



MORE INFORMATION ON YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S POSSIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT IN FINLAND

Your family member may apply for a residence permit in Finland. Usually, you need to have secure means of support to be granted a residence permit.

These instructions concern you only if the decision on your asylum or your acceptance as a quota refugee to Finland has been made **on or after 1 July 2016**.

If you have started your family before coming to Finland as an asylum seeker or before being accepted to Finland as a quota refugee, your family member **may apply for a residence permit without any income requirement within three months**. This period starts from when you are served with the decision on asylum or acceptance to the refugee quota.

Your family can apply for a residence permit on the basis of family ties also after three months. In this case, a similar statement on your means of support is required as that of other persons applying for a permit based on family ties. If your family has been started after you came to Finland as an asylum seeker or after you were accepted as a quota refugee, the income requirement applies to your family.

The application is subject to a fee. You can find the prices of the applications on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service.

How to apply within three months:

The application for a residence permit is submitted abroad at a Finnish mission (embassy or consulate). Everyone applying for a residence permit, including children, have to visit the mission in person. You should start preparing for applying for a residence permit at once but not until you have been informed of your own decision. Your family may, for example, need a visa to be able to submit their application at a Finnish mission. It is your own responsibility to ensure that your family is able to get to a mission in time.

Check the mission's website or find out otherwise at which mission and how the application should be submitted. The Finnish Immigration Service cannot influence the choice of mission or when your family members can visit the mission.

As a rule, you need to make an appointment to submit your application. You can make the appointment only via e-mail. If submitting the application exceptionally does not require an appointment, you must, however, submit your application at the mission within three months. If submitting the application requires an appointment, you should as soon as possible and within three months at the latest be in contact with the mission you are submitting your application at in order to make an appointment for submitting the application. When making the appointment, you should notify the mission in an e-mail of all persons who are applying for a residence permit. Notify the mission of the persons' whole names, exact birth dates and citizenships, the nature of your family ties as well as your own name, birth date, citizenship and Finnish Immigration Service customer number.



If you have been in contact with a mission in the way mentioned above within three months of the service of your decision but have not been able to make an appointment for submitting the application within three months because of delays at the mission, your family can apply for a residence permit without the income requirement. This requires that they use the time given to them to submit the application. If a delay of over three months is not caused by the Finnish authorities, secure means of support are required.

You can find additional information on the income requirement and deviating from it on the website of the Finnish Immigration Service.