

I Am Here: obtaining your identification and vital documents

Sweden

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National Identification Cards

What type of document can youth seek which will allow them to move around the country?

A Swedish ID card is valid in Sweden and also contains electronic identification, which can be used to securely prove your identity over the internet. This lets you manage your affairs over the internet with banks, authorities and companies.

Source:

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/electronicidentificationwiththeidcard.4.3810a01c150939e893f1dab6.html>

What is the process for getting a National ID card?

A National ID card can be applied for by visiting a Police Passport office.

In order to apply you need the following:

- be registered as living in Sweden
- be aged 13 or over
- have paid the application fee of SEK 400 and be able to present a receipt or a bank statement with your ID-number as reference
- be able to demonstrate who you are (prove your identity). Bring with you an approved identification document (e.g. passport) or valid residence permit
- have the permission of your legal guardian(s) if you are under the age of 18.
- The documents that can be used to prove your identity are:
 - ID card issued by the Swedish Tax Agency
 - Swedish passport with a burgundy red cover
 - Swedish national ID card
 - Swedish driving licence
 - Swedish SIS-marked ID card issued by a bank, a company or a government agency, for example.
 - Swedish service record issued by a State authority

Sources

- <https://polisen.se/en/services-and-permits/passport-and-national-id-card/>
- <https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions.4.3810a01c150939e893f1daea.html>
- <https://polisen.se/en/services-and-permits/passport-and-national-id-card/>

Where can I find information online about getting a National ID?

You can get information online on getting a National ID both from the [Swedish Police \(the Polisen\)](#) and from [the Tax Office](#).

What documents do I have to have to get a National ID? Is there any document that I must have to get an ID?

To apply for a national ID you need the following documents:

- an approved identification document (such as a passport) or valid residence permit
- You must have the permission of your legal guardian(s) if you are under 18.

If you are under 18, your guardian must give permission for you to apply for an ID card. This is done by filling out and signing form SKV 1502.

The form must be signed by all guardians.

You can find out what an approved identification document is [here](#).

Source:

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions.4.3810a01c150939e893f1daea.html>

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

1. Request for name changes and corrections should be addressed to the Swedish Tax Agency:
<https://www.skatteverket.se/privat/folkbokforing/namn.4.18e1b10334ebe8bc80004083.html>
2. How to update an address with the Swedish Tax Agency: you must report your change of address to the Swedish Tax Agency so that the population register can be updated correctly. Reporting your change of address can be done quickly and easily

using Swedish Tax Agency e-service:

<https://skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/reportingachangeofaddress/makesureyoureregisteredatthecorrectaddress.4.5b35a6251761e6914206337.html?q=name+change>

What if I only have foreign documents?

If you are from a member state in the EU, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland some of your documents may be used. The following ID documents are approved forms of identification:

- EU passport issued on or after 1 September 2006
- passports issued in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland on or after 1 September 2006
- National ID card for EU citizens issued on or after 2 August 2021

National ID cards from other countries are not approved ID documents and cannot be used as proof of your identity. This is because other national ID cards are not a type that Sweden recognises at this time.

Non-Swedish citizens can use the following documents to help identify themselves:

- Swedish driving licence
- Swedish SIS-marked ID card issued for example by a bank, a company or an authority
- Swedish service record issued by a State authority

Source:

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions/approvediddocumentswhenapplyingforanidcard.4.7be5268414bea064694c492.html#Text2>

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a National ID card?

You will be informed by the Swedish Tax Agency and they send you a letter of notification. You can now answer and say no to this decision. Your answer will be sent to the Administrative Court in Stockholm and it will be proven if the Swedish Tax Agency's decision is correct.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/swedishtaxagencyidentitycards.4.7da1d2e118be03f8e4f30bb.html>

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a National ID card?

Yes. To apply for an ID card, you must:

1. be registered as living in Sweden (meaning you have a Swedish personal identity number / you are on the Swedish Population Register) and
2. be able to prove identity with approved identification document (e.g. passport) or valid residence permit

Source:

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions.4.3810a01c150939e893f1daea.html>

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

1. What does it mean to be a resident of this country?

In order to be registered as resident in Sweden, you must have both the intention and the right to stay here for at least one year. You are entitled to stay in Sweden if you:

- are a citizen of a Nordic country (that is, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), or
- have right of residence as an EEA citizen, a British citizen, or a family member of someone with right of residence, or
- have a residence permit from the Swedish Migration Agency ("Migrationsverket")

2. How do I prove residency?

If you have been granted a residence permit you will also receive a residence permit card as proof that you are permitted to live in Sweden.

