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RESIDENCE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN ENTREPRENEUR

This application form is for you if you intend to come to Finland to be an entrepreneur or a start-up entrepreneur. As a rule, an entrepreneur must register his/her business with the Trade Register at the National Board of Patents and Registration before a residence permit can be issued. If you are a start-up entrepreneur, you must get a positive statement from Business Finland before you apply for a residence permit. You cannot get a residence permit without a positive statement from Business Finland.

The following are regarded as entrepreneurs:

- a self-employed private entrepreneur incorporated as a *toiminimi*
- a partner in a partnership (*avoin yhtiö*)
- the general partner in a limited partnership (*kommandiittiyhtiö*) (not a sleeping partner)
- a member of a cooperative (*osuuskunta*) who has unlimited liability for refinancing (the unlimited liability for refinancing must be entered in the Trade Register)
- a shareholder in a managerial position in a limited liability company (Managing Director or member of the Board of Directors) or a person working in another business in a managerial position if the shareholder of the limited liability company personally owns at least 30 per cent of the company's share capital, or personally has at least 30 per cent of the number of votes produced by the company's shares or, if in another business in a managerial position, has similar authority in the business concerned.
- A residence permit is not issued merely on the basis of ownership of a company; rather, the requirement for issuance is working in a business enterprise, and the work must be performed in Finland.

Carefully fill in and sign the application. Incomplete information will delay the processing of the application and may lead to its rejection.

An application may be submitted to a Finnish diplomatic mission abroad or at a service point of the Finnish Immigration Service in Finland. A processing fee will be collected when the application is submitted, according to the Decree on charges. Read the instructions for filling in the form at www.migri.fi. Clarifications that you need to append to your application are listed in Section F of this form.

I am applying for my first residence permit

an extended permit

SECTION A

1 Information on applicant			
1.1 Personal data			
Family name			
First names			
Former names (please give all combinations of first names and family names that you have used previously)			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of birth (dd.mm.yyyy)		Latter part of Finnish personal identity code (if applicable)	
Do you have, or have you previously had, a Finnish personal identity code?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Country of birth		Place of birth	
Current citizenship(s)			
Former citizenship(s)			

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Is either one of your parents a current or former Finnish citizen?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marital status <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widow(er) <input type="checkbox"/> Cohabitation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered relationship between two people of the same gender					
Occupation and/or training					
Mother tongue			Transaction language in matters related to this application		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Finnish	<input type="checkbox"/> Swedish	<input type="checkbox"/> English
1.2 Information on passport					
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport no.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Official or diplomatic passport no.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee's travel document no.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Alien's passport no.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify type and number					
Country of issue	Authority of issue	Date of issue	Date of expiry		
<input type="checkbox"/> No valid passport (Why not? Please give details in section 5)					
1.3 Contact information for processing and deciding on the application					
If your contact information changes, immediately notify the authority that received your application.					
Contact information in your country of nationality or residence					
Street address					
Post code	City/town	Country			
Telephone number	E-mail				
Contact information in Finland					
Street address					
Post code	City/town	Country			
Telephone number	E-mail				
Place of transaction and notification abroad. Please state the Finnish mission abroad with which you are in contact regarding matters related to this application.					

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1.4 Contact person or authorised representative (refers to a person to whom information may be given on the progress of the application process or who can be contacted in order to obtain further information)			
Family name		First names	
Address (street address, post code, city/town, country)			
Telephone number		E-mail	
1.5 Beginning and duration of residence in Finland, and possible earlier residence Please fill this in if you are applying for your first residence permit.			
When do you intend to move to Finland (dd.mm.yyyy)?			
If you are already in Finland and are applying for your first residence permit, you must fill in a response to refusal of entry (form MP_1) and append it to your application.			
How long do you intend to stay in Finland (dd.mm.yyyy or duration)?			
Have you previously resided in Finland with a residence permit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2 Information on family members			
2.1 Spouse			<input type="checkbox"/> No spouse
Family name		First names	
Former names			
Date of birth (dd.mm.yyyy)		Latter part of Finnish personal identity code (if applicable)	
Country and place of birth			
Current citizenship(s)			
My spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Is in Finland <input type="checkbox"/> Is applying for / intends to apply for a Finnish residence permit <input type="checkbox"/> Will not move to Finland			
2.2 Underaged children			<input type="checkbox"/> No children
Please declare all your underaged children regardless of whether you are applying for a Finnish residence permit for them or not. There is a separate application form for children's residence permits. See www.migri.fi			
First name	Family name	Date of birth	
		. .	<input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous application
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		. .	<input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous application
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If you have more than five children, enclose the information on the remaining children in a separate appendix.

