

Key acts and ordinances entering into force in late 2020/early 2021



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Introduction

This compilation contains a selection of the acts and ordinances – both new and amended – that enter into force in the second half of 2020 or some time thereafter. Acts and ordinances introduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic are listed under a separate heading under each ministry.

Acts and ordinances set out the ground rules that govern our society. To enact a new law, the Government submits a legislative proposal (a government bill) to the Riksdag. After the government bill has been considered by one of the parliamentary committees, it is put to the Riksdag for approval. Once the law has been adopted, it is formally promulgated by the Government, meaning it is published and made known. The Government can adopt a new ordinance on its own, without submitting it to the Riksdag.

Acts and ordinances are published in the Swedish Code of Statutes (SFS). As of 1 April 2018, the SFS is published electronically at www.svenskforfattningssamling.se. Each act and ordinance has a unique SFS number.

More information about government bills, acts and ordinances is available (in Swedish) at www.lagrummet.se. The ‘Lagrummet’ portal is the public administration’s common website for legal information and contains links to legal information from the Government, the Riksdag, the courts and central government agencies.

The legislative process is described in the section ‘How Sweden is governed’ on www.government.se.

This compilation can be downloaded from www.government.se. At the time of publication, some of the acts had not yet been assigned an SFS number. This applies to numbers ending with ‘000’ (e.g. 2020:000).

Information on Swedish legislation

Lagrummet: www.lagrummet.se

The Government and Government Offices website: www.government.se

The Government Offices Office legal databases:

<http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se>

The Swedish Riksdag website: www.riksdagen.se

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There are no new acts entering into force in late 2020/early 2021 in the areas for which the Prime Minister's Office is responsible.

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Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Temporary relaxation of the work requirement extended

Amendment: Lagen (2020:219) om ändring i lagen (1997:238) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021

SFS: 2020:1252, 2020:1254

Entry into force: 4 January 2021 (same date as the amending statute)

Applies until: 1 January 2023

Temporary possibility for business operators to undertake certain limited measures in their business extended

Amendment: Förordning (2020:523) om ändring i förordningen (1997:835) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring

SFS: 2020:1103

Entry into force: 1 January 2021 (same date as the amending statute)

Applies until: 31 December 2021

Temporarily increased benefit levels in unemployment insurance extended.

Amendment: Förordningen (2020:221) om ändring i förordningen (1997:835) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring, and förordningen (2020:223) om ändring i förordningen (2017:819) om ersättning till deltagare i arbetsmarknadspolitiska insatser

SFS: 2020:1252, 2020:1254

Entry into force: 4 January 2021 (same date as the amending statute)

Applies until: 1 January 2023

Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for issues concerning central government finances, including coordination of the central government budget, forecasts and analyses, tax issues, and management and administration of central government activities. The Ministry is also responsible for matters concerning financial markets, housing and community planning, and consumer legislation.

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Time limit for 'expert tax' extended

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:37 Skattereduktion för förvärvsinkomster och utvidgad tidsgräns för expertskatt

SFS: 2020:1166

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Standard income assessment for deferred tax on gains from housing sales abolished

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021

SFS: 2020:1068, 2020:1071

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Deduction for household work expanded and ceiling raised

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), lagen (2009:194) om förfarandet vid skattereduktion för hushållsarbete, and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021

SFS: 2020:1068 and SFS 2020:1069

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Measures in the tax area against non-cooperative jurisdictions

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), and lagen (1986:468) om avräkning av utländsk skatt

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:26 Motåtgärder på skatteområdet mot icke samarbetsvilliga jurisdiktioner samt vissa andra inkomstfrågor

SFS: 2020:1072 and 2020:1073

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Provisions on reduction in employers' social security contributions for the first employee made permanent

New act: Lag om dels fortsatt giltighet av lagen (2016:1053) om särskild beräkning av vissa avgifter för enmansföretag under åren 2017–2021, dels ändring i samma lag, lagen (1994:1920) om allmän löneavgift.

