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## Information for providers of other studies

This information is aimed at providers that have prospective students who will be applying for a residence permit for other studies. When your prospective students submit their application for a residence permit, you issue an education provider certificate (e.g., an admission decision). This is the basis for the application.

You also usually assist the students in various ways, providing them with information about the residence permit process. To make processing as quick and problem-free as possible for your prospective students, for you, and for us, the Swedish Migration Agency has developed some tips for the coming summer. We recommend that you read them.

More information about the requirements for being granted a residence permit can be found on our website. There is also a webpage aimed at providers of education that falls into the “other studies” category, where news and other items of interest are published. The webpage can be found here: [Providers of other studies](#)

It is a good idea to pass the information below along to your prospective students. It is important that you encourage the students with whom you are in contact to visit the Swedish Migration Agency’s website ([www.migrationsverket.se](http://www.migrationsverket.se)) before applying for a residence permit.

- As a general rule, a person applying for their first residence permit in Sweden must do so from outside the country. If they enter Sweden before the Swedish Migration Agency has made a decision, this may lead to the rejection of their application. This applies even if they enter the country legally (for example, with an entry visa). In these situations, the question of expulsion may also be examined.
- When your prospective students submit their application for a residence permit, it is important that the holder’s signature appears on the copy of their passport they

provide. If the signature is on another page of the passport, a copy of that page must also be submitted.

- Before a residence permit can be granted, the applicant must have presented their original passport either at one of Sweden's embassies or consulates-general, or at one of the Swedish Migration Agency's offices. Anyone who has applied for a residence permit will be asked to book an appointment to present their passport when the time comes .
- As a rule, according to current practice, a person applying for a residence permit can be granted a residence permit for a maximum of two weeks before and two weeks after the official period of study, provided that the conditions for a residence permit are also met during this period. Please note that it is therefore important that your admission decision specify in writing the exact planned study period. If there are introductory or concluding parts of an exchange programme, these must also be specified. You should not expand the timeframe of the study period yourself to give students time to settle in or finish their stay, but in cases where it is possible, we will grant a residence permit that allows some extra time. For a handy study certificate checklist you can use, visit the webpage entitled [Forms and checklists – other studies – Swedish Migration Agency](#) on our website. For a student to be granted extra time in addition to the formal study period, both their health insurance and financial support must extend over the entire permit period. The statement of consent provided by the legal guardians of underage students must also apply to the extra time.
- It is important that the entire total study period is stated in the admission decision. The total study period includes all compulsory study components. If the student is admitted to a multi-year study programme, this must be stated in the first admission decision. If there is a deadline by which students need to be on site to commence their studies, please state this in the admission decision. If there is a fee for the studies, this must be stated. It must also be stated whether the fee has been paid, and whether it is a prerequisite for starting the studies.
- To be granted a residence permit, the student must have secure means of support — so-called “maintenance”. The Swedish Migration Agency's maintenance requirement is based on the price base amount applicable for the year. This means that the level of the maintenance requirement is adjusted annually. For 2024, the current maintenance requirement is SEK 10,314 per month. If the individual applying for a residence permit receives free board and/or lodging from the education provider or an organisation that promotes international exchange, the maintenance requirement may be reduced. If free board is provided, the maintenance requirement can be reduced by SEK 2,865 per month, and for free lodging, the requirement can be reduced by a further SEK 4,584 per month.

If your students receive free board and/or lodging, please state this in the admission decision, which must also be attached to the application for a residence permit. Free board means that the students receive all their weekly meals for free.

- If the student's maintenance is to be secured through their personal bank assets, the money must be in an account that belongs to the student. For students under the age of 18, a legal guardian's account may also be used as a basis for maintenance. Credit, funds or shares do not count as personal bank assets. Bank certificates may not have been issued more than four months before the start of the intended permit period.
- If the student's maintenance is to be secured through a scholarship or similar funding, the student must enclose a newly issued document stating who has granted the scholarship and who will receive it. This documentation must also include information about the monthly amount or total amount the student will receive. The document must also state the time period during which the scholarship will be disbursed and how much of the money will be available to cover living expenses.
- Private individuals cannot act as sponsors/guarantors and undertake to provide for someone who intends to study in Sweden. On the other hand, it is possible for education providers to do so. A certificate of sponsorship should contain the same information as a scholarship certificate.
- We sometimes see that representatives from the education provider have helped to fill in a prospective student's application for a residence permit. That is not a problem in itself, but if the application is submitted through a representative, a power of attorney must be attached. The power of attorney must state that you have the right to represent the person applying for a residence permit. A form for this purpose is available on the website of the Swedish Migration Agency. When a power of attorney is submitted in a case concerning an underage child, the child's legal guardian must sign the power of attorney in order for it to be valid.
- Underage students must submit a statement of consent from their legal guardian(s) confirming that they are allowed to come to Sweden. The consent must be in writing, and it must be clear what the consent covers and who has given it. The consent needs to cover the entire period of time for which a residence permit is to be granted. The consent also needs to be signed by the underage student's legal guardian(s). On the Swedish Migration Agency's website, there is a consent form called "Consent for a child to settle in Sweden". The application must also be accompanied by a copy of the legal guardians' passports or other identity documents. The holder's signature must be clearly visible on these documents. Proof of family relationship must also be attached. If a child has only one legal guardian, we need documents to prove this, such as a custody judgement or documents from the authorities in the child's country of origin.

- Underage students whose lodging is not arranged through the school but who, for example, will be living with a relative or friend of the family must also submit documents explaining how they plan to arrange for their accommodation. The documents must state where the child will live, whether they will be living with anyone else, who that person is, and their relationship to that person.
- Individuals who will be studying for less than a year must take out comprehensive health insurance that is valid in Sweden for the entire period of residence. Comprehensive health insurance covers the costs of both emergency and other medical care, emergency dental care, hospitalization, and any repatriation for medical reasons. Please note that it is not sufficient for the health insurance to cover only accidents and emergency medical care. The full terms and conditions of the insurance should be included in the application. If, as an education provider, you take out insurance for your students, it is wise to review the insurance you usually use, in order to ensure that the above is clearly covered by the insurance.
- In the case of documents such as birth certificates, both a copy of the original document and a translation must be submitted. The documents need to be translated into Swedish or English with the help of an authorised interpreter or translator. If document translations are not submitted, the Swedish Migration Agency may need to send the documents for translation, which can prolong the processing time.
- We receive a lot of applications during the summer. It is therefore a good idea to encourage your prospective students to submit their applications for residence permits as early as possible before their planned studies. However, if they need to prove they can secure their maintenance through their own assets, they should submit their application no more than four months before the start of the intended permit period.
- We receive many questions about processing times and status requests, and unfortunately it is difficult to provide information about when we will be able to make a decision. You can visit our website and see general information about processing times on the [Time to a decision](#) page. We also have a webpage with [frequently asked questions and answers](#). Once a decision has been made, we will contact the person who applied for a residence permit.
- Anyone who has submitted an application for a residence permit via our website and has questions about their case can contact us via the [“My page”](#) function on our website. You can also find out more about the handling of your case via [“My page”](#).

Education providers that have questions or wish to provide information to us can contact us by calling +46 (0)771 23 52 35 or sending an e-mail to [umea-tillstandsenhet1@migrationsverket.se](mailto:umea-tillstandsenhet1@migrationsverket.se). If you will be representing a prospective student, you must submit a power of attorney.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us!

Kind regards,  
The Swedish Migration Agency