you find employment. You should also actively look for a job on the Internet and in newspapers, for example. You can also contact employers directly.



Internet and telephone

Obtain a mobile phone. You will receive a Finnish phone number when you buy a phone subscription in Finland. You can buy a prepaid mobile phone subscription from R-kiosks, online or telecommunications operators' shops. You can also take care of many things online in Finland.





Bank account

Open a bank account. In Finland, salaries and other compensation are paid to a bank account. You will need a passport or an identity card to open a bank account.



Finnish and Swedish languages

If you do not know Finnish or Swedish, **apply to attend a Finnish or Swedish language course.** You can also study Finnish and Swedish online. You can also attend a Finnish or Swedish language course if you are a customer of a TE Office or a municipality.



Social security

Contact Kela if you wish to apply for Kela's benefits or a Kela card. Kela supports people in different life situations. You can receive Kela's benefits if you live permanently in Finland or if your income from work meets the minimum income threshold. When you apply for a benefit or a Kela card, Kela will determine whether you are entitled to social security. Kela card entitles you to receive reimbursement for prescription medicines and for the costs of private healthcare.



Tax card

Obtain a tax card from the Tax Administration. When you apply for a tax card, you will need to show proof of identity. You can apply for a tax card once you know the amount of your future salary or other income. In future, you can apply for a tax card online or by phone.

Do I need a residence permit?

Nordic citizens

Citizens of the Nordic countries have the right to reside and work in Finland. Visit the Digital and Population Data Services Agency in person if you do not have a personal identity code or if you want to obtain a municipality of residence in Finland.

Citizens of an EU member state, Liechtenstein or Switzerland

You do not need a residence permit in Finland if you are a citizen of an EU member state, Liechtenstein or Switzerland. If you stay in Finland for longer than 3 months, register your residence with the Finnish Immigration Service within 3 months of the date you moved to Finland.

Family members of EU citizens

Register your right of residence, if you are a family member of an EU citizen and you are an EU citizen yourself. You can apply for a residence card for a family member of an EU citizen, if you are a family member of an EU citizen but you are not an EU citizen yourself.

Those not citizens of the EU, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Nordic countries

You will need a residence permit if you wish to come to Finland for more than 3 months. Apply for a residence permit at a Finnish mission in the country of departure or at the Finnish Immigration Service in Finland. Apply for the first residence permit before you come to Finland. You can apply for a permit online via Enter Finland.

Returnees

As a returnee, you may be granted a residence permit if you are of Finnish origin or you have a close connection with Finland.

More information:

Finnish Immigration Service and online services

www.migri.fi
www.enterfinland.fi

Digital and Population Data Services Agency

www.dvv.fi

The DVV's website provides information on how you can save your address and personal data in the Population Information System.

Where can I find help for integration, employment and language studies?

There are various services that help you integrate, find employment and learn Finnish or Swedish. Integration also requires your own activity in integration effort and receptiveness of society.

In the initial assessment, the Employment and Economic Development Office (TE Office) or the municipality will establish your educational level, work experience and language skills. If you need help with integration, the TE Office or the municipality will draw up a personal integration plan together with you. This plan must be drawn up no later than 3 years after you have received your first residence permit or your right of residence has been registered.

The TE Office or the municipality will refer you to integration training if necessary. The training includes language instruction and familiarisation with society, culture and working life. The training may also include other studies and practical training.

The TE Office, Kela or the municipality will establish whether you are entitled to unemployment benefit or social assistance during the duration of the integration plan.

More information:

Employment and economic development services

www.te-palvelut.fi

Information on the integration services of your municipality is available on the municipality's website or at the service point.

Language studies

www.kotisuomessa.fi
www.finnishcourses.fi

If I become ill?

You can use public healthcare services if you have a municipality of residence in Finland. If you do not have a municipality of residence, Kela can determine whether you have the right to public healthcare on the basis of your employment. Many workplaces also use occupational healthcare.

If you live permanently in Finland, you are usually covered by health insurance and can receive reimbursement for the cost of private health care and medicines. Compensation may also be paid for care provided abroad. You can also apply for a European Health Insurance Card at Kela.

You can seek help with mental health problems at your health centre.

If you need help urgently, you can contact the nearest health centre or hospital providing 24-hour emergency care services.

More information:

Kela

www.kela.fi

Mieli Mental Health Finland

www.mieli.fi

Emergencies

The emergency number in Finland is 112. Call the number only in urgent emergencies when life, health, property or the environment are in danger. If necessary, the emergency response centre will receive assistance from an interpretation service.

More information

Welcome to Finland

www.tem.fi/tervetuloo-suomeen

InfoFinland

www.infofinland.fi

Housing

www.asuminen.fi

Digital and Population Data Services Agency

www.dvv.fi

Finnish Immigration Service

www.migri.fi

Kela

www.kela.fi

Finnish Tax Administration

www.vero.fi

Employment and economic development services

www.te-palvelut.fi

Language studies

www.kotisuomessa.fi

www.finnishcourses.fi

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

www.um.fi

Studying in Finland

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