



Aviation Act (864/2014)

Government Decree on restricted areas (930/2014)

THE FINNISH DEFENCE FORCES' INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING PERMISSION FOR FLIGHT INTO THE DEFENCE FORCES' AND THE BORDER GUARD'S RESTRICTED AREAS

1. General

This document provides instructions on how to apply for a permission to fly into permanent restricted areas established for the needs of the Defence Forces and the Border Guard. Flights into these restricted areas are only allowed with permission from the Defence Forces and under special conditions laid down by the Defence Forces or the Border Guard.

The authority processing applications for permission in the Defence Forces is the Defence Command Finland. Applications are processed by the Defence Command Operations Division. Application for permission must be submitted at least seven (7) days before the planned date of flight, preferably via the Defence Forces' e-Service, unless otherwise provided by international agreements binding on Finland.

In accordance with the Aviation Act, Section 11, restricted areas may also be established for purposes other than those of the Defence Forces and the Border Guard. The authority granting permissions to fly into such areas is the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency (Traficom).

2. Restricted area (R area)

Restricted area refers to airspace of defined dimensions, above land areas or territorial waters of state, within which flight of aircraft is restricted in accordance with certain specified conditions.

The restricted areas within the Finnish airspace are divided into two categories:

1. Permanently activated restricted areas (MILOPS, UAV / active H24). These include military areas that are important in terms of national defence and territorial surveillance, such as garrison areas, forts and depots.
2. Temporarily activated permanent restricted areas (MILOPS, UAV / NOTAM), which are activated by a prior notice by the user of the area. Temporary restricted areas include, for example, range areas used by the Defence Forces.

Activity of Restricted Areas is announced in the Aeronautical Information System.

3. Special provisions set for flights within restricted areas

Permission for flights within permanent restricted areas that are established for the use of the Defence Forces or the Border Guard is granted only under special circumstances, in case intended flights within the restricted area are connected with the Defence Forces operation, or have reasonable grounds and the use of

aeronautical equipment is absolutely necessary.

Permissions are not granted for temporarily activated permanent restricted areas. Flying within these areas is allowed when the areas have not been reported active by the Aeronautical Information Services.

If the areas are active, flying is allowed when activities hazardous to air traffic have been suspended. In this case, Air Traffic Control may clear a controlled flight in controlled airspace through an activated restricted area. In uncontrolled airspace, flights into active area are allowed when activities hazardous to air traffic have been suspended. In this case, flying requires authorization by the actual user of the area. Authorization is coordinated via AMC. Flying into these areas during suspension also requires an activated flight plan.

No permission is required for the air traffic within EFR100 crossing the state border that is coordinated by Air Traffic Control Centre Finland.

For each flight into restricted areas authorized by a separate permission from the Defence Command, a flight plan must be submitted to the air traffic provider at least two hours before departure. The flight plan must include a reference to the number of the permission granted.

4. Applying for permission for flight within restricted area

Permission can be applied for at <https://puolustusvoimat.fi/en/forms>

The application for permission must be received by the Defence Command Finland at least seven (7) days before the intended flight. After the Defence Command has received the application, it is filed in the licence register. The Defence Forces requests the Border Guard for comment if permission is applied for EFR100 area or if the intended flight may have an effect on the Border Guard's operation.

If the restricted or prohibited area has been established to protect a specific facility or a site, aviation operations directly related to the maintenance, operation or use of that facility are nevertheless allowed in that area.

The Defence Command Operations Division makes the decision on the application and files it in the Defence Forces licence register.

The Defence Command Operations Division informs the applicant, the Finnish Air Force, Traficom, the Fintraffic Air Navigation and, if needed, the Border Guard of the decision.

Any enquiries concerning the application process should be sent by email to:

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