The Finnish Immigration Service informed that there are backlogs in the processing of applications for family reunification, with 18,200 pending applications. Most applications are decided within 4 months. To date, more than 37,000 decisions were issued in 2025.

The reasons for delays include requiring additional information or documents (such as DNA test results), an interview or because a decision has not been issued on the sponsor’s residence permit application.

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