

**APPLICANT'S GUIDE FOR  
VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION IN BUSINESS (QB)****ADMISSION PROCESS**

<b>Application period</b>	<b>September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>
<b>English language test</b>	<b>November 9<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>
<b>Personal Interviews</b>	<b>November 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>
<b>Admission results</b>	<b>November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>
<b>Confirming the study place</b>	<b>by December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022</b>
<b>Starting day</b>	<b>January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 – obligatory attendance</b>

**Entrance requirements**

The basic entrance requirements are

- Upper secondary school
- Good written and oral command of English (see detailed requirements, p. 2 and 3)
- Basic computer skills
- Completed application with attachments

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## Admission requirements

Application requirements are

1. Upper secondary school
2. Good command of English - English language certificate
3. Motivation letter and career plan
4. Personal interview

### Admission points:

a) Motivation letter and career plan	5 points
b) Mathematics	1 points
c) Finnish language skills	2 point
d) Personal interview	10 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 points</b>

*NB. The applicant must receive sufficient points from admission point category a in order to proceed to the personal interview. 0 points from this category causes rejection of the admission.*

### 1. Upper secondary school

#### School certificates

Entrance requirement for this programme is upper secondary education (12-year general education, advanced level or vocational upper secondary education) i.e. studies equivalent to Finnish high school or vocational upper secondary education. Admission points will be awarded from pass grade of mathematics on the leaving certificate/transcript (1p).

### 2. English language certificate

Applicants are asked to enclose a language certificate to their application.

Please submit one of the following:

- Upper secondary education completed in Finland - Minimum requirement for English language level is grade 7 on the leaving certificate or *Lubenter Approbatur* on the Matriculation Examination certificate. Applicants applying with a Finnish vocational upper secondary certificate, the requirement for English skills is grade 2 (grading scale 1-3) or 3 (grading scale 1-5).
- IELTS Academic, level 6.0
- TOEFL PBT, 550 paper-based test
- TOEFL IBT, 79 - 80 internet-based test
- The National Certificate in English language (YKI), at level 4 Intermediate, in all parts.

**Please note: IELTS and TOEFL are valid only for two years since date of issue.**

In addition, secondary school education in English completed in United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia or New Zealand is accepted as a demonstration of sufficient English language competence.

Please note that an application cannot proceed until all the required documents, including upper secondary school certificates and transcripts as well as the English language certificate have been submitted. **Only apply once and attach all documents directly to the application form.**

If the applicant does not have one of the above-mentioned an English language certificate, they will be invited to an English language test, which is organized at the college. The test is mandatory. Applicants will receive a separate invitation to the language test.

### 3. Finnish language skills

Applicants will be awarded one admission point from Finnish language skills based on the following: Finnish as a mother tongue, Finnish as a secondary language (Finnish basic education or upper secondary certificate) or a national certificate of language proficiency in Finnish language (YKI3).

### 4. Motivation letter including career plan

Applicants are requested to include a motivation letter (100-150 words) to their application. The content of this letter should describe the reasons and motivation for applying for this programme. In addition, in the end of the letter the applicant should describe their future career plans after completing this programme.

The motivation letter will be evaluated and points awarded based on the following: convincing reasons for motivation, understanding of QB curriculum content, capability of living in Finland, future career plans, English language.

**Please note that applications without the motivation letter including a career plan are not considered.**

### 5. Personal interview

Selected applicants will be invited to a personal interview **based on their application and supporting documents**, including educational certificates and work certificates, motivation letter and career plan.

**The final decision on the student intake will be made based on the personal interview. Kindly note that the interview is an obligatory part of the admission process and only applicants who have attended the interview can be considered in the final phase of the admissions process.**

### **General information for applicants**

The program is full-time – you cannot combine this program with full-time work or having other full-time responsibilities.

You might not be able to combine studying in the program and getting unemployment benefits. Applicants are responsible for communicating with TE-services.

### **Cost of studies for students in Finland**

Business College Helsinki does not have scholarships available for international students and cannot offer financial assistance to students toward travel expenses, living expenses or study-related expenses in Finland. Therefore, students are required to finance and to cover these costs to the full amount themselves. Common expense items include:

- photocopied course material
- study supplies
- study equipment
- possible course text books
- meals
- housing
- travel – notice: foreign students might not be eligible for student discount for local transport
- other general living expenses

To comply with the Finnish immigration law, international students are required to provide written proof of their ability to support themselves financially for the duration of their studies.

