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- Need general or specific info regarding Swedish economy, culture, sports, education and more
- Need information regarding requirements and process of getting Swedish Citizenship
- Specific contacts and information in Sweden
- Want to apply and obtain Swedish Visa

Visa and Passport services

- Swedish passport and visa from are issued only to citizens whose main residence is in Sweden and Pakistan.
- The process of issuing Swedish Visa and Passport of Sweden can take few weeks.
- *Please contact with Swedish Embassy in Islamabad if you have any question as regards of visa and passport matters.

Swedish representations in Pakistan

- In addition to the Swedish Embassy in Islamabad, Sweden also has 2 other representations in Pakistan:
- Swedish Consulate in Karachi
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Visiting Sweden

If you are visiting Sweden and are a citizen of a non-EU country, you may need a visa.

A visa is a permit to travel to and stay in a country for a maximum of 90 days. If you intend to stay in Sweden for longer than 90 days you will need a visitors' residence permit.

Within the framework of the Schengen cooperation regarding visas, Sweden is represented by other countries in a number of places. Similarly, Sweden represents other Schengen states in a number of places.

Tourist visas

If you are visiting Sweden as a tourist and are a citizen of a non-EU country, you may need a visa. A visa is a permit to travel to and stay in a country for a limited period. To be granted a visa, you must show that you have enough money for your keep and for your home trip. You also need health insurance that covers the costs if you become ill during your visit to Sweden.

Requirements for obtaining a visa

If you wish to visit Sweden and the other Schengen countries, you must have

- a passport that is valid for a minimum of three months after your visa has expired and which has been issued in the last ten-year period
- money for your keep and for the journey home. Sweden requires that you have SEK 450 for each day spent in Sweden. In certain circumstances, this amount may be lower, for example in the case of a young child, if the cost of food and accommodation is paid in advance or if you are going to stay with relatives or friends. You must be able to demonstrate that you have sufficient funds for your keep with the help, for example, of bank statements or a document in which the person inviting you to Sweden promises to meet all expenses during the visit
- individual medical travel insurance which covers the costs which could arise as a result of emergency medical assistance, emergency hospitalisation or medical repatriation. The insurance should cover costs of at least EUR 30,000 and be valid in all the Schengen countries.
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Requirements of Swedish embassies and consulates

Some requirements differ from country to country. It is therefore important that you check what applies in your case. The requirements may change depending on the current circumstances. You will find more information on the website of the relevant embassy. Click on the link in the bottom of the page to find the appropriate embassy.

Special agreement for certain countries

Special rules apply for citizens of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine due to the Visa Facilitation Agreement concluded between these countries and the EU. More information about this agreement can be obtained from the embassies and consulates of the EU Member States in these countries.

Applying for a visa

You should hand in your visa application to a Swedish embassy or consulate-general. In certain countries, Sweden is represented by another Schengen country. There are also countries where Sweden does not have its own embassy or consulate-general and is not represented by another country. If this is the case, anyone wishing to hand in a visa application must travel to the nearest country where there is a Swedish embassy or consulate-general.

If you intend to hand in your visa application at another Schengen country's mission abroad, you should contact the mission in advance. In such cases, it is this country's documentary requirements which will apply. The documents should also be translated into the language of that country.

[Countries whose citizens require a visa](#)

[Countries where Sweden is represented by another Schengen state](#)

[Swedish embassies and consulates-general](#)

To apply for a visa, you must fill in the form Application for Schengen Visa.

Ensure your application is complete

To enable the authorities to process your application, you must clearly state

- why you are visiting Sweden

- how long you intend to stay in Sweden
- how you will support yourself during your time in Sweden
- the type of passport you hold and for how long it is valid
- where you intend to travel following your visit to Sweden
- if you have a permit to enter the country you intend to travel to after your stay in Sweden.
- With your application, you must enclose
- two passport photographs in which you are looking straight ahead and which are not more than six months old
- other documents which the embassy may require.

[Application for Schengen Visa, form number 119031 \(in English\)](#) 

How long will it take?

- You will normally receive a response within two weeks, but processing times can vary at embassies or consulate-generals.
- During the June-August holiday period, the processing time could be longer. If you need current information about this, contact the Swedish embassy or consulate-general which will process your application. If the Swedish embassy or consulate-general sends your application on to the Swedish Migration Agency, the process may take longer. To be sure that you receive your visa in time, you should submit your application at least two months before you are due to travel to Sweden.

