



## EXPATRIATE ISSUES

# MAKING A BUSINESS MOVE TO FINLAND

### Safe and dynamic society for business

Finland is an attractive place to live and do business. It is a well balanced and dynamic society, with a high standard of living and one of the lowest corruption rates in the world.

Globally, Finland is known for its excellent education system, technological innovation and expertise, and high achievers in the fields of arts, design and sports. Nature and tranquility are some of Finland's greatest assets.

### Finland welcomes foreign business

Finland joined the EU in 1995 and is the only country using the Euro currency in the Nordics. Foreign investors enjoy the same access to government incentives for business as Finnish companies.

People moving to Finland have the right to buy real estate or rent property from the open market. Finland has advanced social security and public health care system that extends to all permanent residents in the country.

### Entry regulations

Citizens of the EU member states and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway may work in Finland without the residence permit for an employed person. They do not need a residence permit for an employed person or for a self-employed person when working in Finland, they should only register their right to reside in Finland at a local police station within three months of arriving in Finland.

Citizens of other countries are required to have a temporary or continuous residence permit for an employed person if they intend to work in Finland. The application can be made by the employee or the employer.

## FINLAND'S TOP RANKINGS

### THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO GLOBAL INNOVATION IN THE WORLD

(Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, 2016)



### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> HAPPIEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

(World Happiness Report 2016)

### THE GREENEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

(The environmental performance index, 2016)

### THE 6<sup>TH</sup> BEST HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE WORLD

(The annual Universitas 21 ranking, 2016)

### NUMBER 1 ONE IN GLOBAL PRESS FREEDOM INDEX

(The Reporters Without Borders' Press Freedom Index, 2016)

### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LEAST CORRUPTED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

(Corruption Perceptions Index, 2015)

#### Cosy city life

Everything is within walking distance – even in the centre of Helsinki you can walk everywhere – from the hotel to the restaurant and back – and get some fresh air. No need to book transport. You can have your dinner on a boat or take a short ride to one of the many restaurants on the surrounding small islands.

There are wonderful routes you can take on your run to see the city. Or, if you'd rather see the city riding, you can rent one of the yellow city bikes.

During winter time you can walk on the ice covered sea or dip into it. Unless you want to enjoy unique warm floating sea water pool available all year round.

Everything works in Finnish cities – regardless of the time of the year, the airports doesn't shut down, the busses and trains run, your wifi works and so does your shower. You can even drink the tap water. These things make your daily life in Finland enjoyable and easy.

#### Excellent country for families

Finland is a safe and green country for families to live, offering first-class healthcare and education. Foreign language day care centres, schools and high schools can be found in most of cities in Finland. The high level of Finnish education is well-known and respected for the students' outstanding performances in the international PISA studies.

#### Sources and further information

The Finnish Immigration Service  
[www.migri.fi](http://www.migri.fi)

Employment and Economic Development Office  
[www.te-services.fi/te/en/](http://www.te-services.fi/te/en/)

Ministry of Education and Culture  
[www.minedu.fi](http://www.minedu.fi)

Finland in your language  
[www.infopankki.fi](http://www.infopankki.fi)