Sources: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Residence-permit-card.html>

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/movingtosweden.4.7be5268414bea064694c40c.html>

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

The [Swedish Migration Agency \(Migrationsverket\)](#) publishes guidance on the requirements for travelling to or living in Sweden if you are not a resident.

If you are a citizen of the [European Union \(EU\) or the European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#), then you have the right to work, study or live in Sweden without a residence permit. The right of EU/EEA citizens to stay in Sweden without a residence permit is called "right of residence". You have right of residence if you are employed, self-employed, a student or have sufficient means to support yourself. If you want to stay in Sweden for longer than three months, you must apply for a residence permit. Details of this are published [here](#).

If you want to visit Sweden and you are a citizen in a country outside the EU, you may need to apply for a permit before the visit. Which permit you need to apply for depends on how long your stay in Sweden will be. If your stay in Sweden will be less than 90 days you may

need to apply for a visa. If your stay in Sweden will be more than 90 days you need to apply for a visitor's residence permit. Details of this are published [here](#).

If you have fled the war in Ukraine, or were already in Sweden when the war broke out, you may be entitled to a residence permit with temporary protection in Sweden under the EU's Temporary Protection Directive. The process for how to apply is detailed [here](#).

If it is not possible for you to obtain a valid passport, you can apply to the Swedish Migration Agency for an alien's passport or travel document. Details of this are provided [here](#).

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

In principle you need an address. You can reach out to the social services department of your municipality or to other organizations that assist homeless individuals.

Some authorities may accept the address of a shelter, a support organization, or even the office of the organization helping you as a mailing address.

<https://www.informationsverige.se/en/jag-har-kommit-utan-mina-foraldrar/boende.html>

If you have fled the war in Ukraine and are protected under the Temporary Protection Directive, you may be able to seek help from the Swedish Migration Agency (*Migrationsverket*). See more information on this [here](#).

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

The application process has a number of steps:

- you pay the application fee in advance
- you then visit one of the offices that can issue the ID Card
- In applying for the ID card you must prove your identity.

Once you have completed the steps required, it will take around two weeks for the card to be ready. Once the ID card is ready, you will receive a letter from the Tax Agency. Save the letter and take it with you when you collect your ID card.

The application process cannot be completed online and will have to be completed in a Tax Agency office. However, you can [Make an appointment](#) online.

https://www.skatteverket.se/download/18.133ff59513d6f9ee2eb2c65/1489140567263/72105_engelska.pdf

https://www.skatteverket.se/download/18.133ff59513d6f9ee2eb2c65/1489140567263/72105_engelska.pdf

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

There is an application fee of SEK 400 that must be paid as part of the process. You can pay online or in person on the day. If you pay online, you can print out the payment confirmation and take it with you.

There isn't a waiver option available.

Source:

<https://polisen.se/en/services-and-permits/passport-and-national-id-card/>

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions.4.3810a01c150939e893f1daea.html>

How old do I have to be to apply for a National ID card by myself?

To apply for an ID card, you must be at least 13 years old but you have to be 18 if you want to apply for one completely by yourself.

If you are under 18, your legal guardian(s) must give their permission for you to apply for an ID card.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions.4.3810a01c150939e893f1daea.html>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

If your parent or guardian can't attend with you, they can still fill out and sign form SKV 1502 but this will need to be completed by all of your parents or guardians.

If you do not have a valid ID document, you can support your application via what is known as an "approved attestor". They must come with you when you visit one of the Tax Agency offices. This can also be a social worker for example.

[https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individuals\[...\].1storswhenapplyingforanidcard.4.7be5268414bea064694c4ad.html](https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individuals[...].1storswhenapplyingforanidcard.4.7be5268414bea064694c4ad.html)

At what age can I get a National ID card by myself?

You can get a National ID card by yourself by age 18.

Source:

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions.4.3810a01c150939e893f1daea.html>

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

- Foster children have access to support from social workers and services provided by social services agencies.
- Foster children have the right to healthcare services, including medical, dental, and mental health care. They can receive medical check-ups, vaccinations, and other necessary treatments through the public healthcare system in Sweden.
- Foster children have access to education support, including enrollment in schools and educational resources. Social services work with schools to ensure that foster children receive necessary educational support and accommodations.
- Foster families receive financial support from the government to cover the expenses of caring for a foster child. This support may include allowances for clothing, food, housing, and other essentials.