Decisions on visas

- In the vast majority of cases, the embassy or consulate-general makes the decision. Sometimes it will make certain checks with the other Schengen countries. If the mission abroad is uncertain how to assess your application, the application may be sent on to the Migration Agency in Sweden which will make the decision.
- Most people who apply for a visa are successful. Your application may be rejected if the decision-making authority judges that you are unlikely to leave the Schengen zone after your visit and that the purpose of your visit is not as specified in your application. You may also be rejected if you are listed in the SIS computer system

(Schengen Information System), where Member States register people who are not permitted to enter the Schengen zone.

Validity period for entry visa

A visa is valid in the Schengen countries for up to 90 days in a 180-day period. If you have been in the Schengen area for 90 days, you must leave the area for 90 days before you can be granted a new Schengen visa.

The number of days that you are allowed to stay in the Schengen countries is specified on the visa sticker that is glued into your passport. The days can be utilised during the period that is specified on the sticker. The period is often longer than the number of days that you may visit the Schengen countries. This is so that you have the possibility to change your travel date if something unforeseen happens.

A visa can be valid for one or multiple entries or exits

Your visa sticker specifies how many times you may travel in and out of the Schengen countries while it is valid.

You can apply for a Schengen visa that is valid for multiple entries if you are regular visitor to Sweden. A visa with multiple entries can be valid for visits lasting up to 90 days in the latest 180 days for a maximum of five years.

Your visa may only be valid for certain countries

If you are granted a visa you can also visit other Schengen countries.

In certain exceptional cases your visa may be valid for entries and stays in Sweden or certain Schengen countries only, if you are registered in SIS (Schengen Information System) or if your passport is not accepted in all Schengen countries.

Calculate your visa period

You can use the EU Schengen calculator to work out when you can enter the Schengen area again, and how many days you can stay.

[Calculate your visa period with the EU visa calculator](#)[☞]

Longer stays

If you are planning to stay in Sweden for longer than 90 days you need to apply for a visitors' residence permit, or – if there are special reasons – a visa for a longer period (a D visa).

[Read more about a visitors' residence permit](#)

How to appeal

If you received a decision you are not satisfied with, you can submit a written appeal no later than 3 weeks from the day you received the decision. In your appeal, write down which decision you are not satisfied with, and why and how you want it to be changed. If you have any documents that you didn't submit earlier, you can supplement your case with them. Your appeal should be submitted to the Swedish embassy or consulate that made the decision. The Swedish embassy or consulate-general will verify that the appeal came in on time and will go over the case again. If more than 3 weeks have passed, the appeal will be rejected; in that case you will have to submit a new application.

If the Swedish embassy or consulate-general changes the decision

The decision can be changed if new information comes in. In that case you will be notified, and the entry visa placed in your passport.

If the Swedish embassy or consulate-general does not change the decision, it will be forwarded

If the appeal came in on time and the authority that made the decision sees no reason to change the decision, the case will be forwarded as soon as possible. Your application, the decision, and all other documents submitted in the case will be sent to the Migration Court in Goteborg. The Migration Court will then make a decision.

Studying in Sweden

In order to study in Sweden, you must have a residence permit. Read more about how to apply for a permit for studies or to work as a doctoral student.

Studying at universities or university colleges

If you are going to study at a university or university college in Sweden for longer than three months, you must have a residence permit. The permit must be in place before you travel to Sweden.

How to apply for a residence permit for studies at a university or university college

You must have applied for and been granted a residence permit before entering Sweden.

If you are to support yourself with your own funds, you must submit your application no earlier than three months before the date you are applying for a residence permit from.

This is because you will be able to show that you can support yourself close to the beginning of the study time and that your actions will not get too old. This does not apply if you will receive a scholarship to cover your means of support.

You can apply for a residence permit online.
In most cases you will need to pay a fee.

1.You have received a letter of acceptance

To be eligible for a residence permit, you must have been admitted to full-time studies on a programme or course that requires you to be present at the university or university college.

2.Pay the tuition fee

If you need to pay tuition fees, you must have paid a portion of the fee before handing in your application.

[More information on tuition fees](#)[☞]

Fill out an application

You may apply online. In the application, you fill out information about yourself and your studies. You must also enclose a number of documents. If your family accompanies you to Sweden you can apply for their permits too in your online application.

