Parliament tightens citizenship rules as of 1 March 2027

The Finnish Parliament approved amendments to the Citizenship Act which introduce stricter requirements to acquire citizenship. The changes will enter into force on 1 January 2027 and will apply to new applications submitted on or after 1 March 2027.

Applicants aged 18-64 will be required to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of Finnish society, with exceptions to be allowed on grounds of health or disability, or for other very serious reasons.

A citizenship test will be organised by the Finnish Immigration Service, with questions which will be based on study materials which will be publicly available.

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