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

You can go to the municipality as their social services can help homeless people in various ways, such as by arranging temporary housing, places in emergency housing, or an allowance for staying in youth hostel.

Source [here](#).

Will I have to take a test?

There is no test needed to obtain a National ID.

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

Not applicable - no test is needed to get a national ID.

Driver's License

What organization issues a driver's license in this country?

A Swedish driving license is obtained from the Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket).

What is the process for getting a driver's license?

A Swedish driving license is obtained from the Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket). The first step is applying for a learner's permit but there are a number of steps that follow:

- Taking an introductory course from a certified administrator
- Beginning your driving training - which includes both studying for a theory test and practicing practical application
- Booking risk training
- Booking the theory test and the practical driving test for when you've completed the required training. These appointments are made 11 months in advance.
- Completing your risk training
- Completing your theory test
- Completing your driving test

Source:

<https://bransch.trafikverket.se/en/startpage/driving-licence/obtaining-a-swedish-driving-licence/the-road-to-a-swedish-driving-licence/>

Where can I find information online about getting a driver's license?

Details on the steps for this process are available on [this page](#) of the Swedish Transport Administration, [Trafikverket.se](https://trafikverket.se).

What documents do I have to have to get a driver's license? Is there any document that I must have to get a driver's license?

Details are found on [this page](#) of the website for the Swedish Transport Agency, transportstyrelsen.se.

The service requires both e-identification and an eye certificate.

- Login for e-identification requires either Mobile BankID, BankID, Freja eID+, Telia eID or Foreign eID.
- An eye certificate can be obtained from a licensed optician or authorized driving school. They can submit the inspection certificate via an e-service for reporters.

Some types of license (for heavier vehicles, like trucks or busses) may also require a medical examination.

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

The driver's license is always sent to the civil registration address. If you want to have the driver's license sent to another address, you need to request forwarding of your mail by contacting Adressändring (can be done directly at adressandring.se).

What if I only have foreign documents?

If you are from a member state in the EU, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland some of your documents may be used. The following ID documents are approved forms of identification:

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- passports issued in Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway or Switzerland on or after 1 September 2006
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Non-Swedish citizens can use the following documents to help identify themselves:

- ID card issued by the Swedish Tax Agency
- Swedish SIS-marked ID card issued for example by a bank, a company or an authority
- Swedish service record issued by a State authority

Source:

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions/approvediddocumentswhenapplyingforanidcard.4.7be5268414bea064694c492.html#Text2>

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a driver's license?

If there is an issue in getting a driving licence, you should call the Swedish Transport Agency (*Transportstyrelsen*) (driver's licence department) directly to ask about your options which will depend on your circumstances.

See the contact details given for queries about driving licences [here](#).

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a driver's license?

Yes, in order to apply for a driver's license in Sweden you need to be permanently resident or have been studying in Sweden for at least six months.

The Swedish Transport authority considers you a permanent resident if you've been located in Sweden for 185 days of a year.

Sources:

- [This page](#) explains more about the requirements on how to obtain a driver's license for a passenger car.
- There is a page that explains more about what it means to be [permanently resident](#) in Sweden.

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

For the purpose of applying for a driver's license, or exchanging your non-Swedish driving licence for a Swedish one, the Swedish Transport Agency considers you a permanent resident of the state where you live for at least 185 days each year where you have a connection with the place you live (either personally or professionally).

Source:

There is a page that explains more about what it means to be [permanently resident](#) in Sweden.

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

A foreign driving license may be valid in Sweden depending on which country it was issued in.

Source:

<https://www.informationsverige.se/en/jag-har-fatt-uppehallstillstand/samhalle/korkort-i-sverige.html>

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

In Sweden, in order to get a Swedish driving licence for passenger cars and light trucks (a category B licence), you have to have an address in Sweden.

Unable to locate any specific advice if applicant is homeless, however the applicant could contact the Swedish Transport Agency or local authorities for specific advice and further assistance tailored to their circumstances.

Sources:

- [Driving licences - Transportstyrelsen](#)
- [Getting a driving licence - www.trafikverket.se](#)
- [Driving licences in Sweden | Informationsverige.se](#)

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

Steps to get a Swedish driving license

1. apply for a learning permit
2. start your driving practice
3. study the theory of driving
4. take the risk training – riskutbildning
5. book a time for a driving test.