Enclose the following documents when applying for the first time

- Copies of the pages in your passport which show your personal details, the period of validity and whether you have permission to live in countries other than your country of origin
- Notice of admission from an institution of learning in Sweden that shows that you have been definitively admitted to full-time studies on a program or courses that require your presence in Sweden. Full-time study means 30 higher education points per term.
- The decision on admission as a doctoral student with information about the time of admission (if you are a doctoral student)
- Copy of documents showing that you have comprehensive health insurance in Sweden (if you are admitted to studies for less than one year). If you have an insurance through the university or college, you must send confirmation of such. If your notice of admission indicates that you are covered by a health insurance from the university or college and you apply through our web application, you can instead attach your admission letter as proof of health insurance
- Bank statement showing that you have the means to support yourself. This bank statement, which you are to enclose to your application, should be dated in connection with the time of application and be translated into English *or*
- Documents issued in your name, showing that you have received a scholarship or similar (e.g. student aid), including information about the monthly amount and the period during which you will receive such funds *or*
- Documents proving that you have been awarded an educational grant (only applies to doctoral students) or have been employed as a doctoral student, with information regarding the amount and the period during which you will receive such funds.

- If you need permission from the central bank or equivalent in order to bring money out of your country, you should also enclose such a permit.
- Make sure that the information on the documents you enclose is clearly visible. Check that the numbers and characters at the top and bottom of the passport pages is clear and legible.

[Learn more about the requirements for an online application](#)

Pay the application fee

In most cases you will have to pay a fee. When you apply online, you pay the fee with a credit or debit card in connection with the application. The card must be enabled for Internet payment. Contact your bank for more information.

[More information about fees](#)

The Swedish Migration Agency processes the application

If you have applied online, the Migration Agency can start work on your application right away.

For the Migration Agency to make a decision about your application, all the details need to be filled in and all necessary documents enclosed. This means that the processing time will be shorter if all the necessary information is included from the start than if information is added afterwards.

Note that the Migration Agency may in some cases need to further examine your application even if you have included all the required information and documents.

Visit the embassy or consulate-general

If you need an entry visa for travel to Sweden, visit the Swedish embassy or consulate-general as soon as you have been granted a visa, to have your picture and your fingerprints taken. This is so that you can be given a residence permit card and travel to Sweden. You need to do this even if you have previously had a residence permit card, as the information is not saved. Not all embassies or consulates-general have the possibility to take your picture and your fingerprints. Contact the embassy or consulate-general before your visit for more information.

If you do not require an entry visa, you can also travel to Sweden without a residence permit card, but you must be able to show a decision from the Migration Agency to enter Sweden. In that case you do not have to go to the embassy to get your residence permit card. You instead hand in the documentation for a residence permit card to the Migration Agency once you have arrived in Sweden. However, your permit must be granted before you travel to Sweden.

[Find the closest embassy at Swedenabroad.com](https://www.swedenabroad.com)

7.You receive the decision

[First-time application for a residence permit for students and doctoral students, form number 113011 \(in English\)](#)

For more information on study in Sweden and fees please click on the link below;

<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Fees.html>

Working in Sweden

In order to work in Sweden, you must have a work permit. Read more about how to apply for a work permit or for a residence permit as a self-employed person or a visiting researcher.

How to apply for a work permit

The main rule is that you should apply for and have been granted a work permit before entering Sweden. When applying online you are given clear instructions about how to fill in your application and what you should send with the application. This makes it easier for you to apply correctly and increases your chances of a quick decision.

Offer of employment

To obtain a work permit, you must have an offer of employment in Sweden. Your employer must have advertised the job in Sweden and the EU/EEA and Switzerland for at least ten days before the offer of employment was made.

[Learn more about how the employer must advertise the position](#)

The employer initiates the application

Your employer in Sweden initiates the work permit application by completing an offer of employment. Your employer needs information about your name, date of birth, citizenship, education and your email address.

It is important that you have access to the email address you give your employer until you have received a decision regarding your application. The Swedish Migration Agency will use this email address to communicate with you throughout the application period.

You receive an email

When your employer has completed an offer of employment you will receive an email with information about how to apply for a work permit.

In the application you provide information about yourself. If your family is coming with you to Sweden you apply for permits for them at the same time. You should also check that the information about your employment terms in the offer of employment corresponds with what you and your employer have agreed on.

Enclose documents

The following documents are to be scanned or photographed and sent with your application

- copies of the pages in your passport which show your personal information, photograph, signature, passport number, passport issuing country, the passport's period of validity, bar code on the identification page and whether you have permission to live in countries other than your country of origin
- a power of attorney in the event you are representing the applicant.

If you are applying for an extension of work permit, you will need to enclose additional documents to your application.

[Learn more about how to apply to extend your work permit](#)

Employment as a personal assistant

If you are applying for a work permit as a personal assistant you must enclose a copy of the decision issued by the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (Försäkringskassan) regarding assistance benefits. This decision shows that you have somebody that you will be working with and that this person is entitled to an assistance benefit.

