

## **Job opportunities more easily**

Have you heard about light entrepreneurship and cooperative activities? In addition to conventional entrepreneurship, you can work also as a light entrepreneur or in a cooperative. Then you have less risk than if you were an entrepreneur.

### **Light entrepreneurship**

A light entrepreneur refers to a person who works for himself and invoices for the work carried out through a billing service. Therefore, light entrepreneurs are customer of the billing service. As a light entrepreneur, you can focus on acquiring customers and developing your business idea. The light entrepreneur service takes care of billing and the paperwork related to the payment of salaries and other bureaucracy an entrepreneur is faced with. Light entrepreneur is not an official term defined by law but is used as a generic marketing name for billing services customers.

Light entrepreneurship is suitable for almost all fields that have knowledge and selling of individual work as the product. Light entrepreneurship is the best option when you do not yet know how much revenue will be generated. If you have enough work and the new career seems enjoyable, it is easy to set up a business name or a limited company following light entrepreneurship.

You can become a light entrepreneur from almost of professional groups, with the exception of some licensed industries (such as manufacture and sales of alcohol and postal services). Light entrepreneurs come from many lines of business, including experts, bloggers, freelancers, artists, decorators, cleaners, and translators. However, light entrepreneurship is not for you, if you need to invest heavily in equipment or if you want to deal with retail or wholesale of goods.

Billing services providing light entrepreneurship include Ukko.fi, OP Kevytyrittäjä, Omapaja, Eezy, and Odeal.

### **Light entrepreneurship and unemployment security**

Please note that light entrepreneurship makes you an entrepreneur also from the point of view of unemployment legislation. As a full-time entrepreneur, you are not, as a general rule, eligible for unemployment benefit. The TE Office (Public employment and business services) makes an assessment of whether you are a full-time or part-time entrepreneur. Your light entrepreneurship is considered full-time, if the TE Office thinks that the required workload is so high that you could not accept full-time work alongside it from elsewhere. This is why it is worthwhile asking the TE Office before starting as a light entrepreneur. TE services provide advice on unemployment security (tel. 0295 020 701, open Mon - Fri, 9am - 4.15pm), and will know how your situation affects your unemployment security.

Source: [www.ukko.fi](http://www.ukko.fi), <https://yrityksen-perustaminen.net/kevytyrittajyyt/>

For more information:

<https://www.ukko.fi/>

<https://op-kevytyrittaja.fi/>

<https://omapaja.fi/>

<https://www.eezy.fi/>

<https://odeal.fi/>

## **Cooperative**

In a cooperative, you can work as a member together with other members. All members of the cooperative will benefit if the cooperative is successful. A cooperative may be established by one or more people, a company, or a community. A cooperative is a good company form for a family, too. A cooperative is a good mode of operation when several companies cooperate with each other.

You can join an existing cooperative or set up a cooperative of your own.

### **Establishing a cooperative**

- A cooperative is established by a treaty signed by the members
- Members pay a cooperation contribution to the cooperative.
- Members decide on matters together on an equal footing and elect a board for the cooperative.
- Rules must also be drawn up for the cooperative.
- A cooperative may take more members.
- Members may resign from a cooperative, if they wish.
- A cooperative complies with the Cooperative Act and the cooperative's own rules.
- A cooperative is a limited liability entity, in other words its members are not personally responsible for the cooperative's debts, for example.

For more information, please visit the website of Coop Center Pellervo:

<https://pellervo.fi/tietoa-osuustoiminnasta/>

<https://pellervo.fi/english/>

<http://perustajanopas.pellervo.fi/>

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