Amendment: Socialavgiftslagen (2000:980), lagen (2001:1170) om särskilda avdrag i vissa fall vid avgiftsberäkningen enligt lagen (1994:1920) om allmän löneavgift och socialavgiftslagen (2000:980), and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244).

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:14 Bestämmelserna om nedsättning av arbetsgivaravgifterna för den först anställda görs permanenta

SFS: 2020:1058-1062

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Tax reduction on earned incomes introduced

Amendment: Lagen (1986:468) om avräkning av utländsk skatt, inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244).

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:37 Skattereduktion för förvärvsinkomster och utvidgad tidsgräns för expertskatt

SFS: 2020:1165-1168

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Adjusted provisions on deductions for group contribution-excluded losses and deductions for negative interest introduced

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:23 Justerande bestämmelser om avdrag för koncernbidragsspärrade underskott och avdrag för negativt räntenetto

SFS: 2020:1076 and 2020:1077

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Financial employer concept introduced for people living abroad but working temporarily in Sweden

Amendment: Lagen (1991:586) om särskild inkomstskatt för utomlands bosatta, inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), socialavgiftslagen (2000:980), and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:190 Ekonomiskt arbetsgivarbegrepp – förändrade skatteregler vid tillfälligt arbete i Sverige

SFS: 2020:951–954

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Certain changes to the tax legislation as a result of the regulatory resolution framework

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:19 Vissa ändringar i skattelagstiftningen till följd av resolutionsregelverket

SFS: 2020:1075

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Introduction of a regional tax reduction in certain sparsely populated municipalities

Amendment: Lagen (1986:468) om avräkning av utländsk skatt, inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244).

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:175 Skattereduktion för boende i vissa glest befolkade områden – regional skattereduktion

SFS: SFS 2020:863–865

Entry into force: 1 December 2020, but applied with effect from the start of the tax year beginning after 31 December 2019

Tax reduction introduced for people who make green investments

New act: Lag om förfarandet vid skattereduktion för installation av grön teknik

New ordinance: Förordning om förfarandet vid skattereduktion för installation av grön teknik

Amendment: Lagen (1997:1024) om Skatteverkets brottsbekämpande verksamhet, inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021

SFS: 2020:1066, 2020:1067, 2020:1068, 2020:1070 and 2020:1080

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Permanent tax gap between pensions and salaries for people over 65 removed

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021

SFS: 2020:1068:

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Enhanced secrecy protection for details of state employees' occupational pension funds

Amendment: Offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:15 Sekretess för uppgifter om statliga tjänstepensionsförmåner

SFS: 2020:1064

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Municipalities and other property owners entitled to apply for support for measures contributing to green and safe communities

New ordinance: Förordning om stöd för gröna och trygga samhällen

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Förslag till förordning om stöd för gröna och trygga samhällen (Fi2020/03071)

SFS: 2020:1202

Entry into force: 15 January 2021

Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Tax on donated meals for employees removed

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:45 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Ytterligare medel till kommuner och regioner, ökad testning och andra merkostnader med anledning av coronaviruset samt ändrade regler för kostförmån i särskilda fall

SFS: 2020:1079

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Extended reorientation support for May and June–July

New ordinance: Förordning (2020:338) om omställningsstöd

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Omställningsstöd till företag för
perioden maj-juli 2020 Fi2020/03582

SFS: 2020:838

Entry into force: 19 October 2020

Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Defence is responsible for national defence, total defence, international defence and security cooperation, foreign intelligence activities, international operations, and international law of armed conflict.

