



You were not granted a residence permit in Finland

The Finnish Immigration Service has rejected your application for asylum. This means that you have not received a residence permit in Finland based on your asylum application.

If you have submitted a separate application for a residence permit, in addition to your asylum application, you will receive a separate decision on it.

Inform your legal counsel and a reception centre employee of this immediately

Your legal counsel and the reception centre are not automatically informed of your decision.

Tell your legal counsel that your application was rejected. If you do not have a counsel but would like to have one, a reception centre employee can advise you on the matter.

It is important that you inform an employee at the reception centre that you received a decision by the Finnish Immigration Service. The reception centre employee will be able to guide you on what will happen next.

Check your right to work

Check if you still have the right to work on your decision. Your decision will tell you when your right to work ends. If you have a job, tell your employer immediately if your right to work will expire.

More information on the right to work is available on our website.
migri.fi/en/asylum-seeker-s-right-to-work.

After receiving the decision, you can leave the country voluntarily or lodge an appeal

- **Voluntary return**

If you decide not to lodge an appeal, but decide to return to your home country voluntarily, you can apply for return assistance. Reception centre employees will help you and give you advice on applying for return assistance.

If you want to receive return assistance, you will have to leave Finland voluntarily. You have to cancel your asylum application or the appeals you have lodged on the decision.

More information on voluntary return is available on the Finnish Immigration Service website at: <https://migri.fi/en/return>

▪ **Lodge an appeal against the decision at an administrative court**

Instructions on lodging an appeal will be enclosed in the decision. This document is called 'Appeal Instructions'. If you wish to appeal, you will need a legal counsel. Your legal counsel will lodge the appeal on your behalf. If you need help, the reception centre employees can help you on finding a legal counsel.

▪ **An administrative court will decide on your appeal**

If your appeal is rejected by an administrative court, you can go on and apply for a leave to appeal your case before the Supreme Administrative Court. The Supreme Administrative Court does not review all appeals.

The Administrative Court and the Supreme Administrative Court may

- reject a decision
- rule that your application must be reprocessed
- rule that a residence permit must be granted to you or
- rule that your appeal is rejected.

When you lodge an appeal against a decision by the Finnish Immigration Service, the Finnish Immigration Service will no longer be the competent authority in your case.

If you have any questions concerning your case or you want to provide us with more information, please contact your counsel or the administrative court processing your case.

Your decision will indicate when it becomes enforceable

You have not been granted a residence permit in Finland based on your asylum application. Your decision will state when it becomes enforceable. The police are responsible for the enforcement of the decision.

A decision to remove you from the country means that if you do not leave the country voluntarily, the police will remove you.

An entry ban may have been imposed on you in this context. An entry ban will prohibit you from returning to Finland, to the Schengen area or to the territory of other EU Member States. The ban is valid until further notice or for a limited period. This information is stated in the decision.

The police will make the arrangements for your return, which means that the police will provide you with plane tickets and then escort you to the Finnish border or your home country.

The authorities can also order you to report yourself or they can detain you

The police or the border control authorities can order you to report yourself at the reception centre or police station regularly. They can also detain you. In some cases, the Finnish Immigration Service may oblige you to report at a reception centre or to reside in a certain reception centre.

A detention unit is a closed facility, and you are not allowed to leave the premises. If you are detained, you must be informed of the grounds of your detention immediately and you must be given more information of the hearing of your case and the legal aid available to you.

Obligation to cooperate

If you are returned to your home country, you have an obligation to cooperate with the authorities at all stages of the removal procedure. The obligation to cooperate means that you must:

- report all information that is required to verify your identity
- report the countries through which you travelled to Finland
- be contactable throughout the removal procedure
- request a valid travel document from the authorities of your home country and
- contribute to ensuring that the authorities of your home country can identify you so that they can grant you a travel document.

If you do not comply with the obligation to cooperate, you may be detained or an entry ban may be imposed on you.

If you have new grounds to support your asylum application, you can submit a new application

If you have new criteria for an asylum application after the Finnish Immigration Service's decision concerning your application has become legally valid, you can submit a new application. The new application must be submitted immediately as the grounds or need arise.

▪ You should have a reason for not telling about the new criteria earlier

The reason for not offering this information to support your case at an earlier time must be one over which you did not have any control. The Finnish Immigration Service will then assess whether it will investigate your new application. If the Finnish Immigration Service finds that you have no new grounds for an asylum application, a decision not to investigate your application will be made. This decision will be served to you.

In some circumstances, you are no longer allowed to use the services of the reception centre

If the police are unable to remove you from the country, but you could return to your country independently, the police will inform the reception centre of



this immediately. After this, you will have 30 days to leave the country voluntarily or to apply for assistance for voluntary return.

Once the 30-day period has expired, the services of the reception centre will no longer be available to you. This means that you will no longer be able to live at the reception centre or receive a reception allowance or other services offered by the reception centre.

- **If you have submitted a new asylum application**

If you have submitted a new asylum application, your reception centre services may be cancelled as soon as the police serves you the decision. This can happen if you have been allowed to use the reception services for 30 days after being granted the decision on your earlier application.

More information available

- On the website of the Finnish Immigration Service: migri.fi/en/asylum-in-finland
- Video by Finnish Immigration Service – Negative decision: migri.fi/en/videos-for-asylum-seekers