

APPLYING FOR CHILD BENEFIT AND KELA CARD

In most cases Kela considers a recipient of temporary protection who has stayed in Finland for a year to be permanently resident in Finland. This means that when you have stayed in Finland at least for a year, you might be entitled to benefits granted by Kela, such as Kela card and child benefit. You are entitled to the benefits whether you have applied a municipality of residence from DVV or not.

You are entitled to child benefit if you have a child under the age of 17. The right to child benefit starts at the beginning of the month following the completion of the one-year period of residence.

Example: Family has stayed in Finland and their one-year period of residence is completed on 26.4.2023. Family can apply and get child benefit from 1.5.2023.

Apply child benefit from Kela with the form UA 1. You can get the form from Kela's web service, Kela's customer service point or the reception centre. For more information on child benefit, please contact Kela.