

# Selection of quota refugees for Finland

**These instructions are for you if you have fled your home country to another country because of war, persecution or conflict, you have registered with the UNHCR, and you have applied for international protection.**



## 1. UNHCR proposal to Finland

You have explained the reasons for being a refugee and your situation in your home country and the country in which you are living to employees of the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR. The UNHCR has found that you need to be resettled.

You cannot choose yourself the country in which the UNHCR proposes to resettle you, and Finland does not ask the UNHCR to propose certain quota refugees to Finland.

The UNHCR has decided to propose that you will be resettled in Finland. The UNHCR has sent the Finnish Immigration Service a proposal which contains information on your background and situation.

## 2. Quota selection interview

Finland will process the UNHCR's proposal and interview you. The quota selection interview will be organised in the country where you are living, or using a remote connection from Finland.

The Finnish selection delegation will include authorities from different organisations. The selection delegation will ask you more questions about the reasons for which you are a refugee and your situation in your home country and the country in which you are living. The purpose of the interview is to decide if resettlement is the best solution for you. The information you give will be processed by those Finnish authorities that have the right to use it. They will not give your information to the authorities in your home country.

On the day of the interview, you will receive information about family reunification and the processing of your personal data.



## 3. Decision of the Finnish Immigration Service

The Finnish Immigration Service will make its selection decision around two months after the quota selection interview.

If your or your family's situation changes before you hear about Finland's decision, tell the UNHCR about it. Such changes may include a new marriage, pregnancy or new contact information.



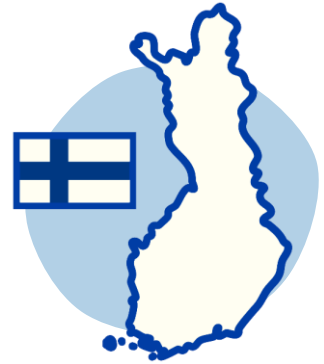


## 4. Issue of a residence permit

If you are included in Finland's refugee quota, the Finnish Immigration Service will give you a residence permit. A UNHCR employee will tell you about Finland's decision.

## 5. Information about Finnish society

An effort will be made to organise 3-4 days of training for you in the country in which you are living. The purpose of the training is to give you information about moving to Finland and Finnish society and to teach you some Finnish language. There will be an interpreter at the training, or it will be organised in your language. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) will let you know about the dates and practical arrangements of the training. Finland will pay for your training and your living expenses during it.



## 6. Moving to Finland

The Finnish authorities will arrange for you to have a municipality of residence in Finland in which you will live. The municipality will give you a place to live in, support, guidance and advice about such things as studying, work, social and health care services, and children's day-care centres and schools.

When a home has been found for you in your municipality of residence, the Finnish Immigration Service will ask the IOM to make arrangements for your travel to Finland and to get the necessary travel documents for you. The IOM will contact you and make your practical travel arrangements. The Finnish Immigration Service will pay for your travel from the country in which you are living to Finland.

The Finnish Red Cross (SPR) will meet you at Helsinki Airport in Finland. You will travel on from the airport to your municipality, where you will reach your new home.

**For more information:**



Information about family reunification:  
[link.migri.fi/family-reunification](https://link.migri.fi/family-reunification)



Processing of personal data:  
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