To work or study in Finland: Where will your foreign degree be assessed?
Do you need a decision on recognition from the Finnish National Agency for Education?

In most cases, the employer, educational institution, or higher education institution assesses the competence and skills that your foreign qualification provides. Use this flow chart to find out where you can get more information in different situations.

Examples of regulated professions and competent authorities

Further information
www.oph.fi/recognition
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What would you like to do in Finland?

I would like to study.
Explore the study opportunities at Studyinfo.fi. Ask the educational institution or higher education institution for more information. If you are applying to complete a qualification in Finland, you do not need a decision on recognition from the Finnish National Agency for Education. The Finnish educational institution or higher education institution assesses the foreign qualification.

I would like to work.
Would you like to work in a regulated profession?
In Finland, there are professions for which there are specific qualification requirements. These professions are called regulated professions. A list of regulated professions is available on the website of the Finnish National Agency for Education. Read more at oph.fi/en.

No. I would like to work in some other profession.
You can apply for a job. The employer will assess your foreign qualifications.

Yes
Is the competent authority for this profession the Finnish National Agency for Education?
Check the competent authority on the list of regulated professions.

No
Is your degree at least a first-cycle university degree (e.g., Bachelor, bakalavr, ijaza, licence)?

No
You will not be able to get a decision on the recognition of your qualifications from the Finnish National Agency for Education. Most likely, you need to complete the required qualifications in Finland. Explore the study opportunities at Studyinfo.fi. Ask the educational institution or higher education institution for more information. If you have acquired professional qualifications in another EU or EEA country or in Switzerland, read about the recognition of professional qualifications on the website of the Finnish National Agency for Education.

Yes
You may need a decision on recognition from the Finnish National Agency for Education. Please consult the website of the Finnish National Agency for Education and the application form. You can also contact the Finnish National Agency for Education for advice.