
Travelling abroad and reception services during your trip

If you have been granted temporary protection in Finland, you can travel in the Schengen area without a visa for a maximum of 90 days in any 180-day period. You must have a valid passport and residence permit card with you.

Travel notification

If you are planning to travel abroad, notify your reception centre of the matter. For more detailed instructions on how to submit a notification, see the Finnish Immigration Service's website at <https://migri.fi/tilapainen-suojelu#maasta>. Your reception centre will also give you advice if necessary.

Reception services during and after your trip

Your rights to reception services will also remain valid during the trip if:

- you have not withdrawn your temporary protection residence permit and
- the reception centre is in contact with you. For this purpose, report your up-to-date contact details to your reception centre.

Accommodation

If you are staying at a reception centre and travel for **less than two weeks**, your reception centre will keep the accommodation reserved for you and you can return to the same centre after the trip.

If your trip lasts for **more than two weeks**, your reception centre does not need to keep accommodation reserved for you. Pack your belongings at the reception centre so that the reception centre can put them in storage if necessary. If you do not return from your trip for some reason, your belongings will be stored for a maximum of 90 days, after which they will be treated as lost property and will be subject to the Lost Property Act.

After your trip, you can stay in the same centre if there is room there. If there is no space in the centre, the reception centre will find you a place at another centre.

Reception allowance

If your trip lasts for more than 7 days, it will have an effect on your reception allowance. If you are staying abroad for more than 7 days during a one-month period, you are only entitled to receive the allowance for the days that you have spent in Finland. If you are staying abroad for the entire month, you are not entitled to receive the reception allowance for that month.

Please remember that the reception centre's prepaid card does not work abroad.

Health care services

Your right to receive health care services during the temporary protection period is only valid in the country that granted the permission. Some countries may provide treatment free of charge to all residents of the country, for example in case of an emergency.

In other words, the reception centre will not arrange for your healthcare services abroad. The centre will also not compensate for any costs of healthcare incurred abroad. If you need health services during your trip, be prepared to pay for them yourself.

Obligation for work and study activities

If you are staying at a reception centre and receive a reception allowance, you are obliged to participate in work and study activities. Your trip does not remove your obligation to participate. If your trip prevents you from participating in the work and study activities assigned to you, your reception allowance may be reduced by a maximum of 20% for two months.

Work and study activities are not organised in all centres.

Are you planning to travel without your child?

You have the primary responsibility to take care of your child.

Children cannot stay at a reception centre without the care of an adult. If you are going on a trip, you must make sure that another adult, someone your child is familiar and feels safe with, takes care of your child during your trip. Notify your reception centre of all necessary information about your trip and who the child will be staying with.

If the reception centre raises concern that your child's care during your trip is not appropriate, the reception centre will investigate your child's situation and contact the child welfare authorities if necessary.

If the centre is unable to reach you after you have been away for two weeks, it can apply for a representative for your child from the District Court. If necessary, your child may be transferred to a reception centre for unaccompanied minors.