

Dear member of the Union of Insurance Employees in Finland,

Thank you for being a member of the Union of Insurance Employees in Finland, Vakuutusväen Liitto (VvL). A new chapter in the representation of interests is soon beginning, as VvL is merging with Trade Union Pro. As a result, your membership of VvL transfers to Trade Union Pro from 1 January 2021.

We warmly welcome you to Pro from the beginning of next year. Trade Union Pro is an association of trained professionals, experts, managers and self-employed persons, and is part of the Finnish Confederation of Professionals (STTK).

### **How does the merger affect my VvL membership?**

Your member association has applied to join Pro, effective from 1 January 2021. Your membership in your member association will continue uninterrupted, and you will also become an individual member of Pro. **If you accept this change, you do not have to take any action. Your membership will be transferred to Pro, where it will continue uninterrupted.**

Your membership of the unemployment fund JATTK will continue for a transitional period, after which it will be transferred to Pro's own unemployment fund, Työttömyyskassa Pro. We will provide more information on this at a later date.

In the workplace, your own shop steward and member association personnel will continue to be at your service. From the beginning of 2021, Pro will be responsible for representation of interests and other services. Pro's lawyers and other experts are available to members and staff representatives when matters cannot be resolved at the workplace.

If you do not want to become a member of Pro from the beginning of 2021, you must give notice of this decision **no later than 7 December 2020** by email to the VvL office at [jasenrekisteri@vvl.fi](mailto:jasenrekisteri@vvl.fi).

If you do not wish to become a member of Pro, you must terminate the automatic collection of the membership fee from your salary by cancelling the authorisation for collection yourself. You can do this by notifying your payroll office.

### **How do I pay my Pro membership fee?**

If your employer deducts the membership fee from your salary, Pro will send the membership fee information to your employer. Pro's membership fee for 2021 is 1.25% of gross salary, up to a maximum of EUR 49. If you pay your membership fee yourself, you will receive the membership fee reference code for the payment from Pro in January.

### **New membership card early in 2021**

Your Pro membership number and membership card will be sent to you by post in January. The membership number is the key to your union benefits and services.

The card also serves as your insurance card. Among the benefits of your membership are Turva's travel insurance, which is more extensive than before, and, as a new service, leisure time accident insurance. Your travel insurance taken out by VvL will remain in force until the end of 2020. Read more about your new membership insurance at: [www.turva.fi/pro](http://www.turva.fi/pro).

### Download the Pro mobile app

You can download Pro's mobile app from Google Play or the Apple App Store as soon as you receive your membership number. The name of the app is Ammattiliitto Pro. It is free and works on all Android and iOS smartphones and tablets.

The Pro app functions as a membership card and insurance card, so you will always have these with you when you need them. You can quickly find the information you need in the app. The app makes it easier to manage your membership and employment matters and is convenient for registering for training courses and events. You can find member benefits and current news on Pro's website at [www.proliiitto.fi](http://www.proliiitto.fi).

Best regards,

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