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Swedish Lapland



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MOVE ON UP

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To the Northernmost area of Sweden!

Full of nature and plenty of space for you to explore and grow. Before starting your journey to move up here or to Sweden in general there are a few things to have in mind. That's why we have put together some useful information for you.

We hope that you will enjoy living here as much as we do.

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1. Get a residence permit

Typically, the first step involves contacting Sweden's Migration Agency (Migrationsverket), which handles immigration, visa, permit, and citizenship matters.

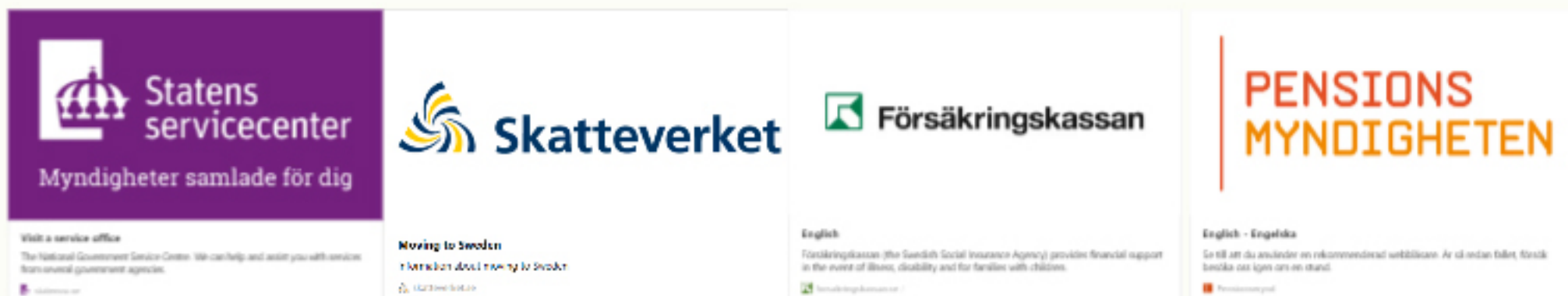
Upon arrival, it's essential to locate your nearest migration service office (Statens Servicecenter) for assistance. These offices provide support with various tasks, including tax-related issues (Skatteverket), immigration affairs (Migrationsverket), health insurance (Försäkringskassan), pension inquiries (Pensionsmyndigheten), and employment assistance through the public employment agency (Arbetsförmedlingen).

2. Register with the Tax Agency

As a new resident, the first thing you need to do is sign up with the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). This process, called "folkbokföring," gets you into the tax system, gives you a personal ID, keeps track of your marital status, updates your address, and sorts out insurance stuff.

Once you're registered with the Tax Agency, you'll get a special personal ID number called a 'personnummer'. This number is super important for your identity in Sweden and you'll need it for everyday stuff like opening a bank account and getting paid by your job.

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3. Housing

Start your search for a home as soon as possible. In Sweden, you can either rent 'first-hand' or 'second-hand'. Renting 'first-hand' (första hand) means you sign a lease directly with the building owner, while 'second-hand' (andra hand) renting involves signing a lease with someone who holds the primary lease or owns the apartment.

In big cities, getting a 'first-hand' lease often requires being on a waiting list for several years. However, there are many websites dedicated to 'second-hand' rentals where you can find listings. While most ads are in Swedish, you'll also find some in English.

If you're moving to Sweden as a student, it's a good idea to check with the university you'll be attending first. Some universities offer guaranteed housing for international students, although this isn't the case for all of them. Additionally, most universities have accommodation services available to assist students in finding housing.




4. Find a job

If you're authorized to work in Sweden, it's a good idea to connect with the Swedish Public Employment Agency (Arbetsförmedlingen) for job support.

For those interested in launching their own business (eget företag), obtaining an F-tax status through the Tax Agency is necessary for tax purposes. Additionally, registering your business name with the Swedish Companies Registration Office (Bolagsverket) is a key step.

To explore entrepreneurship opportunities in Sweden, Verksam.se offers valuable resources and guidance.



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5. Open a Bank account

To open a Swedish bank account, you typically need either a Swedish ID card or, at the very least, a Swedish personal identity number along with a valid passport. Once you meet these requirements, the bank will assist you in obtaining the necessary credit/debit cards and banking services.

Having a bank account is incredibly convenient for managing bills and receiving salaries, especially since many payments are made online in Sweden. Additionally, it's important to download the BankID app onto your smartphone and request a BankID from your chosen Swedish bank. The BankID is essential for various online identifications in Sweden.

Once you have your BankID sorted out, it's advisable to also download the Swish app for further ease of transactions.

7. Daycare & School

If you have children, visit the official website of the Swedish National Agency for Education (Skolverket) or contact your local municipality's education department. They offer extensive resources and guidance on enrollment, educational principles, and available support services.

8. Learn Swedish

Get started!

Acquiring a basic knowledge of Swedish will help you integrate into Swedish society. After obtaining a Swedish personal identity number, enroll in free Swedish courses offered by the government's Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) program.



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9. Pay Taxes

Sweden is well known for its developed social welfare system, and if you move here you will have to help finance it by paying taxes. The Swedish Tax Agency is responsible for collecting taxes, which vary upon income. If you're employed by a company, taxes are automatically deducted from your salary every month. [The Swedish Tax Agency has an overview in English.](#)

For the self-employed, the tax structure is slightly more complicated. If you plan on starting as a sole trader, you will need to register for F-skatt (the 'F' stands för företagare – entrepreneur). [The Tax Agency has more information on taxes for businesses.](#)

Read more about Swedish social insurance at Försäkringskassan – [the Swedish Social Insurance Agency.](#)

10. Get a Swedish driving license

If you're planning to drive in Sweden, [check up on whether you can use your current licence](#) (körkort) or if you'll need a new one. Familiarise yourself with Swedish road rules, signs and parking regulations.

After one year as a resident, you are usually required to obtain a Swedish driving licence. For that, you contact the [Swedish Transport Administration](#) (Trafikverket).

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