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Government authorised to decide on operational military support to Finland

New act: Lag om operativt militärt stöd mellan Sverige och Finland

Amendments: Skyddslagen (2010:305), luftfartslagen (2010:500), förordningen (1992:1303) om krigsmateriel, förordningen (2003:396) om elektronisk kommunikation, förordningen (2006:311) om transport av farligt gods, skyddsförordningen (2010:523), luftfartsförordningen (2010:770), and förordningen (2010:1075) om brandfarliga och explosiva varor

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:110 Operativt militärt stöd mellan Sverige och Finland

SFS: 2020:782–790

Entry into force: 15 October 2020

Clarification of the military sector's assignments

Amendments: Förordningen (2007:1266) med instruktion för Försvarmakten, förordningen (2007:854) med instruktion för Försvarets materielverk, förordningen (2007:861) med instruktion för Totalförsvarets forskningsinstitut, and förordningen (2007:937) med instruktion för Försvarets radioanstalt

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:30 Totalförsvaret 2021–2025

SFS: 2020:000–000

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Swedish Defence Recruitment Agency changes name to Swedish Defence Conscription and Assessment Agency

Amendments: Lagen (1994:1809) om totalförsvarsplikt, offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400), totalförsvarsdatalagen (2020:151), and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:30 Totalförsvaret 2021–2025

SFS: 2020:000–000

Entry into force: 1 February 2021

Ministry of Infrastructure

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Provisions on registration of drone operators introduced

Amendments: Förordning (1986:172) om luftfartygsregistret m.m.

Basis for decision: Swedish Transport Agency, framställan om ändring i förordningen om luftfartygsregistret m.m. (December 2019)

SFS: 2020:1065

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Measures against vehicle-related 'straw men'

Amendment: Lagen (1976:206) om felparkeringsavgift, lagen (2014:447) om rätt att ta fordon i anspråk för fordringar på vissa skatter och avgifter, vägtrafikdataförordningen (2019:382), and förordningen (2019:383) om fordons registrering och användning

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:67 Användningsförbud och avskyltning av fordon med obetalda felparkeringsavgifter

SFS: 2020:507–508, 2020:891–892

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Fairer provisions on overload

Amendment: Trafikförordningen (1998:1276), and vägtrafikförordningen (1995:137) för den kommunala organisationen för räddningstjänst under utbildning och höjd beredskap

Basis for decision: Request by the Swedish Transport Agency

SFS: 2020:889–890

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Electricity certificate system to be wound up by 2035

Amendment: Lagen (2011:1200) om elcertifikat

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:16 Elcertifikat – stoppregel och kontrollstation 2019

SFS: 2020:963

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Duty of confidentiality introduced for service providers where technical processing or storage of data is contracted out

New act: Lagen om tystnadsplikt vid utkontraktering av teknisk bearbetning eller lagring av uppgifter

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:201 Tystnadsplikt vid utkontraktering av teknisk bearbetning eller lagring av uppgifter

SFS: 2020:914

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Validity of documents in the area of shipping extended further

Amendments: Förordning (2020:154) om förlängning av giltighetstiden för handlingar inom sjöfartsområdet

SFS: 2020:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Temporarily adjusted shipping aid extended

Amendments: Förordning (2020:000) om fortsatt giltighet för förordningen (2020:730) om tillfälligt anpassat sjöfartsstöd

SFS: 2020:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

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Supplementary provisions in the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU

Amendments: Utlänningslagen (2005:716), lagen (2001:82) om svenskt medborgarskap, utlänningsförordningen (2006:97), and utlänningsdataförordningen (2016:30)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:178 Kompletterande bestämmelser till utträdesavtalet mellan Förenade kungariket och EU i fråga om medborgarnas rättigheter

SFS: 2020:939–942

Entry into force: 31 December 2020

A stricter approach to the handling of weapons and explosives

Amendments: Vapenlagen (1996:67), lagen (2000:1225) om straff för smuggling, lagen (2003:148) om straff för terroristbrott, and lagen (2010:1011) om brandfarliga och explosiva varor

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:200 En strängare syn på hantering av vapen och explosiva varor

SFS: 2020:900–903

Entry into force: 1 December 2020

Supplementary provisions in the EU regulation on mutual recognition of freezing orders and confiscation orders

