

MORE INFORMATION:

Kela - The Social Insurance Institution of Finland
www.kela.fi

Employment and Economic Development Office
www.mol.fi

The Police
www.poliisi.fi

The Online Handbook on Disability Services
www.sosiaaliportti.fi/vammaispalvelujen-kasikirja

Information about Finland in 15 languages
www.infopankki.fi

Finnish Disability Forum (NGOs)
www.vammaisfoorumi.fi

Multicultural organisations
www.moniheli.fi

Exercise organisations
www.sul.fi
www.vammaisurheilu.fi
www.fimu.org

The service guide for disabled immigrants
www.tukikeskushilma.fi/palveluopas

Persons with disabilities in Finland



Hilma

Hilma -The support centre for disabled immigrants
Finnish Disability Forum
www.tukikeskushilma.fi

VAMMAISFOORUMI
Vammaisjärjestöjen yhteinen ääni



Independently and equally together with others

Persons with disabilities have the same rights as other people. You can receive help to lead an independent life.

FAMILY

- Everyone has the right to start a family and receive support for this.
- One can receive support when starting a family for childcare and family counselling among other things.
- More information from your municipality.*

LIVING

- A person with a disability has the right to choose how and where he, or she, will live.
- One can apply for various home and living services as well as economic assistance.
- More information from your municipality and Kela.

HEALTH

- Everyone has a right to health care services.
- In addition to basic health care, a person with a disability can apply rehabilitation subsidised by Kela.
- More information from your municipality and Kela.

EDUCATION

- Everyone has a right to basic education.
- Persons with disabilities have the right to receive a basic education in public schools. In order to ensure learning, they have the right to individual support such as suitable learning material, a school assistant or study in a special learning facility.
- More information from your municipality, Kela and schools.

WORK

- Everyone has a right to work and a livelihood.
- One can get assistance for getting employed from career guidance counselling or through supported employment.
- More information from your municipality and the Employment and Economic Development Office.

LIVELIHOOD

- Everyone has a right to basic income.
- If employment is not possible, one can receive a pension, or unemployment or income support.
- More information from your municipality and Kela.

GETTING AROUND

- Everyone has the right to get around independently.
- A person with a disability can apply for support for taxi trips, or for assistance with public transport.
- More information from your municipality.

FREE TIME

- Persons with disabilities have equal rights to access to exercise and cultural services.
- In addition to general services one can, for example, use the exercise services designed for special groups.
- More information from your municipality and from organisations.

INFORMATION

- Everyone has a right to information pertaining to themselves and society.
- One is entitled to information about one's rights and responsibilities in an understandable form; for instance in plain language, or through the assistance of an interpreter.
- More information from your municipality and from organisations.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

- Persons with disabilities have the same human rights and basic freedoms as other people.
- All discrimination of persons with disabilities or any form of disadvantageous treatment is prohibited.
- More information from disability NGOs and from the police.

THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

- Basic rights include everyone.
- For example, everyone has a right to freedom of speech, organizational activities and social impacting.
- More information from NGOs.

**Your own municipality is the one where you have permanent residence. The municipality services are provided for example by the social welfare facilities for persons with disabilities, and family and home help services.*