Source:

thenewbieguide.se/driving/guide-swedish-driving-license/

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

[This page](#) explains that there is no cost to apply for a driver's license permit, but there is an application fee for the knowledge test ([link here](#)).

How old do I have to be to apply for a state driver's license by myself?

[This page](#) explains that to obtain a driver's license for a passenger car, you need to be at least 18 years old.

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

You can also ask for someone called a civil servant working at a municipal or state authority and with whom you have a professional relationship. For example, they could be a social worker, institutional representative or international coordinator at a state university or higher education institution.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/idcard/idcardapplicationconditions/approvedattestorswhenapplyingforanidcard.4.7be5268414bea064694c4ad.html>

At what age can I get a driver's license card by myself?

To obtain a driver's licence by yourself you need to be at least 18 years old.

Source:

<https://www.transportstyrelsen.se/sv/vagtrafik/korkort/ta-korkort/personbil-och-latt-lastbil/b-personbil-och-latt-lastbil/>

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

Yes, there are special provisions for Foster youth.

1. **Contact Social Services:** The first step is to get in touch with the social services department responsible for your care. They can assist in arranging the necessary steps to obtain a driver's license.
2. **Driver's Education:** Social services can help you enroll in a driver's education program. This includes both theoretical and practical training required to pass the driving test.
3. **Financial Assistance:** There may be financial support available to cover the costs associated with obtaining a driver's license, such as fees for driving lessons, the driving test, and insurance.

Special Provisions:

- **Support from Social Services:** Social services in Sweden are equipped to handle cases involving foster youth. They can provide the necessary assistance to ensure that you can access driver's education and obtain your driver's license.
- **Legal Guardianship:** If you are under legal guardianship, your guardian can request the necessary support and documentation on your behalf. Social services can provide the necessary support and documentation to prove guardianship.
- **Swedish Transport Agency (Transportstyrelsen):** This agency is responsible for issuing driver's licenses in Sweden. You can find more information on their website.
- **Local Social Services Office:** Contact your local municipality for specific contact details and assistance. They can provide support and help you through the process of obtaining a driver's license.

- **Youth Policies in Sweden:** This document provides comprehensive information about national youth policies, including support for foster youth.

https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-09/Sweden_2020.pdf

- **Nonprofit Organizations:** Organizations like First Focus and SPARC work on initiatives to help young people in foster care obtain a driver's license.

<https://www.aecf.org/blog/for-youth-in-foster-care-the-road-to-driving-is-a-bumpy-ride>

- **Driving License Guide:** This guide provides a complete checklist for getting a driving license in Sweden, including eligibility criteria, documentation, and the application process.

<https://swedenexpat.com/getting-a-driving-licence-in-sweden/>

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

Yes, there are special provisions to help homeless youth.

1. **Contact Social Services:** The first step is to reach out to your local social services office. They can provide support and guidance on how to get the help you need. Social services are there to assist you, especially if you are in a difficult situation.
2. **Driver's Education:** Social services can help you enroll in a driver's education program. This includes both theoretical and practical training required to pass the driving test.
3. **Financial Assistance:** There may be financial support available to cover the costs associated with obtaining a driver's license, such as fees for driving lessons, the driving test, and insurance.

Few Special provisions:

- **Support from Social Services:** Social services in Sweden are equipped to handle cases involving homeless youth. They can provide the necessary assistance to ensure that you can access driver's education and obtain your driver's license.
- **Legal Guardianship:** If you are under legal guardianship, your guardian can request the necessary support and documentation on your behalf. Social services can provide the necessary support and documentation to prove guardianship.

Additionally you can also check/visit:

- **Swedish Transport Agency (Transportstyrelsen):** This agency is responsible for issuing driver's licenses in Sweden. You can find more information on their website. <https://korkortonline.se/en/facts/requirements/>
- **Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket):** This agency can provide additional support and documentation if needed.
- **Local Social Services:** Contact your local municipality's social services office for specific assistance and support.

- **Youth Policies in Sweden:** This document provides comprehensive information about national youth policies, including support for homeless youth.
https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-09/Sweden_2020.pdf
- **Driving License Guide:** This guide provides a complete checklist for getting a driving license in Sweden, including eligibility criteria, documentation, and the application process.
<https://swedenexpat.com/getting-a-driving-licence-in-sweden/>

Will I have to take a test?

