



Applying for a Finnish passport or ID card in the United States

Finnish passports and ID cards are issued for a maximum validity of five years. Passports and ID cards are printed in Finland and they arrive at the Consulate/Embassy in about 2 to 3 weeks. Applications are processed only if the Finnish citizen's personal data (such as name, date and place of birth) is up-to-date in the Finnish Digital and Population Data Services Agency (<https://dvv.fi/>)

Required attachments to the passport or an identity card application when applying in the United States

One (1) passport color photo (only printed photo; electronic format not accepted)

Max. 6 months old, neutral expression, no shadows behind ears, head in the center

Detailed passport photograph instructions <https://poliisi.fi/en/submitted-passport-photographs>

Previous Finnish passport / ID card

If it has expired, a valid official identity card is required (e.g., Finnish identity card, US driver's license or US passport).

Proof of citizenship

- a. *Finnish citizens need to show the US visa or US resident alien card ("green card")*
- b. *Finnish and US dual citizens need to make sure that the US citizenship is registered in the Finnish Digital and Population Data Services Agency (<https://dvv.fi/>). In case the US citizenship is not registered, applicants need to bring the US citizenship naturalization certificate (or US birth certificate) and valid US passport.*

More details on proof of Finnish citizenship <https://finlandabroad.fi/web/usa/required-attachments>

Male applicants aged 17-30: military passport, certificate of exemption or suspension order.

According to a bilateral agreement (25/1939) between Finland and the US, a US and Finnish dual citizen is not liable for military service in Finland as long as he permanently resides in the US. In case the dual citizenship and US permanent address is up to date in the Finnish population registry, no need to provide proof of exemption.

Payment with debit/credit cards.

Passport processing fee is non-refundable. Monthly service fees are found at <https://finlandabroad.fi/>

Prepaid envelope unless picking up the passport or ID card from the Consulate/Embassy

The Consulate/Embassy does not take any responsibility of the envelope submitted, the mailing process nor keep track of possible tracking numbers. You may choose the best and safest way to send you the passport, for example:

USPS <https://www.usps.com/ship/online-shipping.htm>

UPS <https://www.ups.com/us/en/support/shipping-support/print-shipping-labels.page>

etc.

IN ADDITION:

Applicants UNDER 18 YEARS of age need to submit their parents' consent for the passport application.

Parents need to provide a valid identity card (Finnish or US passport, Finnish identity card or US driver's license). If the other custodian is not present at the time of applying the passport, provide his/her written consent and a copy a valid identity card.

Applicants whose previous passport was STOLEN OR LOST

File a US police report at the local police office and bring it to the appointment.

Optionally file an online electronic police report to the Finnish police <https://poliisi.fi/en/report-a-crime>