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Finland Startup Entrepreneur Permit Application

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Step 1: Finland Startup Permit Qualification Criteria

To qualify for the Finnish Startup Permit, your business plan, idea, and team must meet specific criteria established by Business Finland. Below is a detailed breakdown of these requirements:

- **Business Plan and Idea**
- **Team Requirements**
- **Additional Considerations**

Business Plan and Idea

- **Innovative Business Model:** Your business should introduce a novel product or service, or apply an existing concept in a unique way. Innovation is a key determinant in the evaluation process.
- **Potential for Rapid International Growth:** The business must demonstrate the capability to scale quickly on a global level, aiming for significant revenue milestones.
- **Concrete Establishment Plan in Finland:** There should be a clear and actionable plan to set up and operate the business within Finland. This includes understanding the Finnish market and regulatory environment.
- **Sufficient Resources and Funding:** Ensure access to adequate resources and funding to support the company's early-stage development and operations.

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Team Requirements

- **Minimum of Two Founders:** A startup team must consist of at least two founders with diverse expertise who plan to relocate to Finland. This diversity should cover various essential business functions.
- **Significant Ownership and Full-Time Commitment:** Founders should collectively hold a majority stake in the company (e.g., at least 60%) and be committed to working full-time on the startup. Passive ownership without active involvement does not meet the criteria.
- **Relocation to Finland:** All founders are expected to move to Finland to actively participate in the startup's operations.
- **Versatile Expertise:** The team should possess a range of skills necessary for the startup's success, including technical, business development, and marketing competencies.

Additional Considerations

- **Commitment to the Business Idea:** Founders must show a strong commitment to developing and scaling the business.
- **Alignment with Finnish Ecosystem:** The business should align with and contribute to Finland's startup ecosystem, potentially collaborating with local businesses and institutions.

Step 2: Action Plans To Get “Finnish Startup Permit”

The Finland Startup Permit application process involves multiple steps, each requiring careful preparation and adherence to specific guidelines. This section provides a detailed, step-by-step explanation of the process, including critical details, eligibility requirements, and direct links to official resources.

- **Step 1: Obtain a Positive Eligibility Statement from Business Finland**
- **Step 2: Apply for the Residence Permit**
- **Step 3: Establish Your Startup in Finland**
- **Additional Considerations**
- **Conclusion**
- **Important Links**

Step 2: Action Plans To Get “Finnish Startup Permit”

Step 1: Obtain a Positive Eligibility Statement from Business Finland

The first step in applying for the Finland Startup Permit is obtaining a **Positive Eligibility Statement** from Business Finland. This statement evaluates your startup’s potential for innovation, scalability, and alignment with Finland’s business ecosystem.

Key Points

- **Who Should Apply:** Only one team member needs to submit the application for the Eligibility Statement.
- **No Pre-Established Business Required:** You do not need to establish the business before applying, but you should demonstrate proof of traction or a clear business model.
- **Language Requirements:** All documents must be in English, Finnish, or Swedish. Applications in other languages will not be evaluated.

Procedure

- Prepare Your Materials: A detailed business idea and plan.
- Proof of innovation and scalability (e.g., prototypes, patents, or market validation data).
- CVs of team members, highlighting their entrepreneurial skills and experience.
- Evidence that at least two people will work full-time in the business.
- Submit the Application via *Enter Finland*: Access the [Enter Finland portal](#).
- Attach all necessary documents.
- Submit your application for *Business Finland*’s assessment.
- Evaluation by Business Finland: *Business Finland* will assess your startup’s potential and issue a Positive Eligibility Statement if the criteria are met.

