

Apply for rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system with the form Application for rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system (ETK 2136e).

More information on rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system is available online at the websites of the earnings-related pension providers and the address www.tyoelake.fi.

Before applying for rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system, please discuss your case with your own occupational healthcare, your pension provider, Kela or a health care expert.

Send your application and attachments to your own pension provider. Your pension provider will instruct you in issues relating to the rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system and the processing of your application.

If you submit your application to Kela, it will forward your application to your pension provider for processing.

Rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system

Rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system is vocational rehabilitation. The health of the applicant must have deteriorated so that, without vocational rehabilitation, there is an imminent risk of retirement on a disability pension within the next few years. The aim of the rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system is a return of the applicant to working life or continued working with work tasks that suit the applicant's health.

Rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system can take the form of, for example.

- work try-outs in one's own work or in other work
- work training
- education leading to work or a profession
- a business subsidy to support the starting or continuing of business activities.

Your pension provider can issue a preliminary ruling on the right to rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system. The preliminary ruling is valid for nine months from the date on which it has become legally valid. The preliminary ruling is often issued when the applicant has a right to rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system but there is no plan for vocational rehabilitation or if the plan must be further specified. For help and guidance regarding the drawing up of a plan, please turn to your pension provider.

You accrue pension from certain social benefits. These benefits affect the amount of the rehabilitation allowance you get under the earnings-related pension acts. List these statutory benefits and pensions in the application when asked. List also pensions and benefits paid from other countries than Finland and attach a copy of related pension decisions.

Include information in your application on the following compensations paid to you in the present and previous year:

- sickness allowance, partial sickness allowance
- earnings-related unemployment allowance
- basic unemployment allowance, labour market subsidy
- adult education subsidy
- job alternation compensation
- rehabilitation allowance
- daily allowances under the workers' compensation acts
- compensation for loss of earnings under the Motor Liability Insurance Act
- daily allowances for parents (pregnancy allowance, special pregnancy allowance and parental allowance)
- child home care allowance
- special care allowance
- sickness allowance on account of infectious disease

Pension accrues for studies leading to a basic vocational degree, a lower university degree, a degree from a university of applied sciences and for a higher university degree (for degrees awarded on 1 January 2005 or later).

One condition of receiving rehabilitation under the earnings-related pension system is that the person applying for it is required to have had employment income covered by earnings-related pension insurance during the 36 calendar months preceding the month in which the application was submitted. If you are receiving the cash rehabilitation benefit or disability pension, the income requirement is examined for the 36 calendar months preceding the onset of disability. If there is no employment income during the 36 calendar months, the condition can also be met by a period of child care. State the period of child care in your application. If you have not been paid parental allowance on the basis of child care, child home care allowance or comparable allowance under the legislation of Åland, please attach a free-form explanation as to why the aforementioned child-care benefits have not been paid.

Handling of the personal data of an applicant for vocational rehabilitation

EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires that you get information on how Kela, your pension provider and the Finnish Centre for Pensions process your personal data in relation with your application for rehabilitation.

Why does Kela, your pension provider and the Finnish Centre for Pensions process your personal data?

Your personal data is needed to issue a decision on your application for rehabilitation.

The processing of your personal data is based on Finnish laws, the EU's General Data Protection Regulation and social security agreements. If your pension provider, Kela or the Finnish Centre for Pensions do not get the information they need, they cannot issue a decision on your application.

The data collected to issue a decision on your application for rehabilitation is also used in statistics and research.

In individual cases, the Farmers' Social Insurance Institution (Mela) can use data collected in connection with processing a rehabilitation application for the process of other benefits from Mela if the data affects the other benefit case and if the law requires the data to be taken into consideration in connection with the benefit case in question.

The processing of a rehabilitation application is based on the law, so you cannot object to the processing of your personal data. You do not have the right to request that your personal data needed to process your application be deleted. In addition, you cannot request that your personal data be transferred to a system outside that of your pension provider, Kela or the Finnish Centre for Pensions because the clause on the right to transfer data in the General Data Protection Regulation of the EU does not apply to statutory social insurance.

Your pension provider's, Kela's and the Finnish Centre for Pensions' right to acquire and release your personal data

Your pensions provider, Kela and the Finnish Centre for Pensions have the right to acquire and release information that is necessary for issuing a decision on a pension application. Your personal data is handled in order to achieve a smooth processing of your rehabilitation application.

Your pension provider, Kela and the Finnish Centre for Pensions have a legal right to release and acquire information from various parties for the processing of your application.

If the release or acquisition of the data is not based on laws, you will be asked to sign a consent form. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

Your pension provider, Kela or the Finnish Centre for Pensions can contact, among others, your employer, various authorities or insurance companies in relation to handling your rehabilitation application. If necessary, your data can be transferred based on EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and social security agreements to EU and EEA countries, Switzerland and countries outside the EU area.

You have the right to check your data

You have the right request to know what personal data on you has been stored in the registers of your pension provider, Kela and the Finnish Centre for Pensions.

You have to make a separate request to check your data for each party handling your application for rehabilitation. You can request that any incorrect data is corrected if it is appropriate in relation to issuing a decision on your application. You have the right to get copies of your personal data.

Making a request and getting copies is usually free of charge.

If your pension provider, Kela or the Finnish Centre for Pensions does not fulfil your request for measures relating to your personal data, they will inform you within a month from getting your request. The deadline for sending out the notification can be extended by two months. If your request cannot be met, your pension provider, Kela or the Finnish Centre for Pensions will tell you the reason for this.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision concerning your personal data, you have the right to appeal the decision to the Data Protection Ombudsman.

Storing your personal data

The data required to handle your application for rehabilitation is stored for the time period stated in the law. As a rule, the data is stored up to five calendar years after the insured person has deceased.

Registrar

Kela and your pension provider are registrar. Data relating to your rehabilitation application are also stored in the registers of the Finnish Centre for Pensions. Your pension provider, Kela and the Finnish Centre for Pensions all have a Data Protection Officer.

Contact information

The contact information to your own pension provider is listed on their website or at www.tyoelake.fi. The contact information of the Finnish Centre for Pensions is listed at www.etk.fi/en. You can also get the contact information of your own pension provider or the Finnish Centre for Pensions by calling the Finnish Centre for Pensions at +358 29 411 20.

Kela's contact information is listed on their website at www.kela.fi/main-page. You can also call Kela at +358 20 692 202.