

Acceptance of Russian nationals while travel restrictions are in place

Routing	Visa type	Conditions that apply
Non-Schengen – HEL (eg. LHR-HEL)	Valid type C Schengen visa	Entry possible only if pax fulfills one of the special reasons listed on the Finnish Border Guard's website: Restrictions on the entry of Russian citizens The Finnish Border Guard (raja.fi)
Non-Schengen – HEL (eg. LAX-HEL or SIN-HEL-CPH)	Valid type D Schengen visa or valid Schengen residence permit	OK to travel to Finland and via Finland to other Schengen countries.
Non-Schengen – HEL + traveling by car to Russia	Valid type C Schengen visa	Not currently possible as the Finnish land border with Russia is closed at least until 14APR 2024 (the closure may be extended beyond that date). Up-to-date info available here: Restrictions at the border crossing points on the eastern border of Finland The Finnish Border Guard (raja.fi)
Non-Schengen – HEL – Schengen (eg. JFK-HEL-TLL)	Valid type C Schengen visa	It is currently not allowed for Russian nationals to transit via HEL to other Schengen countries on a type C visa. Exception applies if the Russian national is a family member of an EU/Schengen Member State national and is able to prove the relation (travel via HEL is not allowed if the family member is only a permanent resident in a Schengen State, but not an EU/Schengen national)
Non-Schengen – HEL – Non-Schengen (eg. DFW-HEL-DOH-SVO)	Schengen visa not needed (when pax remains in non-Schengen transit area)	OK if pax has onward flight on the same day in the same ticket/PNR , so that through check-in of pax and luggage is possible. No need to call HEL Border Guard as pax remains in non-Schengen transit area. Ensure that pax holds the required travel documents for the whole route.
Non-Schengen – HEL – Non-Schengen (eg. BKK-HEL-IST-LED)	Valid type C Schengen visa	Passenger has onward flight on the same day but on a separate ticket/PNR . As per AY rules through check-in of pax and luggage is not possible. Agent needs to call HEL Border Guard (+358 29 541 2660) to ensure they will allow pax to clear immigration with the type C-visa, to collect bags and check-in for their next flight.
Schengen – HEL (eg. MXP-HEL)	Valid type C or type D Schengen visa or valid Schengen residence permit	As long as the Finnish Schengen internal border is open passengers' passports and visas are not checked by the Border Guard on arrival in HEL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no need to check pax travel documents on AY intra-Schengen flights if final destination is HEL or another Schengen country. - do not deny boarding to Russian nationals who travel within the Schengen area (unless it becomes apparent for some reason that pax is illegally in the area, eg. Schengen visa or residence permit has expired, or pax has no visa or no residence permit)
Schengen – HEL – Schengen (eg. CDG-HEL-ARN)	Valid type C or type D Schengen visa or valid Schengen residence permit	OK to travel within Schengen, no need to check travel documents as long as the Finnish Schengen internal border is open.
Schengen – HEL – Non-Schengen (eg. FRA-HEL-DXB)	Valid type C or type D Schengen visa or valid Schengen residence permit	As pax will be clearing immigration exit at HEL-airport , ensure they have a valid Schengen visa or residence permit (so that they are not illegally in the area) and that their travel documents are in order for the whole route.