

FOR EU CITIZEN

# EMPLOYED EU CITIZENS' REGISTRATIONS

AFTER ARRIVAL IN NORTH SAVO

Thank you for choosing North Savo - you are warmly welcome! Life here in your new hometown will start to run smoothly when you take care of the following official obligations and other practical matters related to everyday life as soon as possible.

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## FINNISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE

**EU CITIZENS** must apply for EU registration if you plan to reside in Finland for a longer period than three months without interruption. As an EU citizen, you have an unrestricted right to work in Finland even if you have not yet received a decision on your registration application.

**WHERE:** Finnish Immigration Service (Maahanmuuttovirasto, MIGRI) and online service EnterFinland.fi

## DVV

Register your municipality of residence and permanent address. Possibility to apply for a Finnish personal identification number.

**CITIZENS OF A NORDIC COUNTRY** register their right of residence at the Digital and Population Data Services Agency.

**WHERE:** Digital and Population Data Services Agency (DVV, Digi- ja väestötietovirasto)

## TAX ADMINISTRATION

Apply for a tax card and/or an individual tax number, and possibility to apply for a Finnish personal identification number.

**WHERE:** Tax Administration (Verohallinto)

## BANK

Open a bank account and apply for online banking credentials.

**CHOOSE:** one out of several banks in North Savo (pankki)

## KELA

Register to the Finnish Social System and apply for KELA card.

**WHERE:** KELA (Kansaneläkelaitos, KELA)

## POLICE (OPTIONAL)

Apply for a Finnish personal identity card.

**WHERE:** Police of Finland (Poliisi)





### Registrations of EU citizens and their family members: book an appointment at your nearest Finnish Immigration Service (Migri) in Finland.

You must register your stay in Finland ([bit.ly/migri\\_eu](https://bit.ly/migri_eu)) if you are a citizen of the European Union and your stay in Finland exceeds three months. Fill in and pay for your application at online service EnterFinland.fi ([bit.ly/eu\\_enterfinland](https://bit.ly/eu_enterfinland)) and visit the Finnish Immigration Service to verify your identity within three months of entering into Finland. For registration purposes, citizens of Liechtenstein and Switzerland are considered EU citizens.

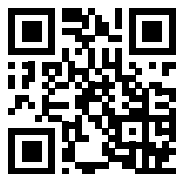
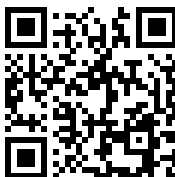
As an EU citizen, you have an unrestricted right to work in Finland even if you have not yet received a decision on your registration application.

If you are a citizen of a Nordic country, register your right of residence at the Digital and Population Data Services Agency (DVV).

#### NORTH SAVO FINNISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE (MAAHANMUUTTOVIRASTO, MIGRI) AND ONLINE SERVICE ENTERFINLAND.FI

Opening hours: [bit.ly/migriservicepoints](https://bit.ly/migriservicepoints)

- Finnish Immigration Service, Ajurinkatu 45, 70110 KUOPIO



[bit.ly/migri\\_eu](https://bit.ly/migri_eu)



[bit.ly/eu\\_enterfinland](https://bit.ly/eu_enterfinland)

**PLEASE NOTE:** in North Savo the Finnish Immigration Service is located only in Kuopio.



### Registration at the DVV (Digital and Population Data Services Agency) of the municipality of residence.

Registration at the DVV (Digital and Population Data Services Agency) of the municipality of residence ("kotikunta") and of the permanent address and application for a Finnish personal identification number ("henkilötunnus/ hetu"), which is needed for identification purposes at the officials and when using online services (you can also apply at the Tax Administration for it!).

Registration of permanent address and notification of move: You have to inform the authorities if you are leaving Finland to move abroad, moving to Finland from abroad or changing your address abroad.

#### NORTH SAVO DVV LOCATIONS

Opening hours: [bit.ly/dvvservicepoints](https://bit.ly/dvvservicepoints)

- DVV Kuopio, Puistokatu 29, 70110 KUOPIO
- DVV Iisalmi, Virrankatu 2, 74100 IISALMI
- There is no local DVV office in Varkaus

**PLEASE NOTE:** notification of change of address within Finland can be done via postal services (Posti): [bit.ly/postichangeaddress](https://bit.ly/postichangeaddress).



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### Apply for a tax card and/or an individual tax number.

Application for a tax card and/or an individual tax number, and possibility to apply for a Finnish personal identification number. If you come to Finland temporarily but stay for longer than 6 months, you are treated as a resident taxpayer.

Additionally, special tax rules apply to certain professions and types of work. This means that you will usually have to pay tax to Finland on all the income you receive. However, your home country and Finland may have signed a tax treaty that prohibits Finland from taxing the income you receive from outside Finland.

If you have a Finnish employer, your tax depends on your annual gross income according to a progressive scale. You will need a Finnish personal identification number and a tax card. Please find here guidelines on the application process: [bit.ly/verotaxcard](https://bit.ly/verotaxcard).

