



Instructions concerning certificates

The National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) has updated its instructions regarding arrival in Finland and travel in general. As of 23 February 2021, shipping lines will require a COVID-19 test certificate or equivalent document from customers. As of Tuesday 8th June 2021, shipping lines will accept a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine certificate.

In accordance with THL's recommendations, all customers arriving in Finland will be required to present

1. a certificate showing that they have tested negative for the COVID-19 virus or
2. a certificate showing that they have had and recovered from a coronavirus infection and are therefore free to travel or
3. a certificate of receiving one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine

This requirement applies to all passengers, including Finnish citizens, who arrive in Finland on or after 23 February 2021. This is all part of our other comprehensive measures designed to ensure health and safety.

No certificate is required from

- persons who are on a cruise (without going to shore)
- drivers carrying freight in a professional capacity
- those under 16 years of age. It is however recommended to have test certificates for children between 12-15 years, to streamline entry in to the country.
- seamen whose tour of duty commences on a ship sailing from Finland or who are returning from such a tour to Finland.

We accept certificates of a negative COVID-19 test or a certificate of full recovery from a previous coronavirus infection issued by a reliable healthcare operator. The certificate may be in Finnish, Swedish, English, German, Norwegian, Danish or Estonian. The certificate may be presented in hardcopy or digital format, such as a text message, e-mail or screenshot, provided that it indicates the passenger's name, date of testing and the issuer of the certificate. The following coronavirus test methods are acceptable:

- PCR test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- PCR instant test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- LAMP test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- Antigen test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- Antigen instant test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- Home test ("hemtest") used in Sweden

The shipping lines will accept a certificate of receiving one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the World Health Organization or the European Medicines Agency. The vaccine must be taken at least 21 days before the trip. The vaccine certificate must indicate

the name of the customer, the date of birth, the name of the vaccine, the date and place of administration of the vaccine, and the issuer of the certificate. **For the time being, a vaccine certificate, unlike a preliminary test and proof of recovery from COVID-19, does not exempt you from a health check carried out by the authorities at the border.**

[Finentry-service](#) can be used to streamline your entry in the ports of Helsinki. You can book COVID-19 testing through the Finentry service. the test is free of charge for persons arriving in Finland from abroad.

Read more about THL's recommendations at [THL's web page](#).

Finnish Shipowners' Association: As of 23 February 2021, shipping lines will require a negative COVID-19 test certificate from passengers arriving in Finland from abroad

Traficom: THL recommends that a negative COVID-19 test also be required from passengers arriving in Finland using other means of transport beside aircraft