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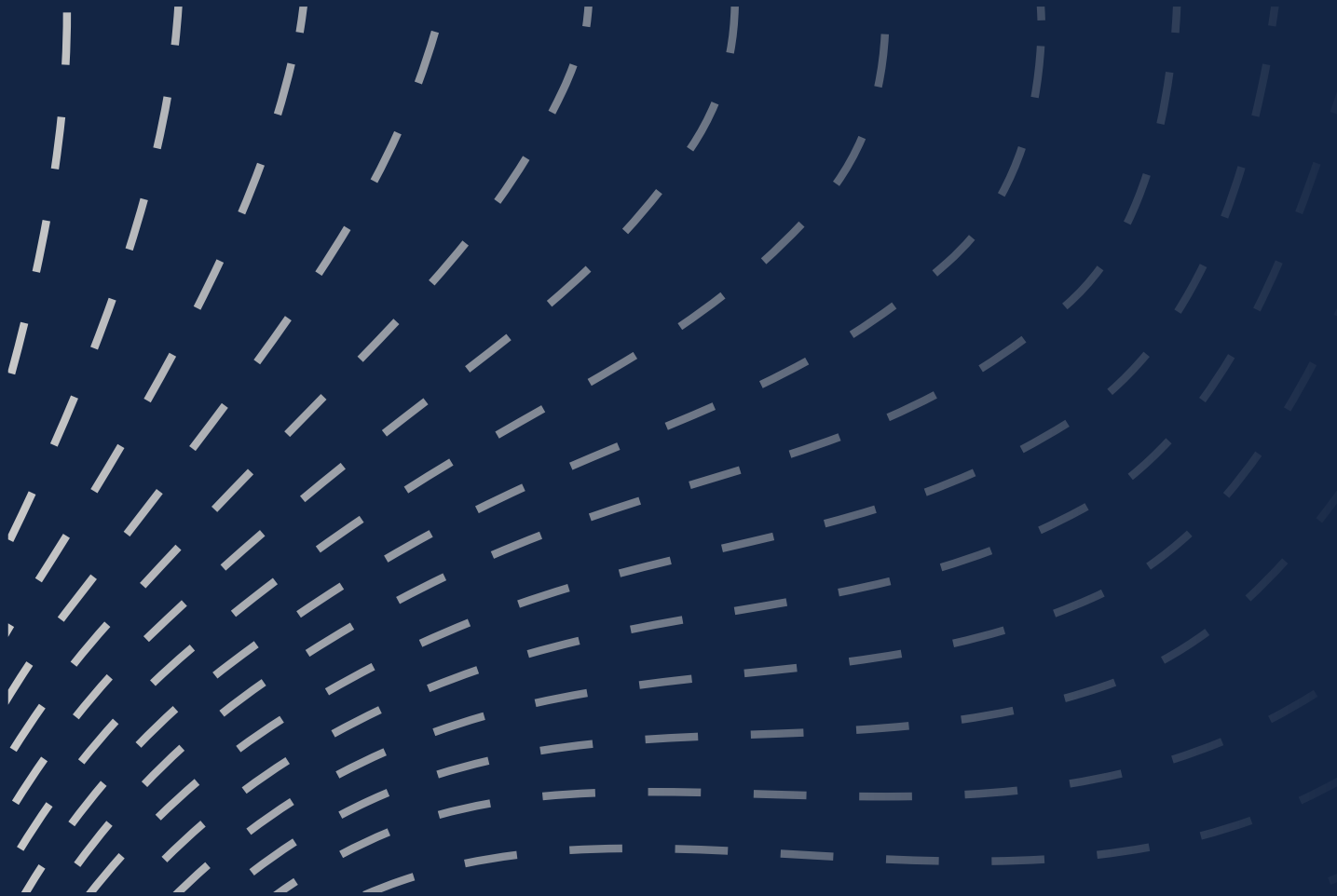
Outcome

- If you receive a **Positive Eligibility Statement**, proceed to the next step.
- If denied, you can explore applying for a general **Entrepreneur Residence Permit**. ([Read more](#)).

Resources

- [Business Finland – Startup Permit](#)
- [Eligibility Statement Application Guide](#)
- [Enter Finland Portal](#)

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