

15. How to Get the Swedish Teaching Licence?

Why is a teaching licence necessary?

A teaching licence is required in order to get a permanent job at a school, as well as to be able to give marks.

Who should you apply to?

A teaching licence application is sent to the Swedish school authorities, the Skolverket.

There is a link in Appendix B which is going to be your starting point for the application process.

There are links to several other websites in the same Appendix that you are going to find useful if you need to upskill, as well as a link to a form on the website of the Swedish police which you are going to be required to fill in when you get a job.

IMPORTANT!

You need to be able to prove that you speak Swedish at the level of a secondary school graduate (the so-called SVA3 level) in order to be eligible for the licence, so there is no point in sending the application and paying the fee until you have sorted that part out.

Which requirements do you have to fulfill?

You are eligible to get a teaching licence if you speak Swedish, have a degree in teaching children of preschool or school age or adults, or if you have a degree which qualifies you to work in after-school care (in Sweden, there is a profession called Fritidspedagog — an educator who works in after-school care).

You do not need to be a resident of Sweden in order to apply, and you do not need the Swedish social security number / personal identification number.

Application fee

It costs SEK 1 500 to apply. The Swedish government has decided that the school authorities should charge a fee in order to cover the costs of processing the applications.

When the school authorities receive and register your application, they are going to send you a confirmation email with the payment instructions.

