

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR STUDY PLACE IN FINLAND!

Are you a citizen of EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland?

- If your answer is 'yes', you do not need a residence permit. For information on EU citizens' registrations please go to: <http://migri.fi/en/i-am-an-eu-citizen>
- If your answer is 'no' and you plan to study in Finland for more than three months: you will need a residence permit

This letter is for all those students who need a residence permit. Next you need to:

- Submit an application for a residence permit online at <https://enterfinland.fi/eServices>
 - Apply for your residence permit abroad, not in Finland.
 - **Visit a Finnish embassy/consulate in person** for identification and fingerprinting
 - Contact the embassy or consulate in advance to arrange a visit. All Finnish embassies and consulates are listed at www.formin.fi
 - If there is no Finnish diplomatic mission in your country, contact a Finnish mission in another country to confirm your visit. Please notice that you need to be legally in that country.
 - Your application will be processed only after you've visited a Finnish embassy. Also the estimated processing time of your application starts from the day you visit the embassy

Important to remember:

Start preparing your application immediately after receiving your acceptance letter. The entire process may take several weeks. The application process is longer if you submit an incomplete application, so be sure to **follow the instructions on the next page** of this letter. Check out more information at www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland.

We process all residence permit applications based on studying as urgent. To follow the progress of your application, log on to your electronic account. You can also find updates on application queues at www.migri.fi. Remember that telephone or e-mail inquiries will not make the process faster.

If your application is approved, you will get a biometric residence permit card. The card is manufactured in Finland and delivered to the Finnish embassy. It's not possible to expedite the delivery of the card or collect the card from Finland. **You cannot come to Finland without the residence permit card.**

Airline tickets should not be acquired in advance since the decision might not be ready before your flight to Finland.



HOW TO PREPARE A PERFECT APPLICATION?

Open an electronic account at <https://enterfinland.fi/eServices>. Log on to your account and fill in the application form for studies. Make sure to fill in your name as it is in your passport, your contact details and the date you plan to arrive in Finland.

Next, collect these mandatory appendices. If your documents are not in Finnish, Swedish or English, have them translated into one of these languages by an authorized translator. Take the originals of your documents with you to the embassy.

You find more information about the appendices from our website:

<http://migri.fi/en/studying-in-finland>

A study place

- Acceptance letter from a Finnish education institution
 - If your acceptance letter was sent to you by e-mail, include the forwarding e-mail from the Studyinfo.fi service/ the school in Finland.

Health insurance

- **If your studies in Finland last two years or more: your insurance must cover medical expenses up to at least 30,000 €**
 - After arriving in Finland, apply for a home municipality at your local registry office to be eligible for public health care
- **If your studies last less than two years: your insurance must cover both sickness and accident related medical expenses up to at least 100,000 €**
- Your insurance must be valid throughout your entire stay in Finland. Take out insurance for a year if you plan to study in Finland for at least a year.
- Make sure that there are no restrictions to the number of days within the period of validity. Travel insurances are often valid for 90 days per trip -> not acceptable.
- Acquire an insurance document which indicates the following information:
 - Your personal details
 - Period of validity of insurance
 - Geographical area in which your insurance is valid
 - Insurance coverage
 - Insured amounts
 - Amount of deductible, or a mention that there is no deductible
- **Do not terminate your insurance!** Otherwise you will be responsible for the costs yourself

Sufficient funds

You must have **6,720 € for one year** (=560 €/month) as a bank deposit or as a scholarship or grant.

- **A bank statement from your own bank account:** Make sure the statement indicates you as the account owner. A shared account or a written guarantee of sponsorship from a private person is not accepted
- **A certificate of a scholarship** granted by a state, an organisation or an educational institution. The certificate must indicate the recipient, amount and duration of the scholarship. A bank statement is not necessary if the scholarship fully covers the requirement.



Tuition fees

- If you pay your tuition fee before arriving in Finland, please attach **documentation of the paid fee**.
- If you pay the tuition fee only after arriving in Finland, please attach **documentation of necessary means for paying the tuition fee**. You cannot use means reserved for your support to pay the tuition fee.
- If you have been exempted from paying tuition fees, partially or entirely or received a scholarship, you have to present **a certificate from the educational institution of this**.

A passport and a passport photo

Make sure your passport is valid for **at least one year** from the date you plan to arrive in Finland