In order to obtain a Swedish driving licence, you will need to take a knowledge theory test and a practical driving test.

Source:

<https://bransch.trafikverket.se/en/startpage/driving-licence/obtaining-a-swedish-driving-licence/the-driving-licence-test-consists-of-two-different-tests/>

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

Yes, you need to book your test via this website: <https://fp.trafikverket.se/Boka/#/>

Where can I take the driving test? What can I do if I cannot get to a testing location?

You can take your driving test at the Trafikverket (The Swedish Transport Administration) and this can be booked online. If you cannot get to a testing location in some rural areas Trafikverket occasionally operates mobile testing units and if you contact the Trafikverket they are able to make possible accommodations.

Do I need to get a permit or authorization to practice driving before I get my driver's license?

Yes, you need a valid driver's license permit to practice driving and take the driver's license test.

From 1 January 2023, you must also have a passport or national ID card for private practice driving, [see details here](#).

Birth Certificate

What is the document detailing a person's birth called in this country?

Sweden does not issue international birth certificates as other countries do. The document corresponding to the birth certificate is the population registration certificate Extract from the Population Register.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/newparents.4.7be5268414bea064694c754.html#:~:text=Sweden%20does%20not%20issue%20international,Extract%20from%20the%20Population%20Register.>

It is important to note that a population registration certificate is an extract that shows the details listed in the Swedish Population Register, it cannot be used to prove your identity.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>.

I'm not sure I have a birth certificate, what can I do to find out if I have one and where to get it?

You can order an extract from the population register at www.skatteverket.se or via the Customer Service Line on 020-567 000.

If you have electronic identification you can print out an extract from the population register on your own printer.

Information from the registers If you want to know what information about you is in the registers, you are entitled to obtain a "Section 26 certificate" from the Tax Agency under the Data Protection Act.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Children/BirthRegistration/SwedenPopulationRegistration.pdf>

How do I get a copy of my birth certificate?

You can order an extract from the population register at www.skatteverket.se or via the Customer Service Line on 020-567 000.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>

If you have electronic identification you can print out an extract from the population register on your own printer.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Children/BirthRegistration/SwedenPopulationRegistration.pdf>

Can I order my birth certificate online?

You can only order the extract from the population register at www.skatteverket.se but you need a log in.

If you need help with finding and ordering a population registration certificate, or you are unable to print it out via the e-service, please call the tax information service on 0771 567 567

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>

What documents will I need to get my birth certificate?

The e-service to print out a copy of the Swedish population registration certificate requires a personal identity number ("personnummer"). This is a 4-digit number following your date of birth in the format YYYYMMDD-XXXX.

Everyone who is registered in the Swedish Population Register receives a personal identity number as an identifier from the Swedish Tax Agency.

If you need help with finding and ordering a population registration certificate, or you are unable to print it out via the e-service, please call the tax information service on 0771 567 567 (or +46 8 564 851 60 from outside Sweden).

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/personalidentitynumbers.4.2cf1b5cd163796a5c8b4295.html>

What happens if I don't have some or all of the documents that are required?

If you do not have a Personal Identification Number, you will have to apply for one at the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket).

<https://skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandeemployees/livinginsweden/personalidentitynumbers.4.2cf1b5cd163796a5c8b4295.html>

How old do I have to be to get a copy of my birth certificate by myself?

Sweden does not issue birth certificates as other countries do. Instead, Sweden has population registration certificate Extract from the Population Register. You will need to be

over 16 years old to order the population registration certificate online, because you need to use the e-service.

<https://skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>

<https://skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/newparents.4.7be5268414bea064694c754.html#:~:text=Sweden%20does%20not%20issue%20international,Extract%20from%20the%20Population%20Register.>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me to get a birth certificate (and the application says I have to have one)?

If you don't have a parent or guardian to help you get a birth certificate, here are some steps you can take:

Steps to Get a Birth Certificate Without a Parent or Guardian:

1. **Contact Social Services:** Reach out to your local social services office. They can provide support and guidance on how to obtain your birth certificate. Social services are there to help you, especially if you are in a difficult situation.
2. **Seek Help from a Trusted Adult:** If you have a trusted adult in your life, such as a teacher, counselor, or family friend, they might be able to assist you in contacting the necessary authorities.
3. **Visit a Service Center:** You can visit a Skatteverket (Swedish Tax Agency) service center. Explain your situation to them, and they can guide you on the next steps. They are used to handling various situations and can provide the help you need.
4. **Legal Aid and Support Organizations:** There are organizations that provide legal aid and support to young people. They can help you navigate the process of obtaining your birth certificate.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/newparents.4.7be5268414bea064694c754.html>

<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Moving-to-someone-in-Sweden/Residence-permit-for-children/Children-born-in-Sweden.html>

<https://geteucitizenship.com/sweden/swedish-citizenship-by-birth/>

What is the cost to get a birth certificate?