The Swedish Migration Agency will update the online application so that it will be possible to submit a copy of the Social Security Agency's decision online. Until the online application form is updated, you can enclose the decision where you upload your passport.

Power of attorney to represent you

If you want someone else to represent you in your case with the Migration Agency, you can grant someone a power of attorney. A power of attorney may, for example, give someone else the right to make an application, be advised of the reasons for a decision or appeal against a decision on your behalf. The power of attorney must be written and signed by you as the person granting the power of attorney to someone else, and must be presented, in the original, if requested by the Migration Agency. If you are over 18 and want a member of your family to represent you, you will also need to submit a power of attorney.

To grant a power of attorney to another person, you may use the form Power of Attorney. The form applies to you if you have applied for a residence permit on the grounds of work, study, connections or visit.

[Power of Attorney, form number 107011](#) 

If your family will accompany you and you are applying for them at the same time, you will also be required to submit the following

- copies of the pages in their passports which show their personal information, photograph, signature, passport number, passport issuing country, the period of the passport's validity, bar code on the identification page and whether they have permission to live in countries other than their country of origin.
- copies of marriage certificates or the equivalent (applies to married couples or registered partners)
- documents showing that you have lived together in your country of origin (applies to cohabiting partners)
- birth certificates for children
- consent from the other custodial parent, if they are not also coming to Sweden, stating that the child is allowed to move to Sweden
- documents showing that children above the age of 21 are financially dependent on their parents
- adoption documents if the child was adopted
- power of attorney if you are representing all members of the family who are over 18 years and who are co-applicants.

The above-mentioned documents should be translated into Swedish or English by an authorized translator. You should always submit both a copy of the original document a copy of the translation.

Consent

A statement of consent is a signed letter from the parent who has custody but will not be accompanying the child to Sweden, in which he or she agrees that your child should be granted a residence permit to settle in Sweden. The statement of consent should contain

- the name, date of birth and address of the parent who consents
- the name and date of birth of the child to which the statement of consent relates
- a statement that the parent agrees that the child should be granted a residence permit to settle in Sweden
- the signature of parent consenting, along with his or her name in printed letters.

[Learn more about permits for family members](#)

Pay and submit your application

In most cases you must pay a fee. You can pay using Visa or Mastercard. When the fee is paid you submit your application. You and your employer will receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted. The Migration Agency will contact you if it needs more information.

[Information about work permit fees](#)

The Migration Agency processes the application

For the Swedish Migration Agency to make a decision about your application, all the details need to be filled in and all necessary documents enclosed. This means that the processing time will be shorter if all the necessary information is included from the start than if information is added afterwards. Note that the Migration Agency may in some cases need to further examine your application even if you have included all the required information and documents.

[Waiting times for work permits](#)

Information needed for residence permit card

If you are granted a permit for more than three months you will receive a residence permit card. The card proves that you have permission to reside in Sweden and contains information such as your fingerprints and photograph.

If you need an entry visa for travel to Sweden you should therefore visit the Swedish embassy or consulate-general as soon as possible to be photographed and fingerprinted. You need to do this even if you have previously had a residence permit card, as the information is not saved. If your family is also applying for permits, the family members also need to be photographed and fingerprinted at the embassy or consulate-general. Always contact the embassy or consulate-general prior to your visit.

If you do not need an entry visa for travel to Sweden you can submit information for the residence permit card at the Migration Agency after arriving in Sweden. However, you must request and have your work permit issued before you travel to Sweden.

[Find your closest embassy at Swedenabroad.com](#)

[Learn more about residence permit cards](#)

[Countries whose citizens need an entry visa for travel to Sweden](#)

Receiving the decision

If you do not apply online

If you are unable to apply online, fill out Application for Swedish work permit – for applicants currently outside Sweden, number 149011, and turn it in to a Swedish embassy or consulate-general in the country where you are living. The application form indicates the documents you need to enclose.

If there is no possibility to apply in your country, you should apply at the embassy or consulate-general nearest to the country where you live. Before you submit your application you should contact the embassy or consulate-general.

Each member of your family who plans to accompany you to Sweden must turn in an application of their own to a Swedish embassy or consulate-general.

[Application for Swedish work permit – for applicants currently outside Sweden, form number 149011 \(in English\)](#)

[Application for permit for family members of employees, visiting researchers, athletes and self-employed person, form number 133011 \(in English\)](#)

[Find your closest embassy at Swedenabroad.com](#)