

Important! The regulations concerning citizens of EU/EEA member states are described in the fact sheet, 'Residence Permits for EU/EEA Citizens'

If you are planning to study at university or college in Sweden for longer than three months, you must have a residence permit.

Your residence permit must be entered in your passport before your arrival in Sweden.

If you will be in Sweden for less than three months, no residence permit is required. Some foreign nationals however require visas in order to enter Sweden. To find out which – check the Internet address www.utrikes.regeringen.se

You have to leave Sweden once your period of study ends. Even if you have remained in Sweden for many years, you are not ordinarily allowed to settle in this country.

Where do I apply?

You apply for a permit at the Swedish embassy or consulate in your country of origin or your country of domicile. The addresses of embassies/consulates are available at www.utrikes.regeringen.se.

You should present your application 6–8 weeks prior to your departure for Sweden.

How much does it cost?

You may be required to pay an application fee. If your application is denied, the fee will not be refunded. You can read about the fees either in a special information sheet or at the Migration Board's web site.

Who decides my case?

The Swedish Migration Board takes decisions on residence permits for studies. Your permit must be entered into your passport before you come to Sweden. The embassy or consulate at which you presented your application will inform you of the decision.

Who can apply for a permit?

To obtain a residence permit for studies at university/college in Sweden you must:

- have been granted university/college admission
- study full-time
- be able to show that you have enough money to support yourself throughout the planned study period.

Proof that you have the means to support yourself must be provided, e.g. in the form of some kind of documentation certifying your own or your sponsor's bank assets, a letter of guarantee from your sponsor or documentation certifying that you have received either a scholarship or student benefit from your country of origin. You are required to show that you will have SEK 6,300/month at your disposal for 10 months/year. If you can show that you will be receiving free board and lodging, this sum is reduced.

- intend to leave Sweden on completion of your studies.

How long is a permit valid?

If the study period is a year or less, you will be granted a residence permit for the duration of your studies.

If the study period is longer than a year you will be granted a permit for one year at a time.

May I work?

You may work and you do not need a work permit to do that during your stay in Sweden as a student or a postgraduate student.

Permits for the family

Spouses/cohabitants and unmarried children under 18 accompanying a visiting university/college student or a postgraduate student may be granted residence permits for the same period as the principal applicant, providing they can show that their upkeep is assured. Your family is not allowed to work for living.

Is the permit renewable?

To obtain an extension of your residence permit, you must show that you have performed adequately in your studies. You must also show that you have regularly received money for your upkeep during the time you have spent in Sweden, by producing a bank certificate, a statement of accounts or the like.

In addition, you must show that you have been accepted for further studies and that your upkeep remains assured.

If you wish to apply for an extension of your permit, you can do so at any of the Migration Board offices in Sweden. The addresses are available on a separate information sheet and at www.migrationsverket.se.

Alternatively, you can send your application for a permit extension to the Migration Board: Migrationsverket, Arbetstillståndsenheten, SE-601 70 Norrköping.

You will also be subject to a fee if you apply for an extension of your permit.

Appeals

If the Swedish Migration Board decides not to grant you a residence permit, you may lodge an appeal with the Aliens Appeals Board within three weeks of being informed of the decision. Send your appeal to the Migration Board in Norrköping, which will forward it to the Aliens Appeals Board.

Remember!

You will not be listed in the Swedish civil registry if your residence permits runs for less than one year.

It is important that you arrange insurance beforehand to cover any costs you may incur in Sweden arising from illness, etc.

The Schengen Agreement

The rules in the Schengen Agreement on travel within the Schengen zone now apply in Sweden as well. One result is that people with Swedish residence permits can travel freely throughout the zone for a period of three months without first applying for a visa. All travellers must have a valid passport and be able to prove their identities.

The countries that have signed the Schengen Agreement are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Application forms

Application forms can be obtained from the Swedish embassy or consulate. Alternatively, you can order forms from the Migration Board: Migrationsverket (Distributionen), SE-601 70 Norrköping.

Tel +46 (0)11-15 63 77, fax +46 (0)11-15 66 91
E-mail: distributionen@migrationsverket.se

You can also download forms from internet:
www.migrationsverket.se

Further information

For further information about residence permits for studies, please contact the nearest Swedish embassy/consulate or the Swedish Migration Board's work permit division:

Migrationsverket, Tillståndsenheten,
SE-601 70 Norrköping.

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