



INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS IN FINLAND

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Immigrant integration is the process of economic mobility and social inclusion for newcomers and their children. As such, integration touches upon the institutions and mechanisms that promote development and growth within society, including early childhood care; elementary, postsecondary, and adult education systems; workforce development; health care; provision of services to communities with linguistic diversity; and more.



Finland has only relatively recently become a country of immigration, and as a result most immigration and integration policy legislation is also relatively recent. Since the 1990s, the number of migrants to Finland has increased steadily, motivating the adoption of various policy measures to regulate migration and support integration.

From the perspective of migrant labour market integration, the two most important legislative acts are the Aliens Act (FINLEX 301/2004) and the Act on the Promotion of Immigrant Integration (FINLEX 1386/2010), which lay out basic labour market integration supports for migrants, and determine who can work in Finland and on which grounds.

INTEGRATION POLICY

Integration policy promotes social inclusion of immigrants

Integration policy promotes the employment of immigrants and helps them to become members of Finnish society and supports integration as a two-way process. Integration policy promotes the inclusion of immigrants in all areas of Finnish society.

Successful integration policy is a joint effort

A successful integration policy requires the commitment of all administrative branches to equality, non-discrimination and the prevention of racism, as well as the promotion of positive attitudes.

The priority areas of integration policy are

- support for immigrant families,
- support for employment of adult immigrants,
- support for immigrants in their efforts to become municipal residents,
- smooth and well-managed entry of beneficiaries of international protection into municipalities,
- smooth cooperation between central and local government and
- involvement of civil society in the integration process.



Integration Service, Training and Courses

When you come to Finland as an immigrant, it is important that you integrate. Integration means that you learn and adopt knowledge and skills needed in Finnish society. There are numerous different integration services available that help you in your integration process. Members of your family, who move to Finland with you, may also have the right to receive integration services.

When you have arrived in Finland and registered your right of residence, you will be given information on Finland, your rights and obligations in Finland, and services that will support your integration.

You will be provided information and assistance on integration services by TE Offices or immigration advisors in your municipality of residence. They will provide information on how integration services are organised in your home municipality.

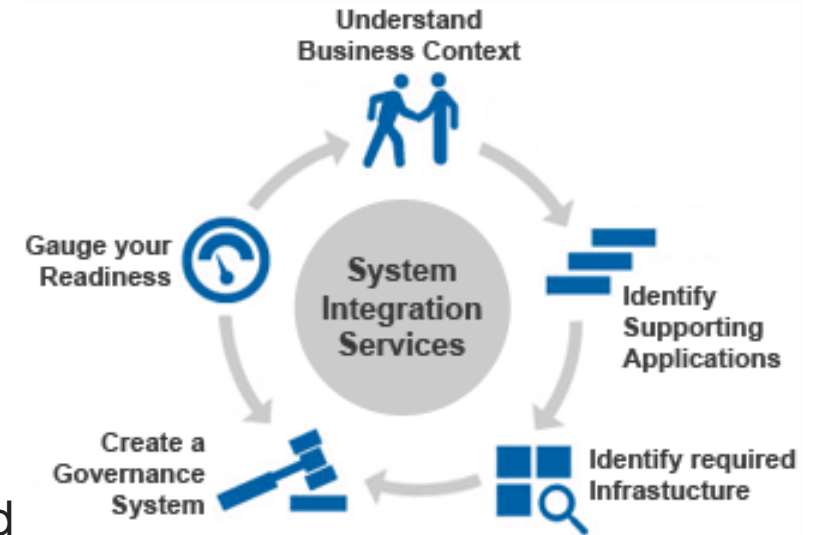
Integration plan. The plan is drawn up together with either an integration expert at the TE Office or a social worker at your local social welfare office. Your integration plan will include, for example, information on what training or education you need in order to integrate.

On the basis of your integration plan, you will be steered to the **integration training** that best suits your needs. The training includes either Finnish or Swedish language studies. It usually also includes training on the Finnish customs as well as information about working and education in Finland.

Integration training will provide you with skills for Finnish working life and further education.

Integration Service, Training and Courses

When you come to live in Finland, you can contact the Employment and Economic Development Office, or the TE Office, to ask for services that will support your integration and employment. The TE Office will help you to find a job. The TE Office offers a large selection of services to support your jobseeking.



Integration training gives adult immigrants better possibilities of becoming a part of Finnish society.

You will be instructed to take part in integration training, if you have lived less than three years in Finland, you are at least 17 years old, you are Unemployed or becoming unemployed soon, integration training is suited to your learning abilities, integration training supports your overall integration and employment targets.

In integration training, you can learn Finnish or Swedish and communication skills, pick up civic and working life skills and have a personal vocational plan drawn up for you.

After the integration training you are able to do business in shops and bureaus. You can then move on forward to employment, vocational training or professional studies. As an immigrant you can also pursue comprehensive school or general upper secondary school studies as labour market training if this might give you better access to working life and further education and training.

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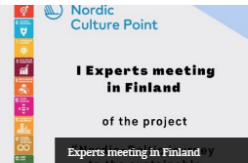
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