

## Leaving Finland

While receiving temporary protection in Finland, you may travel in the Schengen area without a visa for up to 90 days out of any 180-day period. When you travel, you must have your valid passport and residence permit card with you.

### Notifying reception centres

If you intend to leave Finland temporarily or permanently, always inform your reception centre of the matter. Always notify the centre even if you are staying outside the reception centre. If necessary, see the Finnish Immigration Service's website for instructions <https://migri.fi/en/traveling-from-finland>.

### Leaving Finland temporarily

Make arrangements with your reception centre about temporarily leaving Finland. Also make sure that your reception centre has your up-to-date contact information.

### Leaving Finland permanently

If you leave Finland and no longer intend to return to the country, cancel your application for temporary protection or residence permit.

## Reception services during and after temporary absence

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

- you have not withdrawn your temporary protection residence permit and
- the reception centre can contact 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 leave Finland for **at most 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 reserve accommodation for you unless there are special grounds for a longer absence, and you have agreed on the matter with the centre. Pack your belongings at the reception centre so that the reception centre can put them in storage if necessary. If you do not return to Finland 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 absence, you can stay in the same centre if space is available. If there is no space in the centre, the reception centre will find you a place at another centre.

## **Reception allowance**

If your absence 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 payment 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 absence, 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 absence prevents you from participating in the work and study activities assigned to you, your reception allowance may be reduced.

Work and study activities are not organised in all centres.

## **Are you planning on leaving Finland 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 planning to leave Finland, you must make sure that another adult, someone your child is familiar with and feels safe around, takes care of your child during your absence. Notify your reception centre of all necessary information about your absence and who the child will be staying with.

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

If the reception centre is unable to reach you after you have been absent 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.