

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPORT

The support is divided into main support and additional support.

- The main support helps to create living conditions for the returnee in Estonia and to assimilate and adapt to the society faster.
- The additional support helps to create living conditions for minor children of the returnee in Estonia and covers the transportation and relocation costs.



The additional support is allocated only if the applicant is granted the main support.

The maximum **main support** is €640 per applicant.

The maximum **additional support** for creating living conditions for a minor child is €640 per returning child, along with up to €640 for the reimbursement of transportation and relocation costs.



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WELCOME BACK TO ESTONIA!

The Integration Foundation advises returnees who have developed an interest and wish to return to Estonia as well as those who have already started a new life here.

More information at:
integratsioon.ee/en/returning-to-estonia

For further information, please contact at:
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SUPPORT FOR RETURNEES



Returning back to Estonia means permanent settlement of ethnic Estonians and Estonian citizens living abroad and their descendants in Estonia.

The purpose of the return support is to facilitate the return of families with children who have been living abroad for a long time, as the number of family members increases in years and relocation services are expensive. Support is also available for people who are fully or partially incapacitated and persons who are up to 40 years of age and have completed postgraduate and doctoral studies abroad.

You can apply for the support within 8 months of returning permanently in Estonia.



REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

The applicant must be an Estonian citizen or an ethnic Estonian with an Estonian residence permit who:

1. emigrated from Estonia at least seven years prior or were born in a foreign country and will come back to Estonia with minor children or to their minor children, or
2. are a person of up to 40 years of age who have emigrated from Estonia or were born in a foreign country, have completed postgraduate and doctoral studies abroad, and have returned permanently to Estonia, or
3. emigrated from Estonia at least seven years prior or were born in a foreign country and are partially or fully incapacitated.

In addition to the one of the three conditions listed above, applicants must meet two additional requirements:

4. have returned to Estonia permanently no later than eight months prior to the submission of the application and have registered their place of residence (including children returning with them) in the Population Register of the Republic of Estonia;
5. the person's return to Estonia needs to be supported due to their economic and social condition because the daily subsistence in disposal of the family remains below one half of the subsistence threshold established in Estonia.

You can apply for return support as soon as you have taken up permanent residence and your residence details have been registered in the Population Register of the Republic of Estonia, **but not later than 8 months** after your return to Estonia.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The applicant must submit the following documents (originals or copies) with the application form:

1. the identity documents for both the applicant and the child on the application form, used for entry into Estonia
2. Estonian residence permit and a document proving Estonian nationality if the applicant is not an Estonian citizen;
3. a document proving that the applicant has been living outside of Estonia for at least seven years;
4. proof of income for the 12 months preceding the application;
5. proof of rental or ownership relationship for housing in the country of origin;
6. documents relating to transport and relocation costs;
7. a notarised power of attorney if the application is submitted by the applicant's representative;
8. the written consent of the legal guardian if the application is made by a person aged 15 to 18;
9. a document certifying partial or total incapacity for work;
10. a description of the everyday difficulties the family is facing.

The Integration Foundation has the right to ask for additional documents to clarify the circumstances of the support, to supplement the information, and to obtain an overview of the situation.

Failure to provide additional documents when requested may result in a reduction in the amount of paid support or declining the application.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

An application can be submitted by:

electronically, digitally signed, and sent to **tagasieestisse@integratsioon.ee** or

on paper:

at the offices of the Integration Foundation (in Tallinn or Narva);

at the offices of the Police and Border Guard Service if you live outside Tallinn.

The application form can be downloaded from the website:

integratsioon.ee/en/return-support

If an applicant is unable to personally submit their application due to their age or health condition, this may, in special cases, be done by their representative on the basis of a letter of authorisation certified by a notary.

