

# Key acts and ordinances entering into force around the second half of 2020



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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 first 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.government.se).

This compilation can be downloaded from [www.government.se](http://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](http://www.lagrummet.se)

The Government and Government Offices website: [www.government.se](http://www.government.se)

The Government Offices Office legal databases:

<http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se>

The Swedish Riksdag website: [www.riksdagen.se](http://www.riksdagen.se)

## Prime Minister's Office

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There are no acts entering into force around the second half of 2020 in the areas of responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office.



## Ministry of Employment

The Ministry of Employment is responsible for issues and matters concerning the labour market, labour law and the work environment. The Ministry is also responsible for the work of advancing gender equality and human rights at national level. Moreover, the Ministry is responsible for efforts to increase integration, combat segregation, racism and discrimination, and strengthen the rights of children and LGBTI people.

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### More equal treatment and enhanced protection for posted workers

**Amendments:** Lagen (1999:678) om utstationering av arbetstagare, lagen (1976:580) om medbestämmande i arbetslivet, lagen (2012:854) om uthyrning av arbetstagare and other acts, and förordningen (2017:319) om utstationering av arbetstagare

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:150 Mer likabehandling och ett stärkt skydd vid utstationering

**SFS:** 2020:594–600

**Entry into force:** 30 July 2020

### Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Temporary amendments to unemployment insurance to ensure more people can receive unemployment benefit

**Amendment:** Lagen (1997:238) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:146 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Ytterligare åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:217

**Entry into force:** 13 April 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020 with respect to the membership condition, and 3 January 2021 with respect to the work condition and the waiting period condition

Temporary exemption in unemployment insurance from the 'five-year rule' for entrepreneurs

**Amendment:** Förordningen (1997:835) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring

**SFS:** 2020:220

**Entry into force:** 13 April 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

Benefit levels in unemployment insurance temporarily raised

**Amendment:** Förordningen (1997:835) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring

**SFS:** 2020:220, 2020:263, 2020:428

**Entry into force:** 13 April, 4 May and 29 June 2020

**Applies until:** 3 January 2021

Maximum period for directions to support for business start-ups extended

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2000:634) om arbetsmarknadspolitiska program

**SFS:** 2020:215

**Entry into force:** 1 May 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

Sickness benefit standard deduction temporarily suspended for participants in labour market programmes

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2017:819) om ersättning till deltagare i arbetsmarknadspolitiska insatser

**SFS:** 2020:159

**Entry into force:** 1 April 2020

Support period for extra jobs and introductory jobs extended

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2018:42) om särskilt anställningsstöd

**SFS:** 2020:224

**Entry into force:** 1 May 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

Non-profit organisations receive government grants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

**New ordinance:** Förordningen (2020:265) om statsbidrag till vissa ideella organisationer med anledning av utbrottet av covid-19

**SFS:** 2020:265

**Entry into force:** 18 May 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

Unemployed entrepreneurs temporarily allowed to undertake certain limited measures in their business without losing their unemployment benefit

**Amendment:** Förordningen (1997:835) om arbetslöshetsförsäkring

**SFS:** 2020:000

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

## 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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### New obligation to provide information introduced for advisers and users of reportable arrangements

**Amendments:** Lagen (2020:434) om rapporteringspliktiga arrangemang, skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244), and lagen (2012:843) om administrativt samarbete inom Europeiska unionen i fråga om beskattning

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:74 Genomförande av EU:s direktiv om automatiskt utbyte av upplysningar som rör rapporteringspliktiga gränsöverskridande arrangemang

**SFS:** 2020:000

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Credit options must not be displayed first when payment options are presented in electronic commerce

**Amendment:** Lag (2010:751) om betaltjänster

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:79 Presentation av betalningssätt vid marknadsföring av betaltjänster online

**SFS:** 2020:176

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Raised ceiling for deferment of capital gains tax when selling a private residence

**Amendment:** Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:94 Höjt tak för uppskov med kapitalvinst vid avyttring av privatbostad

**SFS:** 2020:321

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Tax credits for investors limited to investments in companies that have operated in a market for less than seven years

**Amendments:** Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) och skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:99 Vårändringsbudget för 2020 (section 5.1)

**SFS:** 2020:000

**Entry into force:** 1 August 2020

Increase in the permitted building area for accessory dwellings not requiring a building permit

**Amendment:** Plan- och bygglagen (2010:900)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:31 Större komplementbostadshus

**SFS:** 2020:13

**Entry into force:** 1 March 2020

Enhanced provisions on municipal comprehensive plans

**Amendment:** Plan- och bygglagen (2010:900)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:52 En utvecklad översiktsplanering

