

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.

Your representative, legal counsel and reception centre employees will help you

Your representative is always informed of the decisions concerning you.

Your representative, legal counsel and reception centre employees will advise you on what will happen next.

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

▪ Voluntary return

If you want to return to your home country voluntarily, you can apply for return assistance for this. Talk to your representative and a reception centre employee about this.

You can only return if your parent or custodian will receive you.

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>

▪ You may appeal against the decision to an administrative court

Instructions on lodging an appeal will be enclosed in the decision. This document is called 'Appeal Instructions'. Your legal counsel will lodge the appeal on your behalf. Your representative will help you in this matter, too.

▪ An administrative court will decide on your appeal

If the administrative court rejects your appeal, you can go on and apply for leave to appeal to the Supreme Administrative Court. The Supreme Administrative Court does not review all appeals. When a decision cannot be appealed further, it is final.

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 your 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 and your representative have questions or can provide further clarification, your representative must contact your legal counsel and the administrative court that is handling your case.

Your decision will indicate when you may be removed from the country

Because you have not been granted a residence permit in Finland, the decision will indicate when you can be removed from the country. If you have submitted a separate residence permit application, this information is usually indicated in that decision. The police will see to your removal from the country.

The decision to remove you from the country means that if you do not leave the country voluntarily, the police will remove you. Before your return, the police will ensure that you will be appropriately and safely received in your home country.

A prohibition of entry can be imposed on you in this context. This means that you will not be able to return to Finland or the Schengen area. This prohibition can be imposed until further notice or for a fixed term. This information will be indicated in your 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 order you to live in a certain place

If you have to leave Finland, the police or a border control authority can order you to live in a certain place and report yourself there regularly. Usually,

this is the place where you have been living during the processing of your application. Before this, you and your representative and your social worker will be heard in this matter.

If you are over 15, but under 18, you can also be detained. This, however, is uncommon. If you are under 15, you cannot be detained at all.

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. The decision will be served to you and your representative.

Check your right to work

If you are over 15 and have worked in Finland before, immediately check your decision with your representative to see if you still have the right to work.

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. Your representative will help you in this matter, too.

More information available

- on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service: migri.fi/en/asylum-in-finland
- Film by Finnish Immigration Service: "Kielteinen päätös": migri.fi/en/videos-for-asylym-seekers