

Checklist for Seamen

Name: _____

Contact No.: _____

Passport Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Prepare all the necessary documents listed below before you deliver the application, **otherwise the application might be refused by the Embassy of Finland in New Delhi**. The required documents have to be translated into English or Finnish in a separate document according to the instructions below.

Please be prepared to show original documents at the VAC, but submit only legalized copies of documents. Copies have to be in A4 size. Embassy does not return any other documents to applicant than passports.

Embassy does not need any additional documents at this point, but might request additional documentation if necessary and if deemed necessary, to interview the applicant. **Estimated processing time for individuals is 5-7 working days, 20 working days for groups and in certain cases 30 working days. The processing time does not include week-ends or public holidays (either Finnish or Indian).**

Note: The application material should be organized in the following order.

Required Documents		Yes	No/	Remarks
1.	A valid travel document and a one photocopy of it. Travel documents issued 10 years prior to the date of submitting the application are not accepted. The travel document must be valid at least three months after the completion of the journey. Previous travel documents should be attached to application.			
2.	A current Schengen visa application form duly completed dated and signed by the applicant. A recent color passport photograph (taken within the past six months, white or light background). See the passport photo guidelines by the Finnish Police.			
3.	Flight reservation (not a paid ticket) , paid tickets with the e-ticket reference number can be presented by collection of the visa, if the Embassy has requested this.			
4.	Proof on insurance , if it is not mentioned in the contract with shipping company			
5.	Original cover letter from shipping company			
6.	Copy of contract with shipping company			
7.	Copy of CDC (Continuous Discharge Certificate), a seafarer's identity document			
8.	Original invitation letter from agent in Finland			

In case of any additional documents required by the Embassy of Finland, I am aware that I need to submit the documents at Visa Application Centre and the processing time for my application may increase.

The processing of the application is subject to the procedures and timelines of the Embassy of Finland and Visa Application Centre has no control over it. In case of any delay I agree to reschedule my travel itinerary and related bookings and documents.

During the time of the assessment of my visa application the Embassy of Finland will not answer any form of enquiry regarding state or Appl outcome of the procedure.

Grant or refusal of visa is at the sole discretion of the Embassy of Finland and Visa Application Centre has no role in the decision making process and no promises have been made by any Visa Application Centre's staff on this account.

The mere possession of a visa does not confer an automatic right of entry to Finland or any other Schengen States of the European Union. I may be requested at the entry border checking point to present any supporting documents submitted with my visa application.

- ☐ The actual time left to my intended travel is less than 15 working days, but still I want to go ahead and submit my application.

- ☐ The applicant has submitted the supporting documents above. I have advised him / her that failure to submit all necessary documents may result in the application being refused, but s/he has chosen to proceed with the application.

Name, signature of Processing Officer
and date

Applicant's signature