**SFS:** 2020:76

**Entry into force:** 1 April 2020

### Enhanced supervision in the area of consumer protection

**Amendments:** Lag om ändring i marknadsföringslagen (2008:486), lag om ändring i lagen (1994:1512) om avtalsvillkor i konsumentförhållanden and other acts, and förordning om ändring i förordningen (2019:60) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s geoblockeringsförordning

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:120 Nya befogenheter på Konsumentskyddsområdet

**SFS:** 2020:338, 2020:339, 2020:346, etc.

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

### Improved statistics in the area of public procurement

**New act and ordinance:** Lag om upphandlingsstatistik (2019:668) and förordning om upphandlingsstatistik (2020:332)

**Basis for decision:** Ministry Publications Series 2017:48 Statistik på upphandlingsområdet and Govt Bill 2018/19:142 Statistik på upphandlingsområdet

**SFS:** 2019:668 and 2020:332

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

### Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

#### Reduced deferral fee and possibility to withdraw temporary deferrals

**Amendment:** Lagen (2009:99) om anstånd med inbetalning av skatt i vissa fall

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:166 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Fler kraftfulla åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:377

**Entry into force:** 1 June 2020

#### Benefits of free parking and gifts to employees temporarily exempted from taxation and fees

**Amendment:** Lag (2020: 374) om tillfällig skatte- och avgiftsfrihet för förmån av fri parkering och gåva till anställda

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:166 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Fler kraftfulla åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**Entry into force:** 1 June 2020

**SFS:** 2020:374

Temporary reinforcement of support for short-time work schemes and introduction of additional controls

**Amendments:** Lag (2020: 375) om tillfällig förstärkning av stöd vid korttidsarbete, lagen (1997:1024) om Skatteverkets brottsbekämpande verksamhet, and lagen (2013:948) om stöd vid korttidsarbete.

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:166 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Fler kraftfulla åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset.

**Entry into force:** 1 June 2020

**SFS:** 2020: 375, 2020:376, 2020:378

Reorientation support to businesses with reduced turnover due to COVID-19

**New act:** Lag (2020:548) om omställningsstöd

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2020:552) om omställningsstöd

**Amendments:** Lagen (1997:1024) om Skatteverkets brottsbekämpande verksamhet, lagen (2001:181) om behandling av uppgifter i Skatteverkets beskattningsverksamhet, lagen (2020:000) om ändring i lagen (2001:181) om behandling av uppgifter i Skatteverkets beskattningsverksamhet, förordningen (2001:588) om behandling av uppgifter i Skatteverkets beskattningsverksamhet, offentlighets- och sekretessförordningen (2009:641), and skatteförfarandeförordningen (2011:1261), förordningen (2015:744) med instruktion för Ekobrottsmyndigheten

**Basis for decision:** Proposal referred to the Council on Legislation, Omställningsstöd till företag som fått minskad omsättning på grund av coronaviruset (Fi2020/02552/S2). Memorandum, Omställningsstöd till företag som fått minskad omsättning på grund av coronaviruset (Fi2020/02322/S2)

**SFS:** 2020:548, 2020:552, 2020:556, 2020:550, 2020:549, 2020:555, 2020:553, 2020:551, 2020:55

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

## Ministry of Defence

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### Introduction of a new total defence data act

**New act:** Totalförsvarsdatalag (2020:151)

**New ordinance:** Totalförsvarsdataförordning (2020:153)

**Amendment:** Lagen (2018:218) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s dataskyddsförordning

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:51 Totalförsvarsdatalag – personuppgiftsbehandling vid Totalförsvarets rekryteringsmyndighet

**SFS:** 2020:151–153

**Entry into force:** 1 May 2020



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### Introduction of new state aid for broadband infrastructure expansion

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2020:266) om statligt stöd för utbyggnad av bredbandsinfrastruktur

**Basis for decision:** Report of the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority, PTS förslag till investeringsstöd för bredband (PTS-ER 20:02)

**SFS:** 2020:266

**Entry into force:** 1 June 2020

### Requirement regarding certain charging infrastructure in buildings and inspection of certain heating and air conditioning systems

**Amendments:** Lagen (2006:985) om energideklaration för byggnader, plan- och bygglagen (2010:900), förordningen (2006:1592) om energideklaration för byggnader, and plan- och byggförordningen (2011:338)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:81 Genomförande av EU:s ändringsdirektiv om byggnaders energiprestanda

