

## **Principles for stays in the Eckerö Post & Customs House guest apartment**

1.

The Government of Åland provides a guest apartment/Artist in Residence located in the Eckerö Post & Customs House. The guest apartment consists of 2 rooms comprising a total of 50 m<sup>2</sup>

- one bedroom and a combined work room/dining room/kitchenette, a toilet and a shower.

2.

The guest apartment is primarily let to practising artists in all areas of art from the Nordic countries and neighbouring regions (the Baltic Sea region, Northwest Russia) (hereinafter "grant beneficiaries"), who in their creative activities may be expected to specially benefit from the environment and central location between two countries that the facility offers but who through their stay are also able to bring new experiences and inspiration to Åland in the cultural field. The grant beneficiary's stay may be combined with current events in Åland, depending on his or her area of activity. Cultural journalists may also be offered a grant to stay in the apartment.

The grant beneficiary is selected by a group of experts (consisting of 4 people for a period of 2-4 years) once a year on the basis of received applications. The deadline for applications is 31 January.

3.

The stay is expected to result in mutual benefit, i.e. for the grant beneficiary and for the region of Åland;

- exhibitions, seminars, workshops and other arrangements in Åland that benefit the Ålanders and visitors
- newspaper articles and other information that spread information about Åland and the Eckerö Post & Customs House and other similar benefits for the region of Åland and its population.

4.

The guest apartment is generally let out for a cost of €100/month in advance, which is used to defray the actual cost of Internet use, laundry of bedlinen, etc. Food is not included in the grant. The costs of travel and transports to and from the location are borne by the grant beneficiaries themselves.

5.

The guest apartment is primarily let, upon application to the Åland Cultural Delegation, during the period April-October, generally for a period of 1-2 months, and only once a year to the same grant beneficiary, other than in cases where the grant beneficiary is completing a project that has been initiated or when there are other compelling reasons for a repeat visit. Applications, which are submitted once a year (deadline last day of January), must include a CV and a work plan.

**See the form at <http://www.kultur.aland.fi/gastbostad.htm>**

The Eckerö Post & Customs House serves as contact person for the grant beneficiary.

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*The Eckerö Post & Customs House is 35 km from Mariehamn and 500 m from the Sweden terminal of Eckerö Linjen in Eckerö. The building also contains a sauna, café, exhibition spaces for the guest apartment, a post office and a museum describing the history of the mail route between Sweden and Finland.*

*The building is 100 m from the Åland Sea and offers exceptional opportunities for bathing.*