

RECOMMENDED CHECKLIST

WHEN COMING TO LIVE IN ESTONIA	FURTHER INFORMATION	AGENCY/INSTITUTION	NOTES
ID card and passport	<p>You can use your ID card to make use of services in a variety of agencies and institutions, to perform bank transactions and as a means of identifying yourself.</p> <p>From abroad, you can apply for a passport via the self-service site or at a representation of the Republic of Estonia.</p>	<p>Police and Border Guard Board www.politsei.ee https://www.politsei.ee/et/dokumente-vaeljastavad-eeesti-vabariigi-vaelisesindused</p>	
Place of residence	<p>Banks do not normally issue home loans to applicants who have not worked in Estonia or who are doing so but are still on their probationary period. A rental apartment, which it may take a long time to find, could turn out to be expensive (rent + one month's downpayment + security + agent's fee). Consider moving in temporarily with a friend of the family until your job/university place/etc. is finalised.</p>	<p>Real estate websites and agencies</p>	
Children and their education	<p>In accordance with Estonian law, local authorities must guarantee school places close to home for all children residing in the country. Enrolling a child in another school is only possible if places are available in the school in question.</p>	<p>Education and Youth Authority www.innove.ee</p>	
Social support	<p>Families with children have the right to apply for a range of benefits. People with disabilities and pensioners also have the right to social support.</p>	<p>Social Insurance Board www.sotsiaalkindlustusamet.ee</p>	

Language studies	<p>Free Estonian language courses and a variety of other events for language-learners are offered by the Integration Foundation.</p>	<p>Integration Foundation www.integratsioon.ee</p>	
Driver's licences and vehicle registration	<p>By entering the website of the Road Administration using your ID card, you can check whether you have the right to drive in Estonia, where a valid certificate of health is required in addition to a driver's licence. Vehicles registered in another country must be re-registered in Estonia with the Road Administration.</p>	<p>Road Administration www.maanteeamet.ee</p>	
Recognition of education documents	<p>Information on the correspondence of education obtain abroad to Estonian education can be obtained from the Archimedes foundation. Written confirmation can be provided if necessary, but is only informative in nature. The Archimedes website also provides information on the different ways education is organised in different countries.</p>	<p>Archimedes www.archimedes.ee http://www.archimedes.ee/enic/</p>	
<p>Transporting personal belongings to Estonia and tax liability</p> <p>Owning property in another country for the purpose of renting</p> <p>Foreign benefits and support</p>	<p>The importing of certain items, such as pets, plants, medicines and weapons, may be subject to restrictions, including the requirement to submit certain documents upon importing them. If you do not submit a required document, you will not be permitted to import the item in question. You will also need to declare income from any and all sources abroad: remuneration from employment; income from enterprise; dividends; income from renting; licence fees; interest income; pensions; fringe benefits; cultural, sports and research grants; benefits; subsidies; earnings from gambling; gains from transferring property; insurance indemnities; income</p>	<p>Tax Board www.emta.ee https://www.emta.ee/et/eraklient/reisimine-saadetised-umberasumine/umberasumine-eestisse https://www.emta.ee/et/eraklient/tulu-deklareerimine/valisriigis-saadud-tulu</p>	

	from shareholdings; and other foreign income subject to Estonian income tax.		
Additional information upon returning to Estonia	The Integration Foundation advises those returning to the country, allocates support to return to the country to those who need it and organises support meetings.	Integration Foundation www.integratsioon.ee	
Looking for a job and working	The Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund can help you find a job, share information about the local labour market, register you as unemployed and arrange unemployment insurance benefits and support.	Unemployment Insurance Fund www.tootukassa.ee	
Entrepreneurship	If you are interested in starting your own business, free services (counselling, mentoring and basic training) are available from local experts in every county.	County Development Centres www.arenduskeskused.ee Enterprise Estonia www.eas.ee	
Information about services in your area	Your local authority is responsible for the extracurricular education of children, support for your family's ability to cope, waste removal and building and land reconstruction.	Local authority https://www.rahendusministeerium.ee/et/kov	
Legal assistance and notarised transactions	If you have questions related to the law, the 'Jurist Aitab' portal or any notary should be able to answer them.	Legal assistance portal www.juristaitab.ee https://www.notar.ee	
Medical assistance and family doctor	Everyone in Estonia who is employed or officially registered as unemployed is covered with national health insurance.	https://www.haigekassa.ee/inimesele/ravikindlustus https://www.terviseamet.ee/et/tervishoid/inimesele/perearsti-valimine-ja-vahetamine	

	<p>In order to obtain medical insurance and the services of a family doctor, your place of residence must be listed in the Population Register.</p> <p>It can take time to register with a family doctor.</p>		
Pets	<p>Transporting pets is stressful, and different countries impose different requirements. Ask any of the larger travel agencies for advice in this regard.</p>	<p>https://vet.agri.ee/?op=body&id=967</p> <p>https://www.emta.ee/et/eraklient/reisimine-saadetised-umberasumine/reisimine-valjastpoolt-euroopa-liitu/lemmikloomad</p>	