

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION IN FINLAND



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The aims and objectives:

- ◆ The objective of immigrant education is to provide people moving to Finland with the opportunity to function as equal members of the Finnish society and guarantee them the same educational opportunities as Finnish citizens.
- ❖ The aims of immigrant education, both for children and adults, are equality, functional bilingualism and multiculturalism.
- ❖ The objective of immigrant education is to prepare immigrants for integration into the Finnish education system and society, to support their cultural identity and to provide them with a bilingualism that functions as well as possible, so that they will have a command of their own native language.

- ◆ ~~A young immigrants of compulsory age (7-17) permanently living in Finland have the right to the same basic education as Finns.~~
- ◆ The objective is to ensure that adult immigrants receive the education needed for a working life and that they maintain their existing vocational skills. Instruction in the Finnish and Swedish languages is organised for immigrants for all ages.
- ◆ At the same time they are encouraged to maintain their mother tongue and cultural identity.

primary education:

- ◆ Schools organize remedial instruction for immigrant children in different subjects according to their capabilities

upper secondary education:

- students with a foreign certificate may apply for a place at a general upper secondary school or upper secondary vocational institution directly from the school in question through the joint application system

preparatory education for young people

- ◆ upon completion of basic education young immigrants may prepare for further studies either in additional forms of basic education or in other preparatory education
- in addition they can participate in education preparing them for vocational upper secondary education

preparatory vocational education and training

- ◆ the scope of training is 20-40 credits
- ◆ the objective of training is to improve the student's language skills, coping skills, other skills needed in vocational education
- ◆ in preparatory education students study Finnish or Swedish, mathematical and social subjects. At the same time they get to know different professions and vocational education and training in general

Vocational education and training

- ◆ selection is made through the joint application system
- ◆ language skills assessed with a language test and/or an interview
- ◆ education can be arranged flexibly
- ◆ Finnish or Swedish as a second language will replace studies in the mother tongue
- ◆ remedial instruction is available in some vocational institutions

Integration training

- ◆ arranged for adult immigrants who are subject to the Integration Act
- ◆ one year, consisting of many courses
- ◆ labour policy education
- ◆ includes Finnish/Swedish, social studies, everyday skills, cultural knowledge and guidance, period of practical training

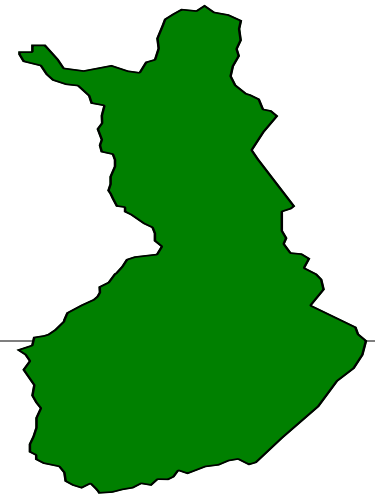
Labour policy education for adults

- ◆ designed to improve people's chances of staying in the labour-market or of returning to work
- ◆ mainly targeted at unemployed job-seekers or persons who are at risk of being unemployed
- ◆ the objective of labour policy education is to provide the vocational skills needed in working life
- ◆ education usually leads to vocational qualification or to a component of such a qualification
- ◆ education may also include preparatory training which is orientated to give them specific skills or skills as jobseekers

FOREIGN CITIZENS IN FINLAND 31.12.12.2009

Number of foreign citizens living in Finland 195 538 and number of their homecountries is 182,
(The Finnish Immigration Service)

3,6 %
population



◆ LARGEST (20) NATIONALITY GROUPS LIVING IN FINLAND 2012

◆ *Nationality:*

◆ Estonian	39 585	American	2 759
◆ Russian	30 177	Iranian	2 585
◆ Svedish	8 493	Ukrainian	2 515
◆ Somalian	7 485	Nepalese	1 727
◆ Chinese	6 465	Bosnia-Herzegovina	1704
◆ Thai	6 027	<u>Nigerian</u>	<u>1 698</u>
◆ Iraqi	5 903	Total	142 454
◆ Turkish	4 282		
◆ India	4 029		
◆ British	3 933		
◆ German	3 887		
◆ Vietnamese	3 344		
◆ Afghan	2 957		
◆ Polish	2 897		
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number of all foreign citizens in total 195 538
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Finnish citizens of foreign origin, speaking some foreign language:

All foreign languages	266 949 (4,9 %, 5 426 674:stä)
◆ Russian	62 554
◆ Estonian	38 364
◆ Somali	14 769
◆ English	14 666
◆ Arabi	12 042

Maakunta	Kielten lukumäärä	Vieraskielisten 1-24-vuotiaiden lukumäärä
Uusimaa	114	34085
Itä-Uusimaa	41	2381
Varsinais-Suomi	82	6585
Satakunta	42	771
Kanta-Häme	57	899
Pirkanmaa	82	4456
Päijät-Häme	52	1696
Kymenlaakso	58	1774
Etelä-Karjala	45	1229
Etelä-Savo	40	878
Pohjois-Savo	57	1235
Pohjois-Karjala	45	1026
Keski-Suomi	67	1702
Etelä-Pohjanmaa	46	535
Pohjanmaa	80	2345
Keski-Pohjanmaa	36	432
Pohjois-Pohjanmaa	66	1798
Kainuu	32	520
Lappi	44	<u>922</u>
		<u>65169</u>

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