



## CIRCULAR NOTE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and International Organizations accredited to Helsinki and, with reference to the Ministry's earlier Circular Notes on COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation, have the honor to inform the Missions of the following regarding visa extensions:

The police may extend the validity of a visa in the event that e.g. flight cancellations prevent the visa holder from leaving the territory of Finland before the expiry of their visa. In this case we advise to contact the police via following channels:

In urgent cases, the point of contact is any open police station. Contact details can be found at [https://www.poliisi.fi/contact\\_information](https://www.poliisi.fi/contact_information). In Helsinki, the police station handling visa related questions is located in Pasilanraito 11.

In less urgent cases, it is advisable to contact the police by phone or email (+358 295 419 800 / [neuvontapalvelu@poliisi.fi](mailto:neuvontapalvelu@poliisi.fi)). These channels serve mainly in Finnish and Swedish.

The Police of Finland also provides information in English regarding the effects of the coronavirus on police operations: [https://www.poliisi.fi/coronavirus\\_info](https://www.poliisi.fi/coronavirus_info).

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland wish to remind that the primary way to avoid visa expiry is to find alternative flights/transportation in order to return home from Finland, taken into account the upcoming closure of Finland's borders. Police is to be contacted when no alternative transport cannot be found prior to visa expiry.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and International Organizations accredited to Helsinki the assurances of their highest consideration.

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The Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts  
and International Organizations accredited to Helsinki