

- 1** Start familiarising yourself with Finnish society, everyday life, language learning, and available pre-arrival services that support your preparations.
Learn more: ihhelsinki.fi
- 2** Make sure you understand the immigration, residence, and right to work requirements that apply to your situation.
Learn more: migri.fi
- 3** Check whether any of your documents must be legalised or officially translated before arrival. Remember to bring all the relevant documents when travelling to Finland.
Learn more: dvv.fi
- 4** Familiarise yourself with education options. Check the municipality/city websites for more specific information as the application timelines and practices vary between different municipalities/cities.
Learn more: infofinland.fi
- 5** If you are a non-EU/EEA citizen, apply for a suitable residence permit through the Finnish Immigration Service's online portal, EnterFinland.
Learn more: enterfinland.fi
- 6** Find out what you need to take into account before moving, such as medications, insurances, vaccinations, pets, driving licences, vehicles, and banking services.
Learn more: ihhelsinki.fi
- 7** EU registration must be applied for after arriving in Finland. You can book an appointment as soon as you know your arrival date. Submit an online application before your appointment.
Learn more: migri.fi
- 8** Registering your move to Finland, new address, family relations, and municipality of residence at DVV is an important step in settling in and accessing everyday services. Book an appointment before visiting!
Learn more: dvv.fi
- 9** Having a tax card ensures that your income is taxed correctly at the right rate.
Learn more: tax.fi

Newcomer's Journey

Your path to working and living in Finland



- 10** Your Kela card proves that you have the right to health insurance reimbursements. Eligibility for Kela benefits depends on your residence status, work situation, and length of stay in Finland.
Learn more: kela.fi
- 11** Register as a jobseeker and learn what kind of support is available. Employment Services can help you get started with your job search and integration in Finland.
Learn more: jobmarket.fi
- 12** Strong electronic identification opens the door to most digital services and makes everyday life in Finland run more smoothly.
Learn more: suomi.fi
- 13** The capital region's public transport system is extremely efficient and well-organized. The HSL app or travel card helps you get around smoothly from day one.
Learn more: hsl.fi
- 14** Check whether your driving licence is valid in Finland or if you need to exchange it.
Learn more: traficom.fi
- 15** Take some time to explore health care services. Knowing how and where to get medical help brings peace of mind.
Learn more: infofinland.fi
- 16** If you haven't already, now is the perfect time to start learning Finnish or Swedish. Even a little goes a long way in daily life and helps you feel more connected in Finland.
Learn more: finnishcourses.fi
- 17** Familiarise yourself with employee rights, obligations, and unemployment protection. Joining an unemployment fund and/or trade union is optional.
Learn more: tyosuojelu.fi
- 18** Joining activities you enjoy helps you find your place in the community and make new friends!
Learn more: infofinland.fi