ELIGIBILITY FOR A PROFESSION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (ECEC) BASED ON A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

Have you completed your qualification abroad? Do you intend to qualify for an ECEC profession in Finland?
Use this chart to find out what to do and who to contact. More information: www.oph.fi/recognition, recognition@oph.fi

HAVE YOU QUALIFIED ABROAD FOR AN ECEC PROFESSION?

Yes

Have you qualified for the profession in an EU or EEA country or Switzerland?

Yes

Are you an EU or EEA citizen or do you have a document that entitles you to be treated as an EU citizen?

Yes

Is your profession a regulated profession in the country in which you have completed your degree?

Yes

In the past ten years, have you worked in this profession in an EU or EEA country that does not regulate the profession?

Yes

Apply to Finnish National Agency for Education for a decision on eligibility for an ECEC profession:
https://opintopolku.fi/hakemus/cc890a90-026a-4667-bfb2-2547778fe554?lang=en

Finnish National Agency for Education will make a decision on your application. The decision may include additional requirements.

No

No

No

Is your qualification in ECEC a higher education degree?

Yes

Apply to Finnish National Agency for Education for a final decision.

No

Apply to Finnish National Agency for Education for recognition of the comparability of your degree to a higher education degree in field of education or social services:
https://opintopolku.fi/hakemus/cc890a90-026a-4667-bfb2-2547778fe554?lang=en

Apply to complete the qualifying studies in ECEC in Finland.

No

No

Have you completed the studies qualifying for the profession in Finland.

No. I would like to complete the studies qualifying for the profession in Finland.

Do you have a higher education degree in education or social sciences?

Yes

Apply to complete the degree required for being qualified for the profession.


No

Apply to Finnish National Agency for Education for eligibility for an ECEC profession:
https://opintopolku.fi/hakemus/cc890a90-026a-4667-bfb2-2547778fe554?lang=en

Apply to complete the degree and studies required for being qualified in Finland.

The educational institution or higher education institution decides on student admissions and the recognition of your prior studies.

Complete any additional requirements.
Apply to Finnish National Agency for Education for a final decision.