There does not appear any costs associated in getting a population registration certificate.

<https://skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>

Is there a waiver if I cannot afford the fee?

There does not appear any costs associated in getting a population registration certificate.

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Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I have been in the foster care system (children in custody of the government)?

There are specific provisions to help children in the foster care system obtain their birth certificates.

Steps to Obtain a Birth Certificate for Foster Children:

1. **Contact Social Services:** The first step is to get in touch with the social services department responsible for the child's care. They can assist in obtaining necessary documents, including the birth certificate.
2. **Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket):** The Swedish Tax Agency is responsible for issuing birth certificates. Social services can help facilitate the process with Skatteverket.
3. **Legal Guardianship:** If the child is under legal guardianship, the guardian can request the birth certificate on behalf of the child. Social services can provide the necessary support and documentation to prove guardianship.

Special Provisions:

- **Support from Social Services:** Social services in Sweden are equipped to handle cases involving children in foster care. They can provide the necessary assistance to ensure that all legal documents, including birth certificates, are obtained.
- **No Fees for Essential Documents:** In many cases, essential documents like birth certificates can be obtained without fees for children in foster care, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent access to important identification documents.

Additional Sources:

<https://www.government.se/articles/2023/07/every-child-in-sweden-has-the-right-to-a-safe-secure-and-bright-future/>

<https://www.rfsl.se/en/organisation/famili/att-bli-och-vara-foralder/familjehem-jourhem/>

https://www.uni-siegen.de/foster-care-research/network_conferences/3rd_conference/files/gunvor_andersson.pdf

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I am homeless?

Yes, there are specific provisions to help homeless youth obtain their birth certificates.

1. **Contact Social Services:** The first step is to reach out to the local social services department. They can assist in obtaining necessary documents, including the birth certificate.
2. **Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket):** The Swedish Tax Agency is responsible for issuing birth certificates. Social services can help facilitate the process with Skatteverket.
3. **Legal Support:** If the youth is under legal guardianship or has a social worker, they can request the birth certificate on behalf of the youth. Social services can provide the necessary support and documentation.

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<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/article/state-laws-on-vital-records>

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/article/state-laws-on-minor-consent-for-housing-and-related-services>

Where do I get my birth certificate if I was born in another country?

There are different methods to obtain the birth certificate:

1. **Local Registration Authority:** The birth should be registered with the local registration authority in the country where the birth took place. This authority will issue the birth certificate.
2. **Swedish Embassy or Consulate:** Parents can also register the birth with the nearest Swedish embassy or consulate. This will result in a Consular Birth Registration Certificate, which serves as an official record of the birth under Swedish jurisdiction. [How Do I Get a Copy of My Birth Certificate if Born Abroad?](#)
3. **Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket):** If the birth was registered with a Swedish consulate or embassy, a copy of the birth certificate can be obtained from the Swedish Tax Agency. You can apply for a copy online through the Skatteverket website. [How to Obtain Birth Certificates From Another Country | Our Everyday Life](#)

Steps to Obtain a Birth Certificate:

1. **Register the Birth Locally:** Ensure the birth is registered with the local authorities in the country of birth. This is the first step to obtaining any official documentation.

2. **Contact the Swedish Embassy or Consulate:** Reach out to the nearest Swedish embassy or consulate to register the birth. They will guide you through the process and provide the necessary forms.
3. **Apply for a Copy from Skatteverket:** Once the birth is registered with the Swedish authorities, you can request a copy of the birth certificate from the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). This can be done online through their e-service. [Population registration certificate \(Extract of the population register\) | Skatteverket](#)

Is there a way to get my birth certificate without going somewhere in person?

Yes, this can be done via skatteverket's homepage by using their e-service.

<https://skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>

Where can I find information online about getting a birth certificate?