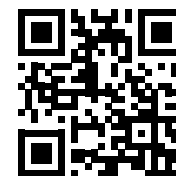
Reserve an appointment at a tax office. Make an appointment by calling 029 512 000. You must visit a tax office so that you can be identified and you can be given a Finnish personal identification number.

#### NORTH SAVO TAX OFFICES LOCATIONS

Opening hours: [bit.ly/verotaxoffices](https://bit.ly/verotaxoffices)

- Kuopio Tax Office, Viestikatu 7A, 2nd floor
- Iisalmi Tax Office (only remote), Luuniemenkatu 3
- There is no local tax office in Varkaus

**PLEASE NOTE:** Iisalmi Tax Office does not issue Finnish personal identity numbers. The office provides taxpayer services only through remote access. In remote service, the taxpayer advisor assists you on a video connection.



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## Opening of a bank account and application for online banking credentials.

You need a bank account in Finland in order to handle your finances like the receiving of your work payment. When opening a bank account, you need a passport, identity card for foreign citizens or some other official identity card.

According to law, when you open a bank account, the bank must ask you to clarify for what purpose you intend to use your bank account. The bank also has the right to check your credit history. The bank needs the following information from you:

- name
- personal identity code
- address in Finland or abroad
  - » if you pay taxes to a country other than Finland, your address in that other country
  - » the same information is needed for any other person who is entitled to use the same bank account

It is a good idea to also acquire online banking credentials when opening a bank account. With online banking credentials you can, for example, attend to many official matters online.

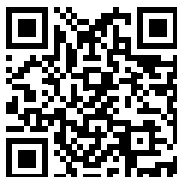
However, the requirements for obtaining online banking credentials are stricter than those for opening a bank account. Thus, in some cases, you cannot get online banking credentials even if you have a bank account. Read more on InfoFinland website: [bit.ly/lifeinfinland](https://bit.ly/lifeinfinland).

Banks operating in Finland and North Savo include Nordea, OP Cooperative Bank, Danske Bank, Handelsbanken, the Savings Banks (Säästöpankki), S-Bank and POP Bank.

Read more on the Info Norden -website: [bit.ly/finlandbankaccounts](https://bit.ly/finlandbankaccounts).



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## Registration to the Finnish Social System, Kela and application for a Kela card.

Kela, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland, is a government agency that provides basic economic security for everyone living in Finland: coverage under the social security system administered by Kela generally requires permanent residence in Finland.

You can become entitled to social security coverage in Finland immediately upon moving to Finland, if you move to Finland on a permanent basis or if you work in Finland and your wage amounts to at least EUR 800.02 per month (in 2023). However, one requirement for entitlement to benefits such as unemployment allowance is that you have worked for at least 6 months.

Read more about social security coverage for employees and self-employed persons here: [bit.ly/kelasocialsecurity](https://bit.ly/kelasocialsecurity).

Register at and apply for a Kela card at your local Kela service point: the Kela card is needed for identifying when applying for health services, picking up medicine, etc. ([bit.ly/kelacard](https://bit.ly/kelacard)). Typical situations in which customers contact Kela and apply for social benefits: are childbirth, the beginning of study, illness, unemployment and retirement, need of housing benefits.

### NORTH SAVO KELA SERVICE POINTS

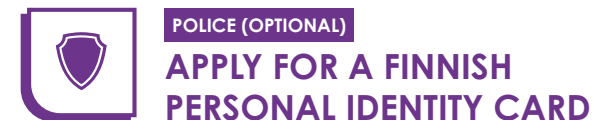
- Kela's customer service Kuopio, Suokatu 40
- Kela's customer service Iisalmi, Päiviönkatu 14
- Kela's customer service Varkaus, Rajakatu 13



[bit.ly/kelasocialsecurity](https://bit.ly/kelasocialsecurity)



[bit.ly/kelacard](https://bit.ly/kelacard)



## Application for an identity card at the Police station.

An identity card is a document that certifies your identity when you use different services. The identity card is usually valid for five years at a time. You can be issued with an identity card if you are a foreign citizen permanently resident in Finland, your personal information, including municipality of residence in Finland, is entered in the Population Information System, and you have a valid residence permit or residence card, or your right of residence has been registered.

A foreigner's identity card is issued for no longer than five years or until the expiry of the applicant's residence permit or residence card, whichever is sooner. A foreigner's identity card cannot be used as a travel document and can only be applied for from the police, not from a Finnish mission abroad.

More information about the application please find here: [bit.ly/polliisi\\_identitycard](https://bit.ly/polliisi_identitycard).

### NORTH SAVO POLICE STATIONS

[bit.ly/polliisi\\_northsavo](https://bit.ly/polliisi_northsavo)

- Kuopio Main Police Station, Suokatu 44, 70100 Kuopio
- Iisalmi police station, Virrankatu 2, 74100 Iisalmi
- Suonenjoki police station, Herralantie 1 C, 77600 Suonenjoki
- Varkaus police station, Pirnankatu 2, 78200 Varkaus



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