

Important links for Finnish nationals

The Finnish Immigration Service decides on the acquisition of Finnish citizenship by application or declaration and on the loss of Finnish citizenship. The purpose of this brochure is to direct other enquiries relating to Finnish citizenship to the right address.

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eurooppa-tiedotus.fi

europa.eu

formin.finland.fi

www.etk.fi

www.kela.fi

www.maistraatti.fi

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www.oph.fi

www.poliisi.fi

www.puolustusvoimat.fi

www.raja.fi

www.sivarikeskus.fi

suomi.fi

www.suomi-seura.fi

www.tulli.fi

www.trafi.fi

www.migri.fi

www.vaalit.fi

vero.fi

www.vrk.fi

Citizenship: acquisition, retention and loss

You can find information about the acquisition and release of Finnish citizenship on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service at www.migri.fi.

If you have Finnish citizenship and are additionally a national of another state, you can lose your Finnish

citizenship at the age of 22 if you have insufficiently close ties with Finland. The easiest way to retain your Finnish citizenship is, before your 22nd birthday, to notify in writing either the register office or, if abroad, the nearest Finnish diplomatic mission that you wish to retain your Finnish citizenship. Notifications cannot be made to the Finnish Immigration Service or to honorary consulates.

You can find the addresses and phone numbers of register offices on the register offices website at www.maistraatti.fi/en. You can find the addresses and phone numbers of Finnish diplomatic missions abroad via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/english.

For more information about retaining citizenship, visit the website of the Finnish Immigration Service at www.migri.fi.

Conscription

You can find information about male conscription and voluntary national service for females on the website of the Finnish Defence Forces at www.puolustusvoimat.fi/en.

You can find information about civilian service on the website of the Civilian Service at www.sivarikeskus.fi/en.

Elections

You can find information about elections and voting on the Elections website of the Ministry of Justice at www.vaalit.fi.

Employment

You can find information about employment services for persons in work, jobseekers, persons entering working life and employers on the website of the Employment and Economic Development Offices at mol.fi/mol/en/.

EU Citizenship

Finland is an EU Member State. As a Finnish citizen, you are also an EU citizen with the right to move freely and work throughout the EU. You can find further information about the rights of EU citizens at europa.eu/index_en.htm and on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's Europe Information website at eurooppa-tiedotus.fi.

Family events

Local register offices maintain a Finnish Population Information System. The local register office automatically receives information about family events (such as birth, death, marriage, divorce and adoption) taking place in Finland. If you live abroad, you must notify the nearest Finnish diplomatic mission of any family events. The information will then be forwarded to the Population Information System.

You can find the addresses and phone numbers of Finnish diplomatic missions abroad via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/english.

Identity cards

You can find information about applying in Finland for a Finnish identity card, Finnish passport and driving licence on the website of the Finnish police at www.poliice.fi.

If you are resident abroad, you can apply for a passport from the nearest Finnish diplomatic mission abroad. You can find the addresses and telephone numbers of these missions and information on how to apply for a passport via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/english. Please address passport enquiries to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland at visas.passports@formin.fi

Moving

A notification of move must be completed when moving from Finland to abroad, moving back to Finland from abroad or moving from one address abroad to another to enable the information in the Population Register Centre to be kept up to date. Notifications of move are submitted to the local register office. Finnish citizens living abroad can notify of their move through the nearest Finnish diplomatic mission.

You can find the addresses and phone numbers of register offices on the register offices website at www.maistraatti.fi/en. You can find the addresses and phone numbers of Finnish diplomatic missions abroad via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/english.

Rules and restrictions applying to personal goods, vehicles and pets brought into Finland can be found on the website of the Finnish Customs at www.tulli.fi/en and, for vehicles, on the website of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafi) at www.trafi.fi/en.

Passports

You can find information about applying for a Finnish passport on the website of the Finnish police at www.poliisi.fi.

If you live abroad, you can apply for a Finnish passport from the nearest Finnish diplomatic mission abroad. You can find the addresses and telephone numbers of these missions and information on how to apply for a passport on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/english under Embassies and Services. Please address passport enquiries to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland at visas.passports@formin.fi.

Pensions

You can find information about statutory pension security and on how to apply for a pension on the website of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) at www.kela.fi. Kela's website also provides detailed information about the national pensions it provides and brief information about pensions for employees, salaried employees and self-employed persons, known collectively as earnings-related pensions. The Finnish Centre for Pensions also provides information about earnings-related pensions on its website at www.etk.fi.

Personal information and addresses

The personal data of a Finnish citizen living abroad remains up-to-date in Finland only if the person concerned notifies the register office of his or her last place of residence or the nearest Finnish diplomatic mission in his or her current country of residence. Up-to-date information is required when you apply for a Finnish passport or if you want to vote in your own place of residence.

You can find the addresses and phone numbers of register offices on the register offices website at www.maistraatti.fi. You can find the addresses

and phone numbers of Finnish diplomatic missions abroad via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/english.

Social security

You can find out about whether you are covered by the Finnish social security system on the website of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) at www.kela.fi.

Studying

You can find information about education, training, the range of training and education available, how to apply for places and the recognition of qualifications on the National Board of Education's website at www.oph.fi/english

Information about student financial aid for studies in Finland and abroad can be found on the website of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) at www.kela.fi.

Taxation

You can find out about taxation on the website of the Tax Administration at vero.fi.

Travel

You can find information about passport controls at border crossing points on the website of the Finnish Border Guard at www.raja.fi.

Information about the import and export of goods can be found on the website of the Finnish Customs at www.tulli.fi/en.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's online service at formin.finland.fi/services contains information about the safety of travel in different countries and about services offered by Finnish diplomatic missions abroad. It is also a useful source of information about the entry permits required by foreign nationals in Finland and the rules concerning movement within the Schengen area. Please address passport and visa enquiries to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland at visas.passports@formin.fi.

Other useful links

suomi.fi
www.suomi-seura.fi
www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi