CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR POSTGRADUATE STATUS IN FINLAND!

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

• If your answer is ‘NO’ and you plan to study in Finland for more than three months, you will need a residence permit.

• If your answer is ‘YES’, you do not need a residence permit. Information on EU citizens’ registrations is available at www.poliisi.fi.

This letter is for all those postgraduate students who need a residence permit.

What type of residence permit do you need?

If you are coming to Finland for postgraduate studies (licentiate/doctor’s degree) and you receive financial compensation at least 1173 € in a month such as salary, a grant or a scholarship from an official institution in Finland or abroad:

• you need a residence permit based on scientific research
• For more useful information go to: www.migri.fi/working_in_finland/an_employee_and_work/researcher

If you are coming to Finland for postgraduate studies (licentiate/doctor’s degree) and you are funding your stay with your own funds or your financial compensation is less than 1173 € in a month:

• you need a residence permit based on studying
• For more useful information go to: www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland

What to do now?

Register for an electronic account at https://enterfinland.fi/eServices. Log on to your account and fill in the application form for a researcher or for studies depending on which of the above mentioned options apply to you.

• Apply for your residence permit abroad, not in Finland.
• 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.
• Attach all the appendices listed on the last page of the application form.
• Visit a Finnish embassy/consulate in person for identification and fingerprinting. Take the originals of your documents with you to the embassy. Your application will not be processed before you’ve visited a Finnish embassy.
• 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.

Go to www.migri.fi to find out more of the requirements for a residence permit as a researcher or as a student. Also check out www.migri.fi → FAQ → residence permits.