New act: Lag med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s förordning om ömsesidigt erkännande av beslut om frysning och beslut om förverkande

New ordinance: Förordning med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s förordning om ömsesidigt erkännande av beslut om frysning och beslut om förverkande

Amendments: Consequential amendments to a number of acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:198 Kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s förordning om ömsesidigt erkännande av beslut om frysning och beslut om förverkande

SFS: 2020:968–978

Entry into force: 19 December 2020

Swedish Data Protection Authority changes name to Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection

Amendments: Consequential amendments to a number of acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021, expenditure area 1

SFS: Amendments to 45 statutes, see the Swedish Code of Statutes

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Prior payment introduced in certain cases concerning the release of official documents

Amendment: Offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:179 Förskottsbetalning i vissa ärenden om utlämnande av allmän handling

SFS: 2020:961

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Employee protection for police employees enhanced

Amendments: Polislagen (1984:387), lagen (2006:939) om kvalificerade skyddsidentiteter, patientsäkerhetslagen (2010:659), förordningen (1991:1413) om rättspsykiatrisk undersökning, förordningen (1992:289) om särskild personutredning i brottmål, m.m., förordningen (1998:642) om verkställighet av frivårdspåföljder, and fängelseförordningen (2010:2010), as well as consequential amendments

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:186 Ett förstärkt medarbetarskydd för polisanställda

SFS: 2020:1050–1057

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Passport fees raised by SEK 50

Amendment: Passförordningen (1979:664)

SFS: 2020:886

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Youth supervision – a new penalty for young offenders

New act: Lag (2020:616) om verkställighet av ungdomsövervakning

New ordinance: Förordning (2020:792) om verkställighet av ungdomsövervakning

Amendments: Brottsbalken, and other statutes

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:118 Ungdomsövervakning

SFS: 2020:616–621, 2020:792–798

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Expanded possibilities to convert fines to imprisonment

Amendment: Bötesverkställighetslagen (1979:189)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:8 Utvidgade möjligheter att förvandla obetalda böter till fängelse

SFS: 2020:1074

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

More effective municipal rescue services

Amendments: Lagen (2003:778) om skydd mot olyckor, förordningen (2003:789) om skydd mot olyckor, förordningen (2003:477) om utbildning i skydd mot olyckor, and förordningen (2008:1002) med instruktion för Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskap

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:176 En effektivare kommunal räddningstjänst

SFS: 2020:882–885

Entry into force: 1 January 2021 However, the municipalities will have until 1 January 2022 to adopt new action programmes and to meet the requirement of constantly maintaining overall management of rescue services.

Expanded possibilities for digital communication in court proceedings

Amendments: Rättegångsbalken, förvaltningsprocesslagen (1971:291), lagen (1996:242) om domstolsärenden, and other acts

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:189 Digital kommunikation i domstolsprocesser

SFS: 2020:918–926

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

All migration courts to be competent to examine visa cases

Amendment: Förordning om ändring i förordningen (1977:937) om allmänna förvaltningsdomstolars behörighet m.m.

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Behörig migrationsdomstol i viseringsmål (Ju2020/01022)

SFS: 2020:917

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Protection of minorities strengthened in limited companies and for-profit associations, including tenant-owner associations

Amendments: Aktiebolagslagen (2005:551), lagen (2018:672) om ekonomiska föreningar, and other acts, and aktiebolagsförordningen (2005:559) and other ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:194 Ett ändamålsenligt minoritetsskydd i aktiebolag och ekonomiska föreningar

SFS: 2020:985–997

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Tighter regulations to reduce illegal production of explosives

Amendments: Lagen (2020:860) om ändring i lagen (1996:701) om Tullverkets befogenheter vid Sveriges gräns mot ett annat land inom Europeiska unionen, and lagen (2020:861) om ändring i lagen (2014:799) om sprängämnesprekursorer

