

Step 1

PLANNING

Plan your services to understand future content of your work and create description of your services with own-check plan in mind.

To establish a social care or health care company, one must first plan the activities, type of company, and services to be offered.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you reside in Finland with a residence permit, before starting anything, confirm from Finnish Immigration Service Migri that you have the right to operate a business.

Links

Planning to work in the social welfare and health care field (instructions by National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health Valvira)



Forms for healthcare and social care by Regional State Administrative Agency (Avi)



Business plan template
Business Espoo calculation template
Templates (EN)



Templates (FIN)



Finnish Immigration Service (Migri)



Available help from business advisors

Talk to a business advisor to review your plans and next steps



Aspects to consider / examples

- Business plan
- Operational plan

Step 2

PERMITS, DOUMENTS, LICENSES

Confirm your right to practice, professional certificate, if degree is non-EU, apply for degree recognition from Valvira.

If you do not have professional qualification/degree received from an EU educational institution, a degree recognition must be applied from Valvira, A Finnish authority governing health care and social care professions.

Links

National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira): Recognition of qualifications



Finnish National Agency for Education (for early education) Recognition of degree



Available help from business advisors

Check permit and qualification requirements with a business advisor

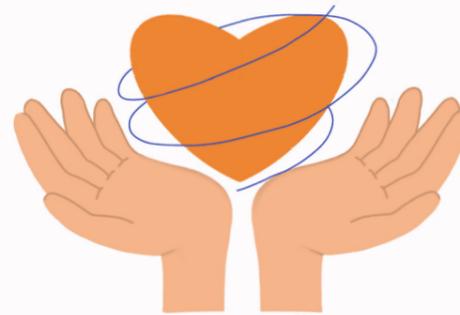
Aspects to consider / examples

Personal permits, certificates and licenses



Social, welfare and healthcare pathway

Starting a social, welfare or healthcare business always requires approved notification or a permit, depending on the company form and services to be provided. Professional qualifications must be recognized if obtained outside the EU. Early education providers also require registration. Always consult a business advisor before registering your company!



Step 3

RESOURCES, CONTRACTS

A business must be duly registered in order to apply for further registrations/permits, book a time with business advisor before registering to set up a business ID that is relevant with the scope of your activities.

Note: do not file tax registrations yet – only to trade registry.

Links

Business Espoo: Book an appointment



Available help from business advisors

Discuss with a business advisor prior to registering your business.

Aspects to consider / examples

- Trade registry registration

Step 4

REQUIRED SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATION FOR SOCIAL & HEALTHCARE BUSINESSES

Activities must be presented in an operational plan describing the content of the services, precautions taken to protect the patients, information security, and patient records upkeep. Also, a separate own check plan must be written as part of the documents required to apply for approval.

Note: Approved service provider registration alone is not enough to start operation – see step 5.

Links

Instructions for registering as a social and health care service provider (in Finnish)



Available help from business advisors

A business advisor can help you navigate the registration process. Work with a business advisor to plan your resources and legal setup. Ensure you discuss with a business advisor prior to company registration.

Aspects to consider/examples

- Operational plan
- Own-check plan
- Service provider registration

Step 5

REQUIRED SERVICE UNIT REGISTRATION FOR SOCIAL & HEALTHCARE BUSINESS

Register the service unit(s) under service provider. Note: Service provider (phase 4) and premises/place of work (phase 5) are two separate issues to be registered. A service provider registration will be solved first, but one should apply both registrations simultaneously. Please note that documentation must be written in or translated into Finnish.

Links

Service provider registration Soteri



Aspects to consider / examples

- Service unit registration

Step 6

REGISTRATIONS AFTER APPROVAL

Only after approved registration described above one can start business operation.

Register to Vero (tax) registers.

Remember to make changes/apply for ID cards for regulated social welfare and healthcare professionals.

Links

Digital and population data services agency (DVV) guide: Regulated social welfare and healthcare professional's ID card



Application for Omakortti service if you work in an environment using DigiSign

Available help from business advisors

Review everything with an advisor before you launch your business.

Aspects to consider/ examples

- Taxes
- Social welfare and healthcare professional 's ID cards