### **Health insurance**

International students must have a health insurance policy that covers the costs of their possible medical care. Health insurance is a requirement for obtaining a residence permit for studies in Finland. If you come from outside Finland, it will be useful to bring along any relevant documents related to your state of health, e.g. vaccinations. This will help you when you contact any members of our medical services. Further information [www.migri.fi](http://www.migri.fi).

## Results and appeals

Admission decisions will be announced and written invitations to accepted students mailed on **November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**. **The student is personally responsible for starting the residence permit process in time and to be ready to begin studies on-site on the orientation day.**

All applicants who participated in the personal interview will receive a written notification of their personal admission decision. Please note that not all applicants fulfilling the requirements can be admitted.

An applicant who disagrees with the decision can request a review and correction of their case. An appeal to this effect must be made in writing to REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY (ETELÄ-SUOMEN ALUEHALLINTOVIRASTO) within 14 days after the publication of the results. The appeal must state in detail which part(s) of the admissions procedure are requested to be reviewed and corrected, and on what basis. Results of the personal interview and admissions process cannot be altered to the detriment of students already admitted.

## Written confirmation of study place and enrolment

An applicant accepted to the programme must confirm their enrolment by submitting a written confirmation of accepting the offered study place to the student affairs office **by December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**.

Detailed instructions on how to confirm the study place will be sent with the acceptance letter. If the applicant fails to submit the confirmation form by the date indicated in the decision, he/she loses the offered study place.

## Starting studies at Business College Helsinki

**Studies start with orientation day on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023. All new students must attend the orientation.** In case the accepted student is not present on the orientation day and has not informed the college about their absence in advance, the place will be automatically given to another applicant.

**Please note that the accepted student is responsible for taking care of all the practical issues regarding the start of the studies, such as, submitting an international student's residence permit application in time and to be ready to begin studies on-site on the orientation day.**

**The student must have a valid student resident permit at the start of the studies. Please be prepared to present a Finnish ID or a residence permit granted by the Finnish Immigration Services at registration. If your permit application is in process, please be prepared to present a document of a pending permit application at registration.**

Unfortunately, we cannot help with the VISA issues. For more information, please consult the Finnish Immigration Service ([www.migri.fi](http://www.migri.fi)).

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION FORM**

**Personal Information**

*Please fill in all the information accurately.*

In the First name field, please write your first name (your forename for everyday use).

**Contact Information**

*Please fill in your current residence address.*

Please write the postal code of your place of residence (in numbers) and the name of the city. A Finnish postal code may be chosen from the list.

**Educational background**

*Please fill in the information about your upper secondary education, and other education, training and degrees completed.*

Entrance requirement for this programme is upper secondary education (12-year general education, advanced level) i.e. studies equivalent to Finnish high school and Matriculation Examination or Finnish vocational upper secondary education.

**Language Skills**

*Please fill in the information and use the given scale to assess your skills (speaking, reading and writing).*

Entrance requirement for this programme is a good written and oral command of English. Please see pages 2 and 3 for further instructions.

**Motivation letter and career plan**

*Please write your motivation letter including a career plan in this field.*

The content should cover your reasons and motivation for applying for this programme. Describe your future career plans after completing this programme.

Please note that applications without a motivation letter and career plan are not considered.

**Immigration status**

*Please enclose a copy of your residence permit or visa (if valid).*

Please note that if you are a Finnish citizen, you do not fill in this section.

## Enclosures and application supporting documents

The applicants are asked to enclose copies of the following documents to their application:

- Educational Certificates for upper secondary education
- Transcript of Records (upper secondary education)
- Certificate of English language competence – see p. 2 and 3 for details
- Work Experience Certificates (if available)
- Certificates of other foreign languages (if available)
- Certificates of IT skills (if available)
- Copy of a Finnish residence permit (if available)
- Documentation of entrepreneurship/ own business (if available)

**Please name all the files accordingly.**

**Please prepare all the certificate copies in advance and submit scanned/electronic copies of these documents enclosed to the application form.**

Please note that applications without all required documents (named above) will not be considered.

**All the supporting documents must be submitted by the end of the application period, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.** Kindly note that Business College Helsinki does not consider application documents that have arrived after the deadline.

Please note that all documents **must be translated into English or Finnish. The translations should be certified translations made by an authorized translator working in Finland.**

**All admitted students are required to present the original documents, certificates and references at the very beginning of the first study year.**