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:154 Skärpta regler avseende hanteringen av sprängämnesprekursorer

SFS: 2020:860–861

Entry into force: 1 February 2021

Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Temporary measures to facilitate companies and associations holding general meetings without risk to health extended

Amendment: Lagen (2020:198) om tillfälliga undantag för att underlätta genomförandet av bolags- och föreningsstämmor

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:41 Förlängning av de tillfälliga åtgärderna för att underlätta genomförandet av bolags- och föreningsstämmor

SFS: 2020:1154

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Protecting Sweden's security when security-sensitive activities are sold

Amendments: Säkerhetsskyddslagen (2018:585), and säkerhetsskyddsförordningen (2018:658)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:13 Åtgärder till skydd för Sveriges säkerhet vid överlåtelser av säkerhetskänslig verksamhet

SFS: 2020:1007–1008

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Ministry of Culture

The Ministry of Culture is responsible for cultural issues, media issues, democracy, the indigenous Sami people and the national minorities, civil society, sport, faith communities and youth policy.

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Financial support for news media introduced

Amendments: Mediestödsförordningen (2018:2053)

Basis for decision: SOU 2016:80 En gränsöverskridande mediepolitik. För upplysning, engagemang och ansvar

SFS: 2020:742–743

Entry into force: 13 August 2020 and 1 January 2021

New and amended regulations for TV and video-sharing platforms

Amendments: Radio- och tv-lagen (2010:696), and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:168 En moderniserad radio- och tv-lag

SFS: 2020:872–879

Entry into force: 1 December 2020

Public service fee reduced

Amendments: Lagen (2018:1893) om finansiering av radio och tv i allmänhetens tjänst

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2021, utgiftsområde 17

SFS: 2020:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

New financial support for public meeting places in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Amendment: Förordning (2016:1367) om statsbidrag till allmänna samlingslokaler

SFS: 2020:821

Entry into force: 6 October 2020

New financial support period for cancelled and postponed cultural events

Amendment: Förordning (2020:246) om statligt stöd för kulturevenemang som har ställts in eller skjutits upp med anledning av spridningen av sjukdomen covid-19

SFS: 2020:831

Entry into force: 12 October 2020

Ministry of the Environment

The Ministry of the Environment is responsible for matters related to reduced climate emissions, a non-toxic everyday environment and strengthening biodiversity on land and in water. The Ministry is also responsible for matters related to ecocycles and waste, radiation safety, protection and management of valuable natural habitats, and international environmental cooperation.

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Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management to have supervision guidance responsibility for invasive non-native species in aquatic environments

Amendment: Miljötillsynsförordningen (2011:13)

SFS: 2020:419

Ikraftträdande: 1 January 2021

State aid for certain green vehicles to promote the introduction of green vehicles into the market

New ordinance: Förordning (2020:750) om statligt stöd till vissa miljöfordon

SFS: 2020:750

Entry into force: 7 September 2020

Provision on collection systems requiring permits postponed

Amendments: Förordning om ändring i förordningen (2018:1462) om producentansvar för förpackningar m.fl.

SFS: 2020:815–820

Entry into force: 31 December 2020

Municipalities to be responsible for providing information on detailed development plans and plan reports

Amendments: Förordning om ändring i förordningen (2010:1770) om geografisk miljöinformation

SFS: 2020:905

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Amendments to the Waste Ordinance to make it easier for municipalities to report to the waste register

Amendments: Förordning om ändring i avfallsförordningen (2020:614)

SFS: 2020:937

Entry into force: 1 December 2020

Increased grant level for landslide measures along the Göta Älv River Valley

Amendments: Förordning om ändring i förordningen (2018:213) om bidrag för skredsäkkring vid Göta älv

SFS: 2020:1002

Entry into force: 18 December 2020

New regulatory framework for emissions trading

New act: Lag om vissa utsläpp av växthusgaser

New ordinance: Förordning om vissa utsläpp av växthusgaser

Amendments: Lag om ändring i miljöbalken, and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:27 Nytt regelverk för handel med utsläppsrätter

SFS: 2020:1173–1185 and 1219

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation is responsible for issues concerning state-owned companies, the business sector, rural areas and land- and water-based industries, animals and food, and regional growth.