Here are some useful online resources for obtaining a birth certificate in Sweden:

- **Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket):** This is the main authority responsible for issuing birth certificates and other vital records in Sweden. You can find detailed information and apply for documents online.
- **Order a Population Registration Certificate -** This page provides instructions on how to order a population registration certificate, which includes birth certificates.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd117b6.html>

- **New Parents Information -** This page offers information for new parents, including how to register a child's birth and obtain a personal identity number.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/newparents.4.7be5268414bea064694c754.html>

- **Common Requests from Foreign Authorities:** This page provides information on how to handle requests for birth certificates and other vital records from foreign authorities.

<https://www.skatteverket.se/servicelankar/otherlanguages/inenglishengelska/individualsandemployees/livinginsweden/populationregistrationcertificate/commonrequestsfromforeignauthorities.4.361dc8c15312eff6fd1182a.html>

- **Local Social Services:** If you are in a special situation, such as being homeless or in foster care, local social services can provide assistance. Contact your local municipality for specific details.

- **Embassy or Consulate:** If you were born abroad, you might need to contact the nearest Swedish embassy or consulate for assistance with registering the birth and obtaining a birth certificate.

Making Changes to Government ID Documents

What vital doc should I start with to change my name? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

Additions, changes or removal of given names can be made by reporting the change(s) to the Swedish Tax Agency. You will need a personal identity number.

For a first name change, you need to fill in this [form](#). This application to change your name costs SEK 250.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Children/BirthRegistration/SwedenPopulationRegistration.pdf>

How do I change my name on my birth certificate?

You will need to forward the file form SKV 7500 to Skatteverket, which is the relevant authority that processes legal name changes.

You can mail it to them, but it may be worth showing up in person and drop the envelope off in their mailbox. In this way, you avoid the postage fee, risk of it getting lost in the mail, and a speedier application process.

<https://www.thenewbieguide.se/changing-your-legal-name-in-sweden/>

How do I change my name on my National ID?

You must file form SKV 7500 to Skatteverket, which is the relevant authority that processes legal name changes, and mail it to them to get the process started.

Source: <https://www.thenewbieguide.se/changing-your-legal-name-in-sweden/>

How do I change my name on my driver's license?

If you have changed your name, the Swedish Transport Agency will automatically send you the renewal documents.

<https://www.transportstyrelsen.se/en/road/driving-licences/i-have-a-driving-licence/#:~:text=The%20Swedish%20Transport%20Agency%20will,send%20you%20the%20renewal%20documents.>

At what age can I change my name by myself?

If you are under 18 and have been given the surname of one of your parents, you can switch to your other parent's surname.

For other changes, you must be 18 or over and you can, on one occasion:

- change the name you were given by one parent to your other parent's name; or
- change to the name that one of your parents had before (s)he was married.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Children/BirthRegistration/SwedenPopulationRegistration.pdf>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian with me to change my gender marker and do not have anyone else who can help me?

Name changes must be approved on the by the Swedish Tax Authority (*Skatteverket*).

You can contact the Swedish Tax Authority directly here to confirm if this is possible, and if so, what would be required from you.

What vital doc should I start with to change my gender marker? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

You will need start with an application to the National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen)

Once your legal gender is changed this will be reflected in your personal identity number (personnummer) and it will automatically change to other forms of ID.

How do I change my gender marker on my birth certificate?

Once your application for gender recognition has been approved by Socialstyrelsen this will be registered in the population register maintained by Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket) at this point your personbevis which is like your birth certificate will be updated.

How do I change my gender marker on my National ID?

First you will need to change your legal gender through an application through Socialstyrelsen, Once approved your gender will be updated on the Swedish tax agency (Statverket) and then your information will be updated on the population register with a new identity. At this point you can apply for a new National ID - by visiting a Skatteverket office,

bring a valid photo ID and have your photo and signature taken at the office. Pay an application fee.

For further details, you may see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl4Y5tZpqi0>

How do I change my gender marker on my driver's license?

Once you have your legal gender and personnummer have been updated, you will need to contact Transportstyrelsen(The Swedish transport agency)

You will need to apply through the Transportstyrelsen website or visit one of the offices. provide a new photo and signature and pay a license fee.

At what age can I change my gender marker by myself?

At age 18 and older you can apply to change your legal gender marker by yourself without needing anyone else's consent.

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian with me to change my gender marker and do not have anyone else who can help me?

You may ask a social worker for help at the Social Service Center which every municipality has in Sweden

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