

Step 1

PLANNING

Plan your services to understand future content of your work and create description of your product/services. Check your team current location and requirements for residence permit(s).

Make sure you have a plan for the following aspects:

- team
- ownership
- funding
- place
- idea
- commitment

Make sure to check your own situation: Do you already live in Finland? Are some team members living outside of Finland and EU? Contact Immigration Service (Migri).

If you already reside in Finland with a residence permit, before starting anything, confirm from Finnish Immigration Service (Migri) that you have the right to operate a business. Do not ask about residence permits from any other person or organization.

Should no eligibility statement be required, EG. you have graduated in Finland, then you are expected to plan your business as an entrepreneur. No Start-Up Residence is needed. Contact business advisory.

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Business plan template
Business Espoo calculation template
Templates (EN)



Templates (FIN)

Finnish Immigration Service (Migri)



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 understand services provided for startups.



Aspects to consider / examples

- Business plan
- Operational plan
- Right to operate a business is not the same as right to own a company, hence a double check is recommended!

Step 2

PERMITS, DOCUMENTS, LICENSES

Confirm your right to practice business.

Apply for Eligibility Statement if you do not have residence permit to Finland.

After receiving positive Eligibility Statement, file a Residence Permit application to Finnish Immigration Service (Migri).

If you are an EU citizen, register your stay with Finnish Immigration Service (Migri).

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File the Eligibility Statement application and Residence Permit application



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



Available help from business advisors

A business advisor can help you navigate the application process.

Aspects to consider / examples

- Eligibility statement application
- Residence permit application

Start-up and growth entrepreneurship pathway



Start by checking your personal situation: if you already live in Finland, your residence permit type is either a normal entrepreneurship type or if you have graduated or finished research in Finland, you may consider applying permit on graduation grounds. People with Finnish citizenship or permanent permits do not need eligibility statements, only people applying their first residence permit to Finland needs to fulfil the Start-Up minimum requirements.

Are you representing a Foreign Start-up? Check this out: <https://sisufactory.fi/>



Regardless of your professional field, your business needs to fulfil the following minimum requirements to qualify as a start-up



Step 3

REGISTERING A BUSINESS ID

Activities must be presented in an eligibility statement / business plan.

After confirming the Residence Permit and/ right to work, book a time with business advisor and set up a business id that is relevant with the scope of your activities.

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Book time with business advisory



Available help from business advisors

A business advisor can help you navigate the registration process.

Work with a business advisor to plan your resources and legal setup.

Ensure you discuss with a business advisor prior to company registration.

Aspects to consider/examples

- Eligibility statement
- Business plan
- Business ID

Step 4

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

After your business is established, operate as described in your eligibility statement application and/or business plan.

Keep proper accounts and provide annual declarations in timely manner.

Available help from business advisors

Continue to discuss with relevant advisory organisations.

Aspects to consider/examples

- Accounting
- Taxes
- Business plan
- Resources
- Permits
- Contracts
- Marketing plan

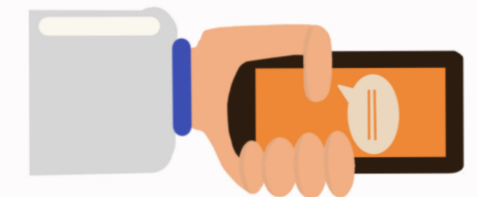
Step 5

NON-EU: PERMIT EXTENSION

Non- EU citizens:
Apply for 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

- Changes to your situation

