

Income requirement in the family reunification of those who have been granted refugee status

These instructions apply to you if you have been granted asylum in Finland or if you have been accepted by Finland under the refugee quota.

Your family members can apply for a residence permit in Finland on the basis of your Finnish residence permit.

Existing family members can apply for three months without secure means of support

If your family unit was formed before you came to Finland (asylum seeker) or before you were accepted by Finland under the refugee quota (quota refugee), your family members can apply for a residence permit **for three months without secure means of support**. The time is calculated from the date when you were notified about the decision on asylum or being accepted under the refugee quota.

Your family members can also apply for a residence permit based on family ties after a period of three months. In that case, **the family's means of support must nevertheless be secure**.

New family members must have secure means of support

If your family unit was formed after your arrival in Finland (asylum seeker) or after being accepted as a quota refugee, **the family must have secure means of support**.

How your family members can submit an application during the three months:

Your family members submit their residence permit applications before arriving in Finland. An application can be submitted on paper at a mission (embassy/consulate) or a Residence Permit Application Centre, or electronically in the Enter Finland service.

Who are your family members?

Family members include

- spouse in marriage
- spouse in a registered partnership
- cohabiting partner
- custodian of a child under the age of 18
- unmarried child under the age of 18

Submitting an application on paper

The preparation for applying for a residence permit should start immediately after you have been granted a residence permit. For example, your family members may need a visa to submit their applications at an embassy, consulate or Residence Permit Application Centre. Your family members must make sure that they can submit their applications on time.

Your family need to visit the website finlandabroad.fi of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland to find out where and in what way they can submit the application and how to make an appointment to submit the application. The Finnish Immigration Service cannot change where and when your family can submit the application. Everyone who is applying for a residence permit must be present, including the children.

If it is not necessary to make an appointment to submit the application:

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If making an appointment to submit the application is necessary, your family must contact the embassy, consulate or Residence Permit Application Centre where they are submitting the applications as quickly as possible, or within three months at the latest. They must make an appointment to submit the applications.

When they make the appointment, they must list all the persons who are going to apply for a residence permit at that time.

They must state:

- the whole name, exact date of birth and citizenship of each applicant
- your name, date of birth, citizenship and Finnish Immigration Service customer number.

If your family follow the advice given above, but they cannot get an appointment to submit the application within three months because there is a waiting time for appointments, they can still apply for a residence permit without secure means of support. Your family must still make the first appointment possible and submit the application at the appointment.

No exceptions are made to the three-month deadline if the submission of the application is delayed for a reason that is not due to the Finnish authorities.

Submitting an application in the Enter Finland service

Your family can also apply for a residence permit in the Enter Finland online service (enterfinland.fi) of the Finnish Immigration Service. If the electronic application is submitted within three months, secure means of support are not required.

After your family members have submitted the application in the Enter Finland online service, they still need to provide proof of their identity abroad. They can find instructions on how to do that in the Enter Finland service.



Applications are subject to a fee

The applications are subject to a fee. The application prices can be found on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service at migri.fi.

More information is available on the website of the Finnish Immigration

You can find more information on secure means of support and how to apply for a residence permit on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service at migri.fi