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Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Turnover-based government support for sole traders

New ordinance: Förordning om omsättningsstöd till enskilda näringsidkare

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Omsättningsstöd till enskilda näringsidkare (N2020/02353)

SFS: 2020:893

Entry into force: 9 November 2020

Extended validity for exploration permits

Amendment: Minerallagen (1991:45)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:183 Förlängd giltighetstid för undersökningstillstånd

SFS: 2020:578

Entry into force: 1 July 2020

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs is responsible for social care, health and medical care, disability issues, public health and social insurance.

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Increased possibilities for pharmacies in sparsely populated areas to receive support

Amendment: Förordning (2013:80) om bidrag till

öppenvårdsapoteksservice av allmänt ekonomiskt intresse

Basis for decision: Report by the Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits

Agency on its review assignment, förordning om bidrag till

öppenvårdsapoteksservice

SFS: 2020:853

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Further extension of the possibility to have guarantee pensions paid out in the EEA and Switzerland and in the United Kingdom

Amendments: Lagen (2019:646) om ändring i socialförsäkringsbalken, lagen

(2019:648) om ändring i lagen (2019:168) om sociala trygghetsförmåner efter

det att Förenade kungariket har lämnat Europeiska unionen, and lagen

(2019:168) om sociala trygghetsförmåner efter det att Förenade kungariket

har lämnat Europeiska unionen

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021, expenditure

area 11, Financial security for the elderly

SFS: 2020:1241–1243

Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

New benefit periods introduced in the national dental care subsidy

New ordinance: Förordning om särskild beräkning av tandvårdsersättning med anledning av sjukdomen covid-19

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Särskild beräkning av tandvårdsersättning med anledning av sjukdomen covid-19

SFS: 2020:752

Entry into force: 1 September 2020

Applies until: 31 August 2021

Extended measures to prevent transmission at eating and drinking establishments

Amendment: Lagen (2020:526) om tillfälliga smittskyddsåtgärder på serveringsställen, and förordningen (2020:527) om tillfälliga smittskyddsåtgärder på serveringsställen

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:38 Förlängning av lagen om tillfälliga smittskyddsåtgärder på serveringsställen

SFS: 2020:1192–1193

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Applies until: 31 May 2021

Government grant for protective equipment for personal assistants introduced

New ordinance: Förordning om statsbidrag för kostnader som avser personlig skyddsutrustning för personliga assistenter till följd av sjukdomen covid-19

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Personlig skyddsutrustning för personliga assistenter

SFS: 2020:1003

Entry into force: 1 December 2020

Vaccinations against COVID-19 to be recorded in a vaccination register

Amendments: Lagen (2012:453) om register över nationella vaccinationsprogram

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:47 Uppföljning av vaccinationer mot covid-19

SFS: 2020:1194

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Ministry of Education and Research

The Ministry of Education and Research is responsible for the Government's education, research and liberal adult education policy.

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Register of schools to remain available through a new ordinance

New ordinance: Förordning om skolenhetsregister
Basis for decision: Memorandum, Förordning om skolenhetsregister
U2020/04723
SFS: 2020:833
Entry into force: 6 November 2020

Extended possibilities to use remote learning and distance education

Amendments: Skolförordningen (2011:185), gymnasieförordningen (2010:2039), and förordningen (2014:854) om vidareutbildning i form av ett fjärde tekniskt år och statsbidrag för sådan utbildning
Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:127 Fjärrundervisning, distansundervisning och vissa frågor om entreprenad
SFS: 2020:779–781
Entry into force: 10 October 2020

Support for short-time work schemes expanded to encompass compensation for skills development

