



Applying for a permit to buy real estate as a foreigner: sending your application by post or by email

The Property surveillance e-service is the primary channel for applying for a permit to buy real estate. If you are unable to use the service, please follow the instructions below on how to fill in and send your application.

1 Filling in the permit application form

The permit application shall indicate for example the parties of the transaction and the intended use of the real estate. Among the application, a copy of the passport and a sales agreement, draft of the sales agreement or an accepted offer for purchase, must be submitted.

The permit is applied for by the buyer of the real estate or an agent authorized by the buyer. If the applicant is a company or other equivalent legal entity, information on the applicants ownership structure and beneficial owners must be submitted.

Applications can be submitted in Finnish, Swedish or English.

2 Sending the permit application

The permit applications are sent either by e-mail to [ulkomaalaisomistus\(at\)gov.fi](mailto:ulkomaalaisomistus(at)gov.fi) or by post to address Ministry of Defence, PO BOX 31, 00131 Helsinki, Finland.

Applications cannot be brought in person to the Ministry.

The Ministry of Defence is also entitled, if necessary, to request further information from the permit applicant.

3 Processing of the application and processing fee

The processing of the application is subject to a fee. The valid price is given at the website of the Ministry of Defence. The fee must be paid even if the application is cancelled. The fee is charged irrespective of the outcome of the application process and will not be refunded even if a permit is refused. The invoice is sent to the applicant's e-mail, once the application has been received in the Ministry of Defence.

The applications are processed on a case-by-case basis. The processing time varies from a few weeks to a few months.

The decision shall be issued in the official languages; Finnish or Swedish.