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SECTION B

3 Registration and business idea of the company

3.1 Registration with the Trade Register of the National Board of Patents and Registration

Choose the applicable option (A, B, C or D) and submit the information requested. If the documents are not in Finnish, Swedish or English, they must be accompanied by a translation into one of these languages by an authorised translator.

A **The company is entered in the Trade Register and an extract from the Trade Register is appended to the application**

B **The company has not been entered in the Trade Register**
Reason why not entered in the Finnish Trade Register:

The type of company to be established:

C **The company is a limited liability company and an establishment agreement as well as up-to-date articles of association and list of shareholders are appended to the application**

D **I am a start-up entrepreneur and a positive statement from Business Finland is appended to the application**

3.2 Business idea of the company

What is the business idea of the company? Describe for instance who the customers are, what services/products the company sells, how it is marketed and how you see the competition situation. Please enclose a business plan.

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4 Business and profitability

4.1 Business

Choose the applicable option (A, B, C or D) and submit the information requested. If the documents are not in Finnish, Swedish or English, they must be accompanied by a translation into one of these languages by an authorised translator.

- A** **The company has been engaging in business for at least one year. Enclosed are the most recent financial statements as well as the most recent round of accounting (income statement and balance sheet) from the beginning of the fiscal period and certificates of wages and dividends paid to entrepreneurs.**
- B** **The company has been engaging in business for _____ months (less than one year). Enclosed are the most recent round of accounting (income statement and balance sheet) from the beginning of the fiscal period and certificates of wages and dividends paid to entrepreneurs.**
- C** **The company has not yet engaged in business, but contracts have been signed with customers and/or business partners. Enclosed are copies of the signed contracts and a calculation of profitability (estimate of the company's revenues and costs for the next two years).**
- D** **The company has not yet engaged in business, and no contracts have yet been signed with customers and/or business partners. Enclosed is a calculation of profitability (estimate of the company's revenues and costs for the next two years).**

4.2 Business premises

- A** **I have a home office.**
- B** **The company has business premises. Enclosed is a copy of the lease (or a document of the ownership of the premises).**

4.3 Persons employed by the company

- A** **I work alone or with partners, there are no hired employees.**
- B** **My business enterprise has personnel in its employ, of which there are**
full-time employees, total
part-time employees, total

4.4 Professional competence / skill in the business sector concerned

- A** **I have a degree/diploma and/or experience in the business sector concerned. Enclosed are my diploma and/or letters of reference and/or document concerning an entrepreneurial activity.**
- B** **I have no experience or education in the field that I intend to engage in as an entrepreneurial activity.**

4.5 Assets and other income

- A** **I have assets and/or other income. Enclosed is a report on assets and other income, e.g. bank statement.**
- B** **I have no assets nor income apart from that from the entrepreneurial activity.**

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5 Additional information for the application

Please state whether there is any other purpose for your residence in Finland than that stated above which you wish to declare. You may also state any other facts or additional information that are relevant for your application or for your coming to Finland. You may enclose a separate appendix if necessary.

6 Applicant's criminal history and refusal of entry

Have you ever been convicted of an offence and sentenced to punishment?

No Yes

Which offence?

In what country and when?

What was the punishment?

Are you a suspect in a criminal investigation?

No Yes

Which alleged offence?

In what country and when?

Do you consent to the Finnish migration authorities obtaining a criminal record extract or similar report from foreign authorities?

Yes No

Why?

Have you been subject to a refusal of entry into the Schengen territory?

No Yes

Which country?

Is the refusal of entry still in force?

No. When was it in force?

Yes. Until when is it in force?

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SECTION D

7 Processing fee

According to Section 10 a of the Aliens Act (301/2004), in order for the processing of the application to continue after the residence permit application has been filed, the fee charged for the processing must be paid. The application expires if the fee is not paid within a reasonable time.

Please pay the processing fee when you submit the application. If you do not pay the processing fee, your application will not be processed and the application will expire within a month after you submitted the application. After this, if you still want to apply for a residence permit in Finland, you have to file a new application.

