

Applying for asylum in Finland: Unaccompanied children



You arrive in Finland.



You apply for asylum with the border authorities or the police.



You are accommodated at a reception centre.



A district court assigns you a representative.





The Finnish Immigration Service traces your parents or guardians, if this is in your best interest.



The Finnish Immigration Service invites you and your representative to take part in an asylum interview.

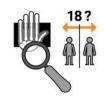


The Finnish Immigration Service requests a statement regarding the best interest of the child from a social worker at the reception centre.



The Finnish Immigration Service investigates whether your application will be examined in Finland.





If necessary, the Finnish Immigration Service may carry out an assessment to establish your age.



The Finnish Immigration Service makes a decision. The Finnish Immigration Service or the police informs you of the decision.





Positive decision: You move to a municipality.

Negative decision: You leave Finland. You may apply for assisted voluntary return. You may also appeal the decision.