



FINLAND VISA INFORMATION PACK

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Citizens of European countries can benefit from visa-free travel opportunities within the borders of the European Union.
- US citizens holding US passports valid for at least 3 months from intended return date from Finland are not obliged to obtain a visa for touristic or business purposes as well as airport transits for stays up to 90 days.
- UK is not included in the Schengen area. Moreover, the UK citizens won't have the right to freedom of movement in the European Union since the UK officially leaves the EU as of 31 January 2020.
- Canadian citizens are not obliged to get a visa to travel to Schengen countries for stays up to 90 days within a period of 180 days.

2. FINLAND VISA TYPES

Finland Schengen Visa Types:

- Airport Transit Visa
- Business Visa
- Tourist Visa
- Visitor Visa
- Cultural Visa
- Medical Treatment Visa

Finland Category D visa- For Long Stay Visits:

- Student Visa
- Language Course Visa
- Student Internship Visa
- Researcher Visa



3. FINLAND VISA RULES

- In order to obtain an entry visa to Finland, a minimum of 30 Euro per day must be demonstrated as proof of sufficient financial assets to cover travel expenses.
- In most cases, applicants must personally submit their visa applications, along with all required documents, to the Finnish Diplomatic Mission authorized in their place of residence.
- Your passport must have at least two blank pages and be no more than ten years old.
- Passports must be valid for at least three months after the expected date of departure from the Schengen area.

4. DO I NEED A VISA TO TRAVEL TO FINLAND?

Finland is listed among the Schengen zone of the EU, in which states have jointly agreed their visa requirements towards third country nationals. However, each state may enforce specific regulations concerning the travel documents it asks from citizens of different countries. You can find online the extensive list of travel documents detailed for foreigners.

<https://um.fi/visa-requirement-and-travel-documents-accepted-by-finland>

5. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN GENERAL

- Passport (not worn or torn, at least 2 pages must be blank for Finland Schengen visa)
- Photocopies of previously used passports, if any
- 2 biometric photographs (taken within the last 6 months, not used in another visa application, on a white background, 35x45 mm, with the whole face and neck visible)
- Finland visa application form
- Copy of identity card
- Full certificate of birth registration sample (can be obtained from e-government or civil registration office)
- Flight, hotel reservation documents or itinerary
- Travel health insurance (to cover the duration of the trip, that will cover up to 30.000 Euros)
- Bank account statement of the last 3 months (with stamp and signature of the relevant bank)
- SGK employment statement and service breakdown (valid for insured employees)
- Permission letter written by the employer (valid for insured employees, stamped and signed on the corporate letterhead)
- Chamber of Commerce registry, tax plate photocopy, Trade Registry Gazette photocopy, signature circular, SGK or Bağ-Kur service breakdown (valid for employers)
- Retirement certificate (if applicable)
- Student certificate (if applicable)
- Letter of consent (notarized travel document from parents for under 18s)
- Income documents (if any, photocopies of vehicle license, lease agreement, title deed, etc.)
- Sponsor petition (if necessary)
- Invitation letter (if applicable)

Employed:

- Employment contract (original certificate of employment indicating the position in the company and the salary)
- Bank account statement of the past 6 months
- Approval letter of leave from employer
- Income Tax Return (ITR)

Student:

- Documentation of University enrollment
- No-objection certificate from school management

6. VISA PROCEDURES AND MONITORING

- The type of visa required should be determined by the purpose of the trip to Finland.
- A visa application is required for this visa type.
- The required documents differ depending on the type of visa chosen.
- The applicant must complete all required documents in English, Finnish, or Swedish.
- There should be no gaps or errors in the document's delivery. Consultation services can thus be obtained from visa centers or consulate-approved agencies.
- Following the completion of the documents, an appointment with the embassy must be scheduled. Visa applications must be submitted in person at the embassy.
- The visa application process takes 15 working days. As a result, official holidays and special days should be considered. Because Finland is more popular, especially during the summer months, the density of the embassy should be considered during this time.

7. HOW DO I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

- The Ankara Embassy is the only one with the authority to issue Finland Schengen visas to all of Turkiye.
- As a result, the visa appointment must be scheduled from there. Because visas are sometimes issued later due to the high demand, an appointment should be made at least one month before the trip.

8. EMBASSY IN TURKIYE

Beyaz Zambaklar Sokađı, No:44,06690 GAZIOSMANPASA,
ANKARA/TURKIYE

Citizens and residence permit holders of Turkiye can contact the embassy via:
consulate.ank@formin.fi

Telephone service from Monday to Thursday 14.00 - 15.00.

Tel: +90 312 457 4444

9. WHERE SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE VISA?



Visa Center VFS Global serves customers in Türkiye at Ankara, Istanbul and Antalya. Applicants must book an appointment for submitting their visa applications in advance.

Information about changing entry requirements to Finland from the Finnish Border Guard [website\(layout.types.url.description\)](#).

Contact details and opening hours of Visa Centers in Türkiye:

- Submission of applications: 08.30-12.00 and 13.00-14.30

- Returning of passports: 13.00-16.30

Website: [https://visa.finland.eu/turkey/\(layout.types.url.description\)](https://visa.finland.eu/turkey/(layout.types.url.description))

Email: info.fitr@vfshelpline.com

Tel: +90 212 373 5812 (08.30-12.00 and 13.00-17.00)

Appointment booking: <https://visa.finland.eu/turkey/Schedule an Appointment.html>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the **applicants' responsibility** to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address listed below:

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