

# WORKING AS A TEACHER IN FINLAND WITH A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

**You have completed your qualification abroad. You would like to qualify for a teaching post, which is regulated in Finland.**

([https://www.oph.fi/english/services/recognition/professional\\_rights\\_on\\_the\\_basis\\_of\\_a\\_foreign\\_qualification/teachers](https://www.oph.fi/english/services/recognition/professional_rights_on_the_basis_of_a_foreign_qualification/teachers))

Have you obtained qualifications in another country for the same teaching profession?

Yes

No

Did you obtain your qualifications in an EU/EEA member state or Switzerland?

Find out which are the qualification requirements for the post in Finland and look for an institution where you can complete the required degree or studies.

If your foreign degree is at least bachelor's level, you can apply to the Finnish National Agency for Education for a decision on the recognition of the level of your higher education degree and any teacher education studies.

Yes

No

No

[www.studyinfo.fi](http://www.studyinfo.fi)

Are you a citizen of an EU/EEA member state or Switzerland or do you have a document that entitles you to be treated as an EU/EEA citizen?

Are you applying only for eligibility to provide foreign-language instruction in basic or general upper secondary education?

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

No

No

- Did you complete your teacher training in the foreign language in which you wish to teach in Finland and is that language an official language in the country in which you obtained your qualification (e.g. English), and  
- is your foreign degree at least bachelor's level?

If you are applying for eligibility to teach in basic education or in general upper secondary education, is your degree at least master's level?  
If you are applying for eligibility to teach in vocational education and training or liberal adult education, is your degree at least bachelor's level?

Yes

Yes

Send an application to the Finnish National Agency for Education.

The Finnish National Agency for Education will process your application based on the relevant documents. The principle is that professional qualifications obtained in another member state are recognised. If there are substantial differences between the contents of your training and the training required for the same teaching post in Finland, the Finnish National Agency for Education will set an adaptation period or an aptitude test. Knowledge, skills and competences that you have acquired through your professional experience or lifelong learning will be taken into account.

The Finnish National Agency for Education's decision on the recognition of professional qualifications

The Finnish National Agency for Education will process your application based on the relevant documents. The Agency will compare your higher education studies to the teacher education studies required for the same teaching post in Finland and may determine supplementing studies if necessary. A prerequisite for a favorable decision is that there is sufficient comparability between your studies and the higher education studies required for the post in Finland.

The Finnish National Agency for Education's decision on the recognition of foreign higher education studies

The Finnish National Agency for Education will process your application based on the relevant documents. The Agency will compare your higher education studies to the teacher education studies required for the same teaching post in Finland. A prerequisite for a favorable decision is that there is sufficient comparability between your studies and the teacher education studies required for the post in Finland. If necessary, the Finnish National Agency for Education will set additional requirements.

The Finnish National Agency for Education's decision on sufficient studies to provide foreign-language instruction

Complete the aptitude test, adaptation period or supplementing studies in compliance with the Finnish National Agency for Education's decision.

Send an application for a final decision to the Finnish National Agency for Education.



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