SECTION E

8 Date and signature

I am applying for a Finnish residence permit and hereby affirm with my signature that the information I submit in this application and its appendices is correct and accurate. I am aware that providing false personal information and false written documentation to the authorities is an act punishable under the Penal Code in Finland and that providing false information may lead to a refusal of a residence permit or the cancelling of an existing permit, repatriation and imposition of a refusal of entry into the Schengen territory.

Place and date

Signature

Name in block letters

9 Population register and personal identity code

When you are granted a residence permit by the Finnish Immigration Service, your personal information will by law in most cases be recorded in the *Population Information System*. You will also be issued a *personal identity code*.

The Population Information System is Finland's electronic population register. Its contents are available to all Finnish authorities. Some of the data can also be disclosed to private persons or entities. The register is kept by the Local Register Offices and the Population Register Centre. The personal information in the register is stored permanently.

A personal identity code is a means of identification used in Finland. No two persons can have the same personal identity code. The code consists of 11 characters and is based on your date of birth and your gender (example: 131052-308T). Being issued a personal identity code gives you no rights or obligations in Finland. You will usually need it when you contact public authorities, because it gives them access to your information in the Population Information System. Also for instance employers, banks or phone operators may need to know your personal identity code.

At this stage, the following personal information will be recorded in the Population Information System: your name, gender, date of birth and your citizenship as well as your mother tongue, address and occupation.

More information on the processing of personal data recorded in the Population Information System can be found in the Data Protection Description available at www.vrk.fi/en/data-protection. You may also request a paper copy from the Finnish Immigration Service or from the Finnish mission (embassy or consulate) to which you return this application.

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SECTION F

You need to attach the following documents to this residence permit application. You must present the original documents when you submit the application. If they are not in Finnish, Swedish or English, they must be accompanied by a translation into one of these languages by an authorised translator.

Tick the boxes for the documents you are attaching to your application:

- Valid passport** (must be presented when you submit the residence permit application)
- Passport photo complying with the photo guidelines issued by the police** (www.poliisi.fi)
- Copy of the passport page containing personal data**
- Document showing that you are legally staying in the country where you submit the application**
- Form MP_1** (if you are already in Finland and are applying for your first residence permit)

A. If you are a start-up entrepreneur, attach the following documents to your application:

- Statement from Business Finland** (no more than two months old) (if you are applying for your first residence permit as a start-up entrepreneur)
- Clarification of income (e.g. bank statement or report on assets that can be transferred to Finland)**
- The most recent financial statements and the most recent round of accounting** (income statement and balance sheet) (if you are applying for an extended permit as a start-up entrepreneur)

B. If you are some other type of entrepreneur, attach the following documents to your application:

- Trade register extract or explanation why the company has not been entered in the Trade Register** (point 3.1)
- If the company is a limited liability company attach an establishment agreement as well as up-to-date articles of association and list of shareholders** (point 3.1)
- Description of the business idea of the company and a business plan** (point 3.2)
- Document concerning business premises** (copy of the lease or a document of the ownership of the premises) (point 4.2)
- Report on the number of employees** (point 4.3)
- Certificates on professional qualifications** (diploma and/or letters of reference) (point 4.4)
- Report on assets and other income** (point 4.5)

If the company is already in business, attach also the following documents to your application (point 4.1):

- The most recent financial statements** (income statement and balance sheet), **if the company has been in business so long that it has financial statements**
- The most recent round of accounting** (income statement and balance sheet) **from the beginning of the fiscal period**
- Certificates of wages and dividends paid to entrepreneurs**

If the company is not yet in business, attach also the following documents to your application (point 4.1):

- Calculation of profitability** (estimate of the company's revenue and costs for the next two years)
- Copies of contracts signed with customers and business partners, if such exist**

Other documents (tick the box and name the document):

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Note. The authority processing the application may ask you to provide other documents than those specified above.

The information you have given on this form will be recorded in the electronic case management system (UMA) of the Finnish Immigration Service. The UMA system is used for processing, decision-making and monitoring of matters governed by the Aliens Act and the Nationality Act. All documents related to the processing of your matter will be filed in the UMA system. More detailed information of the processing on your personal data and your rights related to the processing will be given in the privacy statement of the UMA system. You can read the statement on our website www.migri.fi/en/registers or get a paper statement when you submit your application.

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