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## MIGRATION NEWS







#### **About the Migration Agency**

In Sweden, the Migration Agency is the authority that considers applications from people who want to live in Sweden, visit or work in the country, seek protection from persecution or be granted Swedish citizenship.

The Swedish Migration Agency is commissioned by the parliament and government, who set the Swedish asylum and migration policy.

# Longer processing times at the Migration Agency during summer

During the summer months, the Migration Agency is open as usual. However, be prepared for longer processing times due to limited workforce during the summer holiday.

If you want to be sure to get your permits on time, contact us at KEY Relocation and we will help you with the planning and process of obtaining a work permit for your employees. KEY Relocation Center and its employees wish you all a sunny summer!

#### **Employment of students**

During the summer and autumn, it is common for companies to employ foreign university students. However, in order for the work permit to be approved by the Migration Agency, the student must have earned 30 higher education credits. Additionally, please remember that with this kind of employment, you may not send in the work permit application earlier than 30 days before the valid student visa expires. There must not be a time gap between the student and work permit. This is why it is important that the employment begins either before the student visa expires or on the same day at the latest.

Usually, the company must publish the job opening if they want to hire someone from outside the EU, but for the employment of students there is an exception. If the student starts their employment before the application for a work permit is submitted to the Migration Agency, the company does not need to publish the job opening. Therefore, KEY Relocation recommends their clients to start the employment before we submit the application to the Migration Agency. We are happy to assist you in planning your employment -avoiding all the possible pitfalls in the migration process.

### Starting work in Sweden

For first-time applicants, the employee must begin working in Sweden no later than three months after the validity of the work permit. If the employees arrive to Sweden later than three months, they will have problems when applying for an extension. In the worst case, the Migration Agency may refuse an extension.

#### **Ending work in Sweden**

Remember that you must notify the Migration Board if an employee returns home earlier than three months before the valid work permit expires. If this is not done, the employee will have problems with future applications.

For more information, please visit: www.migrationsverket.se



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