The Finnish Citizenship Act introduces as of 1 January 2027 a citizenship test for adults aged 18-64 who apply for citizenship after 1 March 2027. They must demonstrate sufficient knowledge of Finnish society through a multiple-choice test which is being organised by the Finnish Immigration Service. The latter will publish on its website self-study learning material towards the beginning of 2027, which is being currently prepared by the University of Helsinki. The questions in the test may concern for example key legislation of Finnish society, fundamental and human rights, equality, gender equality, and Finnish history and culture.

The Finnish Immigration Service reported a significant increase in the number of applications for citizenship up to 2024 and a total of 46,600 citizenship applications submitted between 2023–2025.

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