New ordinance: Förordning om ersättning för kostnader för kompetensinsatser vid korttidsarbete
Amendment: Lagen (2013:948) om stöd vid korttidsarbete
Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021
SFS: 2020:1248–1249
Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Increased opportunities for school and preschool staff to undertake further education leading to a full teaching degree

Amendment: Förordningen (2011:689) om vissa behörighetsgivande examina för legitimation som lärare och förskollärare och om högskoleutbildningar för vidareutbildning av lärare och förskollärare som saknar lärar- eller förskollärarexamen

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Fler obehöriga lärare och förskollärare ska kunna nå en behörighetsgivande examen genom VAL (U/2019/03260)

SFS: 2020:724

Entry into force: 1 September 2020

Possibility for universities and higher education institutions to set a suitability requirement for those seeking admission to teacher training via special eligibility

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100)

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Möjlighet för universitet och högskolor att ställa krav på lämplighet som särskild behörighet för antagning till lärarutbildning (U/2019/03981)

SFS: 2020:881

Entry into force: 30 November 2020

Requirement of increased knowledge of neuropsychiatric difficulties and sex and relationship education introduced in teacher training

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100)

Basis for decision: Memorandum, Ökad kompetens om neuropsykiatriska svårigheter och sex och samlevnad i lärarutbildningarna (U2020/00176)

SFS: 2020:766

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Act extended to allow important research to continue

Amendments: Lagen om fortsatt giltighet av lagen (2013:794) om vissa register för forskning om vad arv och miljö betyder för människors hälsa, and förordningen om fortsatt giltighet av förordningen (2013:833) om vissa register för forskning om vad arv och miljö betyder för människors hälsa

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:182 Fortsatt giltighet av lagen om vissa register för forskning om vad arv och miljö betyder för människors hälsa

SFS: 2020:980–981

Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Increased possibilities to adapt school activities to counter the spread of COVID-19

Amendment: Förordningen (2020:115) om utbildning på skolområdet och annan pedagogisk verksamhet vid spridning av viss smitta

Basis for decision: Ordinance explanatory notes, förordning om ändring i förordningen (2020:115) om utbildning på skolområdet och annan pedagogisk verksamhet vid spridning av viss smitta, Fm 2020:10

SFS: 2020:957

Entry into force: 23 November 2020

Relaxation of the conditions for government grants for regional vocational adult education

Amendment: Förordningen (2016:937) om statsbidrag för regional yrkesinriktad vuxenutbildning

SFS: 2020:591

Entry into force: 27 July 2020

Extra government grants may be given for education that receives support under the ordinance on government grants for regional vocational adult education

New ordinance: Förordning om extra statsbidrag för regional yrkesinriktad vuxenutbildning för 2020

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:99 Spring Amending Budget for 2020

SFS: 2020:592

Entry into force: 28 July 2020

Applies until: 31 December 2020

Students to receive a higher supplementary loan in 2021 and 2022

Amendments: Studiestödslagen (1999:1395), and förordningen (2020:201) om studiestöd vid spridning av viss smitta

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2020/21:1 Budget Bill for 2021

SFS: 2020:1237–1238

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Publicly funded universities and higher education institutions allowed to temporarily rent out accommodation intended for exchange students and visiting researchers to other students

New ordinance: Förordning om möjlighet att tillfälligt hyra ut bostäder till studenter

SFS: 2020:715

Entry into force: 1 August 2020

Applies until: 31 July 2021

Swedish Council for Higher Education given temporary responsibility for conducting the Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100)

SFS: 2020:768

Entry into force: 11 September 2020

Applies until: 1 July 2021

Validity of Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test results extended

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100)

SFS: 2020:744

Entry into force: 10 September 2020

Number of participants in the Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test restricted

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100)

SFS: 2020:1022

Entry into force: 1 January 2021

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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There is no new legislation entering into force at the beginning of 2021 in the areas for which the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is responsible.