

Step 1

PLANNING

Plan your business and service to correspond with the construction industry. Check that all workers have the needed licenses and permit(s), that are required by the law.

- Acquire the training and/or pass the exam needed for your field.
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- short-term land lease and land use permits in construction and material extraction
- building-related permits in BIM/another regulated
- planning permissions for minor construction related to the building site, demolition or landscape permits
- landscape work permits other than building site permits
- potential environmental permit if the construction is related to specific activity e.g. factories, gas stations
- other environmental permits and notifications (e.g. noise notifications)
- Fire safety regulations

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Business plan template
Business Espoo calculation template
Templates (EN)



Information about personal
qualifications in construction industry



Foreign degree recognition



General information about permits
required from companies



Access control, building security
services and surveillance



Available help from business advisors

Talk to a business advisor to review your plans and next steps. If you are already living in Finland, please contact your local business advisory office to how to build up your own business.



Aspects to consider / examples

- Business plan
- Operational plan
- Shareholder agreement
- General Contracts of construction field (YSE)
- Different Contract Base for B2B and B2C
- Professional Design Services requires license, so does site management.
- All work security cards (Valtti Card, fire etc.) need to be applied under newly set up company regardless of sub-contracting relationship, if any applies.

Step 2

PERMITS, DOUMENTS, LICENSES

If you are a EU citizen, register your stay with Migri.

Confirm your right to practice business in Finland.

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Residence Permit application



For EU citizens: Confirm your stay with Finnish Immigration Service (Migri)



Qualifications' verification and list of authorized bodies



Qualifications' verification price examples



Valtti card, electronic ID and access pass



Environmental permits and water areas



Aspects to consider / examples

- Note: regardless of permit exemption for buildings below 30 m2 the construction law and master plan of the region must still be followed, and relevant documentation need to be kept.
- New Law package states that building permits need to be applied in BIM or another regulated electronic format.
- New permit categories for designers and work supervisors: conventional
demanding
very demanding
exceptionally demanding

Construction pathway



Starting a construction business or a company in construction and materials field requires a solid business plan and good planning. There are a few safety, insurance and tax related laws as well as permit requirements, that need to be completed before starting a company.

Please note that some permits are person-related and some need to be applied for by the company. Starting of January 1st 2026 all construction related services, design and renovation included, require professional certification. A quick guide about certificates for everybody from students to officials can be found here: <https://www.patevyyspalvelu.fi/>

It's very valuable to meet a business



Step 3

RESOURCERS, CONTRACTS

You need a business ID to build your own business.

Contact business advisory if needed



Aspects to consider/examples

- Accounting partner
- Work resources
- Permits like occupational safety cards, liability insurance, construction site practices concrete work / occupational safety card, cutting, welding and other sparking work require permits
- Contracts with stakeholders
- Knowledge about tax payments

Step 4

FINAL PREPARATIONS AND LAUNCH

After your company is established. Congratulations! Now you can start working with your customers!

Keep proper accounts and provide annual declarations in timely manner.

Non-EU citizens: Apply extension(s) no more than 3 months prior the expiry of your permit. Should your situation change, provide Migri with notification of change without delay.

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Notify Finnish Immigration Service (Migri) about any changes



Aspects to consider/ examples

Business and operational plan implemented to action plan



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