

Step 1

PLANNING

- Plan your business and service to correspond the field.
- Acquire the training and/or pass the exam needed for your field.
- Set up your company **only** after discussing with the business advisor about your needed licenses and permit(s) that are required within the field.

Links

Finnish Immigration Service (Migri)



Business plan template
Business Espoo calculation template
Templates (EN)

Access control and building
security services



All recent changes in short



About Digital Services Act, DSA



About Digital Markets Act DMA



About information processors for
clarification about the roles and
responsibilities



About Artificial Intelligence Act, AIA



About payments
electronic payments in short



FIN-FSA guidance about PSD2



Payment card industry
security standards



General information about
permits required from companies



Available help from business advisors

Talk to a business advisor to review your plans and next steps. Please contact your local business advisory office with your initial business plan to go through the process specific to the field.



Aspects to consider / examples

- Business plan
 - Operational plan
 - Shareholder agreement
 - Do you need the business ID for permit application?
- If not, do not establish a company at this stage.

- Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of your field of business. Cover the basics before discussing with business advisor and you can enjoy more resultful advisory.

Step 2

PERMITS, DOUMENTS, LICENSES

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

As non-EU citize, please confirm your right to practice business in Finland.

Prepare for the registrations, if relevant to your activities

Links

Residence Permit application



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



Please see the topic specific links in Step

Aspects to consider / examples

- After a Finnish strong authentication is acquired, one can register for exams, permit enquiries, setting up business electronically etc.
- After booking the business advisory time, please send your business plan for the advisor before the meeting.
- Check the booking confirmation for details and contacts of the advisor.

ICT Pathway



ICT could easily be seen as simple coding industry. However, since software is part of our daily lives in numerous aspects, plenty of regulations are in place depending on intended use of the software. There is software specifically designed for trade, logistics, finance, defence etc. This means that developers need to be aware of related regulations and it applies to websites, online shops, payment systems, crypto and ledger service providers and gaming also.

While actual software development I companies do not require permits, the product of development ie. software and its user may require registration, and regulations will have great impact on both planning and execution. EG. software developed for social and health care sector cannot be used, unless information about the software is registered into Astori register.

For an ICT company it is imperative that the operation responsibilities are clearly defined. The regulation regarding the processor of personal data applies, for example, to the following service providers: IT service providers, software integrators, cybersecurity companies and IT consulting companies that have access to the controller's personal data.

Please note that many required qualifications are issued by specified organizations and obtainable only after approved registration, such as registered Crypto Issuer.

Always ask advise from your local business advisor before engaging in any such activities:

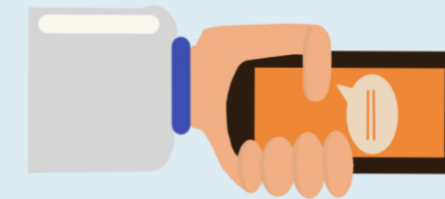


Step 3

RESOURCERS, CONTRACTS

You mostly need a business ID to sign the contracts. Please apply the Grants, if available, as guided by your business advisor. In case no permits are required in your field, set up the company only after applying the grants.

Contact business advisory if needed



Aspects to consider/examples

- Resources: money, machinery, premises
 - Grants & Subsidies
- Please note that plans required for grant application must be reviewed by business advisor!
- Insurances
 - Shareholder Contract
 - Taxation in the field
 - Finding an accountant

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.

Links

Notify Finnish Immigration Service (Migri) about any changes



Aspects to consider/ examples

Business and operational plan implemented to action plan



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