**SFS:** 2020:238–239 and 273–274

**Entry into force:** 15 May and 25 May 2020

### Implementation of amendments to the Professional Drivers Directive

**Amendment:** Lagen (2007:1157) om yrkesförarkompetens, förordningen (2007:1470) om yrkesförarkompetens, förordningen (1998:786) om internationella vägtransporter inom Europeiska ekonomiska samarbetsområdet (EES), and vägtrafikdataförordningen (2019:382)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:112 Genomförande av ändringar i yrkesförardirektivet

**SFS:** 2020:258 and 301–303  
**Entry into force:** 23 May 2020

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### Law enforcement authorities permitted to use secret data interception

**New act:** Lagen om hemlig dataavläsning

**New ordinance:** Förordningen om hemlig dataavläsning

**Amendments:** Consequential amendments to a number of acts and ordinances

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:64 Hemlig dataavläsning

**SFS:** 2020:62

**Entry into force:** 1 April 2020

**Applies until:** 31 March 2025

### Enhanced secrecy protection for people under threat and faster processing of certain tenancy disputes

**Amendments:** Lagen (1973:188) om arrendenämnder och hyresnämnder, lagen (1994:831) om rättegången i vissa hyresmål i Svea hovrätt, and offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:95 Stärkt sekretesskydd för hotade personer och snabbare handläggning av vissa hyrestvister

**SFS:** 2020:275–277

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Prohibition on dissemination of images from court proceedings to strengthen security of injured parties and witnesses

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:88 Ett förbud mot spridning av bilder från rättegångar

**SFS:** 2020:318–320

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Introduction of measures to facilitate transfer of information between companies and shareholders

**Amendments:** Årsredovisningslagen (1995:1554), lagen (1998:1479) om värdepapperscentraler och kontoföring av finansiella instrument, and aktiebolagslagen (2005:551)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:116 Kompletteringar till nya EU-regler om aktieägares rättigheter

**SFS:** 2020:611-613

**Entry into force:** 3 September 2020

Adaptation of road transport to the use of electronic consignment notes

**Amendments:** Lagen (2019:1194) om ändring i lagen (1969:12) med anledning av Sveriges tillträde till konventionen den 19 maj 1956 om fraktavtalet vid internationell godsbefordran på väg, and lagen (2019:1195) om ändring i lagen (1974:610) om inrikes vägtransport

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2018/19:141 Elektroniska fraktsedlar vid vägtransport

**SFS:** 2019:1194–1195

**Entry into force:** 7 June 2020

Stricter penalties for the most serious cases of intellectual property right infringements

**Amendments:** Lagen (1960:729) om upphovsrätt till litterära och konstnärliga verk, patentlagen (1967:837), mönsterskyddslagen (1970:485), lagen (1992:1685) om skydd för kretsmönster för halvledarprodukter, växtförädlarrättslagen (1997:306), varumärkeslagen (2010:1877), and lagen (2018:1653) om företagsnamn

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:149 Skärpta straff för de allvarligaste fallen av immaterialrättsintrång

**SFS:** 2020:540-546

**Entry into force:** 1 September 2020

Expanded cooperation between Swedish and Norwegian rapid response groups in crisis situations

**Amendments:** Lagen (2017:496) om internationellt polisiärt samarbete, and other acts and ordinances

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:38 Samarbete mellan svenska och norska särskilda insatsgrupper i krissituationer

**SFS:** 2020:80–88

**Entry into force:** 1 April 2020

More efficient exchange of information between police and social services in counter-terrorism collaboration

**Amendments:** Socialtjänstlagen (2001:453), and offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:123 Ett effektivare informationsutbyte mellan polis och socialtjänst vid samverkan mot terrorism

**SFS:** 2020:574-575

**Entry into force:** 1 August 2020

Enhanced protection against child marriage and other honour-based crimes

**Amendments:** Brottsbalken, lagen (1971:289) om allmänna förvaltningsdomstolar, passlagen (1978:302), lagen (1990:52) med särskilda bestämmelser om vård av unga och socialtjänstlagen (2001:453), and passförordningen (1979:664)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:131 Ökat skydd mot hedersrelaterad brottslighet

**SFS:** 2020:349-353

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Statute of limitations abolished for serious offences against children and amendments to the child pornography offence

**Amendments:** Brottsbalken, and rättegångsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:69 Barnpornografibrottet och preskription av brott mot barn

**SFS:** 2020:173–174

**Entry into force:** 1 May 2020

Introduction of specific criminal responsibility for collaboration with a terrorist organisation

