

# **Finland**

Finland to extend residence permits issued on the basis of temporary protection until 4 March 2025

#### **Executive summary**

On 24 January 2024, the Finnish government announced that it will extend residence permits issued on the basis of temporary protection to individuals fleeing the armed conflict in Ukraine until 4 March 2025.

#### Key developments

The Finnish authorities will send letters (and text messages where a phone number has been provided) to impacted individuals between 9 February 2024 and 16 February 2024 confirming that their permits have been automatically extended. These individuals are not required to file applications to extend their permits. However, the Finnish authorities recommend that impacted individuals apply to obtain a new residence permit card starting on 17 February 2024 via the Finnish Immigration Service 's online portal. Individuals' temporary protection status in Finland will remain valid even if they do not apply for a new residence permit card. However, the authorities recommend applying for one to easily prove that their residence permit is valid and that they are residing and working lawfully in Finland.

#### Impact on employers

Impacted individuals will be eligible to continue working in Finland without interruption until 4 March 2025, which may help employers avoid business disruptions.

# Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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