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STUDENT VISAS FOR SWEDEN

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Apply for a residence permit for higher education in Sweden as a non-EU citizen.

Before applying for a residence permit, the foreign national must be accepted to an accredited university for full-time studies in Sweden that will last longer than 3 months.

Process:

1. Pay the first tuition fee installment. Once paid, the Swedish Migration Agency will be notified. Tuition invoices will be available within a few days from receiving an admission decision.
2. Prepare supporting documentation. This includes copies of a valid passport, letter of admission and proof that you can support yourself financially during the time as a student in Sweden. Proof of health insurance if the program lasts for one year or less. Supporting documentation should be translated into Swedish or English by an authorized translator. A copy of the original document must always be included.
3. Fill out the application online at <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Higher-education/Residence-permit-for-studies-in-higher-education/Apply-for-a-residence-permit-for-studies-in-higher-education.html> (available in English). Pay the application fee online (SEK 1,500) and submit the application.
4. Next you will receive an email from the Migration Agency asking you to present your passport in person at an embassy or consulate in your home country and sometimes submit biometrics and/or conduct an interview.
5. If you are from a country that does not require a visa for entry into Sweden, you can enter Sweden with only an approval and proceed to a Migration Agency's office within the country to submit biometrics for the residence permit card. Otherwise, you will need to receive the residence permit card prior to entering.

Letter of Admission: This can be downloaded in pdf format from your universityadmissions.se account (where you apply for higher education in Sweden) and is called "Notification of Selection Results".

Financial requirement:

- For stays in Sweden that begin on or after 1 January 2023, the financial support requirement is at least SEK 9,450 per month for the full permit period.
- Proof can consist of e.g. bank statements or evidence of a student loan or scholarship. Bank statements should be in the applicant's name only.

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Health insurance requirement: The insurance must be valid for the entire time you will be in Sweden and cover costs for medical care, hospitalization and emergency dental care. It must also cover the costs of repatriation for medical reasons. Many universities offer insurance programs to admitted students.

Permit validity: The permit validity is typically for the study period plus 2 weeks before and after. The permit is usually valid for 13 months at a time for students enrolled in a 2- or 3-year program and can be renewed every year.

Processing time: Processing times are sometimes lengthy, several months, and therefore it is recommended to proceed to apply for the resident permit as soon as you receive an admission decision.

If you're going to stay in Sweden for more than one year, you are required to register in the Swedish Population Register.

- Registration is done at a Swedish Tax Agency office in Sweden. You must present a residence permit that is valid for at least one year. By doing this you get a Swedish personal identity number – a “personnummer”.
- If you're registered in the Swedish Population Register and planning to move away from Sweden after your studies, let the Swedish Tax Agency know so that they can remove you from the list.

Work in Sweden: If you want to work in Sweden after your studies you can apply to extend your residence permit for an extra 12 months. During this time, you can [search for jobs or start a company](#). If you find a job within 12 months, you can then apply for a work permit.

Note: The Swedish Migration Agency has a new drive along with the universities to check that students actually attend their program and take their credit, and don't work instead of pursuing their degree. Students who want to work during their studies should be careful to follow the rules and only work when allowed.

