

# Welcome to Finland

This information leaflet is for you if you are fleeing the war in Ukraine to Finland.



## 1. Arrival in Finland

When you arrive in Finland, you will meet authorities. They will help you.

**Pets.** Inform the authorities of your pet. You will get instructions on the pet's quarantine, and your pet will be given medication that protects against communicable animal diseases.

## 2. Temporary protection

We recommend that you apply for temporary protection. You can apply for temporary protection by contacting the police or border authorities when you are in Finland.

The Finnish Immigration Service will later make a decision on your application.



## 3. Accommodation

After you have applied for temporary protection, you can stay at a reception centre or in private accommodation.

**Reception centre.** There are many reception centres in different parts of Finland. You will be directed to a reception centre that has available beds. Living at a reception centre is free of charge.

**Private accommodation.** You may arrange your own accommodation and stay with friends or relatives, for example. In that case, you need to pay for your accommodation yourself.



## 4. Services offered by reception centres

After you have applied for temporary protection, you will be given the contact details of your own reception centre. Register at the reception centre. Your own reception centre will offer you services and advice even if you live in private accommodation. To register and gain access to services, you need to visit your reception centre in person.



## 5. Life in Finland

**Employment.** You may work in Finland after you have applied for temporary protection. When you submit the application, the police or the border authorities will give you a certificate of a pending application. With the certificate, you can prove employers that you have the right to work in Finland.

**Income.** If necessary, you can apply for reception allowance at your reception centre. Your reception centre will ensure that your necessary basic needs are met.

**School and day care for children.** All children between the ages of 6 and 17 in Finland have the right to go to comprehensive school. Your reception centre will help you with enrolling your child in school. If you have younger children, your reception centre will help you to apply for a place in early childhood education for them.

**Healthcare.** Your reception centre will provide you with healthcare services and can refer you to a doctor.



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