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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 parliament and government, who set the Swedish asylum and migration policy.

Travel ban due to COVID-19

Travel bans are still in place causing delays for many of our immigration clients.

Nevertheless, we have been able to carry out services all spring. We know there are many questions out there. Below, a summary of the most frequent ones that we receive.

Please feel free to ask if you do not find an answer to your questions. We are here to help!

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Extended travel restrictions to Sweden

The incoming travel restriction to Sweden was again extended for another 30 days and is now in place until June 15th. That means people may RETURN to Sweden if they have already established themselves here, but the borders are essentially closed for other non-EU nationals.

Can residence permit holders still travel to Sweden?

Swedish citizens and people with a residence permit can enter the country. However, people who have received a permit but have not yet moved to Sweden will generally not be exempt from the entry ban unless you have a home in Sweden where you have previously lived.

I have applied for an extension but had to travel abroad during the processing time. Can I still enter Sweden?

Yes, if you have previously lived in Sweden. However, it is your responsibility to demonstrate that you are covered by the exemptions to the ordinance. You can for example provide population registration certificates, rental agreements, rent receipts, and bills that are addressed to you and marked with the address in question. There is no minimum time for when your home in Sweden is considered to be established. It is the border police who assess and (if necessary) investigate this.

I have a work permit valid until September 2021 but have been laid off by my current employer. My last day of employment will be July 28th. How long may I stay in Sweden to look for a new job?

After your last day of employment, you may stay in Sweden for a maximum of three months to look for a new job. It is important that you notify the Migration Agency should you not find a job and decide to leave Sweden.

As an employer, I need to lay off a non-EU employee with work permit. Do I need to notify the Migration Agency during the trial period? (provanställning)

Yes, if your employee has a valid work permit and the employment is terminated before the last valid day of the work permit you need to inform the Migration Agency.



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*Behind every number
is a human being...*

We have lost our job. What will happen with their work permits? For how long will they be valid?

If you have lost your job, you have three months in total to find a new job. The residence permit will be valid with no restrictions until the last day.

We have hired an employee from India. Her work permit started on March 16th. Due to Covid-19, she has not been able to come to Sweden. Does this affect her work permit?

If you can't start your new employment within four months from the starting date your permit must be withdrawn and you will have to submit a new application. If you do not enter the country with your first permit within 4 months you may risk your future permanent residence permit.

Will my employer's decision regarding layoffs affect my residence permit or chances to extend my permit in Sweden in the future?

You may work less time than planned, if your salary follows collective agreements and you work to a sufficient extent to support yourself. The limit for a person being considered self-sufficient is SEK 13,000 per month before tax. Check with your employer and any trade unions about what conditions apply to your layoff.

As an employer, I have applied for financial support from the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Tillväxtverket) to cover part of the wage costs. Does this affect my employees to get an extended residence and work permit?

It is your employee's salary that counts, even if you receive compensation from the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Tillväxtverket). However, your employee's salary still has to satisfy the support requirement on SEK 13,000.

I have not been able to leave the country on time due to travel bans. Now my permit is no longer valid. Do I have to apply for an extension?

Yes, if you have a work- and residence permit and do not intend to extend this and have planned to leave Sweden, but cannot leave due to travel restrictions, you need to apply for a visitor's residence permit.