

Frequently asked questions about seasonal work

Who needs a permit to do seasonal work?

There are different types of permits for seasonal work.

- You need a visa for seasonal work, if you are coming from a country whose citizens are required to have a visa and will work for a maximum of 90 days. Applications for a visa for seasonal work are processed and decided by Finnish missions (embassies and consulates).
- You need a certificate for seasonal work, if you are coming from a country whose citizens are not required to have a visa and will work for a maximum of 90 days. The Finnish Immigration Service grants the certificate.
- You need a residence permit for seasonal work if you will work in Finland for three to nine months. Submit your application to the Finnish Immigration Service. If you will work for six to nine months, an Employment and Economic Development Office will first make a partial decision.

How do I apply for a seasonal work permit?

Use the e-service [Enter Finland](#) to apply for a certificate for seasonal work or for a residence permit for seasonal work. The e-service is the fastest and cheapest way to apply.

If you are unable to use the e-service:

- You can send a request for a certificate for seasonal work and the necessary attachments by email or by post to the Finnish Immigration Service.
- You can apply for a residence permit for seasonal work at a Finnish mission (embassy or consulate) abroad. You cannot send the application by email or by post.

Can a seasonal worker have several employers?

Yes, it is possible to have more than one employer. Those who will work on berry farms, for example, can sign an employment contract with several companies already before they start working.

If you are going to work for more than one employer, you must submit the necessary details and attachments about all the employers.

If the work is clearly divided into separate time periods, apply for a new certificate for seasonal work. If you will first work in May–June, for example, and then again in September–October, you must apply for two separate certificates for seasonal work.

What can I do if harvesting begins earlier or later than expected?

It can be difficult to predict when harvesting will begin. Contact your employer and ask him or her when you should submit your application. Your employer in Finland knows best when the harvest can be expected to begin.

Does the salary need to follow the minimum level determined in a collective agreement?

Yes. Seasonal workers coming to Finland must have secure means of support from the income they receive from work. The salary must follow the appropriate collective agreement.

The employer must guarantee the employee so many hours of work that the employee's total salary, calculated by multiplying the hourly wage laid down in the collective agreement and the number of working hours, is at least 1,211 euros per month.

What details does my employer need to provide?

Your employer must always fill in the application form TY6_plus. The form must be attached to your application. The form contains basic information about the employer, the employee and the terms of employment.

You can find the form in the e-service Enter Finland. We recommend that even your employer use Enter Finland.

What attachments do I need when I apply for a certificate for seasonal work?

Attach the following documents to your application:

- colour copies of the passport page containing personal data and of all passport pages that contain notes
- the form TY6_plus, filled in by your employer
- copy of the payment receipt for the processing fee.

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“The applicant must have appropriate accommodation.” What does this mean?

Seasonal workers must have appropriate accommodation. An address to the accommodation must be given to the Finnish Immigration Service. If your employer will arrange accommodation for you, you can just mention this in your application.

How can I follow the processing of my application?

If you have submitted your application using the e-service Enter Finland, you can check its status in the e-service.

All applications for seasonal work permits are considered urgent. The processing time may vary depending on how many pending applications we have and whether it is high season for seasonal work.

Under the Seasonal Workers Act, the maximum processing time is 90 days.

I have a residence permit in another EU country. Can I apply for a certificate for seasonal work?

No, you cannot. If you want to do seasonal work, you must apply for a residence permit for an employed person.

How can I pay the processing fee?

There are different ways to pay the fee.

Certificate for seasonal work:

- By a bank transfer directly to the account of the Finnish Immigration Service (FI5050000121502982) or in the e-service Enter Finland. Log in to Enter Finland and attach a receipt of the payment to your application. The receipt must include the names of the employee and the employer. You should attach to your application a copy of the receipt also when you are applying with a paper form.

Residence permit for seasonal work:

- In the e-service Enter Finland with the most common credit cards or with Finnish online banking codes.
- At the Finnish mission (embassy or consulate) that you visit to prove your identity after you have filled in an application for a residence permit for seasonal work.

I am a freelancer doing seasonal work in Finland. Can I get a certificate for seasonal work or a residence permit for seasonal work?

You cannot get a certificate or residence permit for seasonal work if you have not signed an employment contract with an employer who operates in Finland.

To be eligible for a certificate or a residence permit for seasonal work, the employee must have signed an employment contract with the employer.

To work as a freelancer in Finland, apply for a residence permit for an entrepreneur

Where can I find instructions in Ukrainian and Russian?

The instructions on seasonal work are available in Finnish, Swedish and English. The instructions listed below have also been translated into Ukrainian and Russian.

- Frequently asked questions in Ukrainian and Russian.
- Checklist for seasonal workers in Ukrainian and Russian.
- Instructions on how to apply for a certificate for seasonal work in Enter Finland, in Ukrainian and Russian.