



Startup Grant

The purpose of startup grants is to encourage new businesses and promote employment. The grant provides an entrepreneur with a secure income during the time that getting the business up and running is estimated to take – however for no more than 12 months. The TE Office assesses whether or not to award a startup grant to an applicant on a case-by-case basis. It is available for people who are unemployed, leaving studies or paid work, leaving housework (taking care of children) or part-time entrepreneurs expanding to full-time. All types and fields of business are eligible. You will find more information on <http://toimistot.te-palvelut.fi/pirkanmaa/yrittajyyss>.

Duration and amount in 2019

Startup grants are sought for 6-month periods and it can be awarded for 1-2 periods. The amount of the grant is 32.40 euros/day, which is approximately 700 euros/month. The startup grant is taxable income and can be claimed for a maximum of five days a week.

Conditions for granting support

- ✓ The future business activities are, by nature, fulltime and permanent
- ✓ The applicant's capabilities are sufficient for the industry in question: training, work experience.
- ✓ Sufficient capabilities for becoming an entrepreneur: experience or suitable training for entrepreneurship
- ✓ The business plan and various calculations are complete and have been deemed profitable (by the nearest Enterprise Agency, for instance).
- ✓ Financing, business premises, permits and the equivalent are already known; the applicant must have all of the prerequisites for setting up a company and launching business operations.

The grant will not be awarded if

- ✗ Full-time business activities were started before the decision on whether to grant support was made. In this case, starting means launching productive operations, sales, marketing (including the publication of a website), and registration via the VAT, prepayment or employer registers. It does not refer to the acquisition of business premises or preparation of a market study, for instance.
- ✗ The applicant already works as a full-time entrepreneur, or holds a position comparable to an entrepreneur in a limited liability company.
- ✗ The business operations will provide a reasonable livelihood right away; there is very little financial risk.
- ✗ The applicant has sources of other income, such as salary, financial aid for students, parental allowance or pension.
- ✗ The applicant has non-trivial tax debt or payment defaults; their credit history will be checked.

Steps required before applying

1. **Register yourself as customer of the TE Office or update information that you possibly have reported earlier on Oma asiointi:** asiointi.mol.fi/omaasiointi. Report your education and work history inclusively.
2. **Establish your own workspace on the online service oma.yrityssuomi.fi.** Draw up a preliminary business plan and profitability calculations.
3. **Send your startup application on Oma asiointi.** Attachments needed for the application:
 - A tax debt certificate that can be ordered on www.vero.fi/verovelkatodistus
 - The business plan and profitability calculations made on [Oma.yrityssuomi.fi](http://oma.yrityssuomi.fi) -online service
 - Certificate of suitable training for entrepreneurship or other proof of sufficient capabilities for becoming an entrepreneur
 - Your CV
 - If necessary, request a promise for a loan for your financing needs
 - Other attachments requested by the TE Office consultant.
4. **Do not register your company before the TE office has made the decision on awarding a startup grant.**
5. **If necessary, the TE Office will order an evaluation of your business plan from a service provider.**