**Amendments:** Lagen (2010:299) om straff för offentlig uppmaning, rekrytering och utbildning avseende terroristbrott och annan särskilt allvarlig brottslighet, lagen (2002:444) om straff för finansiering av särskilt allvarlig brottslighet i vissa fall, and brottsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:36 Ett särskilt straffansvar för samröre med en terroristorganisation

**SFS:** 2020:14–16

**Entry into force:** 1 March 2020

Reinforcement of measures to prevent relapse upon conditional release

**Amendment:** Brottsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2018/19:77 Förstärkta återfallsförebyggande åtgärder vid villkorlig frigivning

**SFS:** 2019:464

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Removal of permit requirement for camera surveillance on public transport and in pharmacies

**Amendment:** Kamerabevakningslagen (2018:1200)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:109 Kamerabevakning i kollektivtrafik och apotek – ett enklare förfarande

**SFS:** 2020:519

**Entry into force:** 1 August 2020

Expanded access for the Swedish Security Service to personal data held by the Swedish Migration Agency

**Amendment:** Utlänningsdataförordningen (2016:30)

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum, En mer effektiv tillgång till Migrationsverkets personuppgifter för Säkerhetspolisen

**SFS:** 2020:326

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

This amendment is based on an agreement on anti-terrorism measures between the Swedish Social Democratic Party, the Moderate Party, the Swedish Green Party, the Centre Party, the Liberal Party and the Christian Democrats.

## **Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

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

**New act:** Lag (2020:198) om tillfälliga undantag för att underlätta genomförandet av bolags- och föreningsstämmor

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:143 Tillfälliga åtgärder för att underlätta genomförandet av bolags- och föreningsstämmor, and Govt Bill 2019/20:163 Fler tillfälliga åtgärder för att underlätta genomförandet av bolags- och föreningsstämmor

**SFS:** 2020:198 and 2020:300

**Entry into force:** 15 April 2020 and 28 May 2020

## Ministry of Culture

The Ministry of Culture is responsible for issues concerning culture, democracy, media, the national minorities, and the language and culture of the Sami people. The Ministry is also responsible for sport, youth policy and issues concerning civil society, faith communities, and burial and cremation services.

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Government grants can be awarded to measures that strengthen democracy

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2020:26) om statsbidrag för åtgärder som stärker demokratin

**SFS:** 2020:26

**Entry into force:** 1 March 2020

Government grants introduced for actors in the visual arts, design and applied art

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2020:337) om statsbidrag till aktörer inom bildkonst, form och konsthantverk

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum, Förslag till ny förordning inom bildkonst-, form- och konsthantverksområdet (Ku2019/01860/KO)

**SFS:** 2020:337

**Entry into force:** 30 June 2020

### Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Introduction of state aid for cultural events cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic

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

**SFS:** 2020:246

**Entry into force:** 27 April 2020



## Ministry of the Environment

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

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### Application of best available waste treatment technologies

**Amendment:** Industriutsläppsförordningen (2013:250)

**SFS:** 2020:165

**Entry into force:** 28 April 2020

### Improved environmental supervision

**Amendment:** Miljöbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:137 Förbättrad tillsyn på miljöområdet

**SFS:** 2020:000

**Entry into force:** 1 August 2020

### Implementation of EU waste directives

**Amendments:** Miljöbalken, and other acts

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:156 Genomförande av EU-direktiv på avfallsområdet

**SFS:** 2020:601–604

**Entry into force:** 1 August 2020

Expanded exemptions from the prohibition on handling and transporting signal crayfish

**Amendment:** Artskyddsförordningen (2007:845)

**SFS:** 2020:420

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

### **Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

Labelling of pesticides, biocides and chemical products etc. exempted from language requirements

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2008:245) om kemiska produkter och biotekniska organismer, and förordningen (2014:425) om bekämpningsmedel

**SFS:** 2020:211–212

**Entry into force:** 7 April 2017

Temporary legislative amendment to facilitate the transition to summer fuel

**Amendment:** Lag om ändring i drivmedelslagen (2011:319)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:160 Tillfällig åtgärd för att underlätta övergången till sommarbensin

**SFS:** 2020:260–261

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

Temporary changes following notification of certain environmentally hazardous activities

**Amendments:** Miljöprövningsförordningen (2013:251), and förordningen (1998:899) om miljöfarlig verksamhet och hälsoskydd

**SFS:** 2020:528–531

**Applies until:** 30 June 2021

## Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation is responsible for issues concerning state-owned enterprises, the business sector, innovation, rural affairs, food and regional growth.

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### **Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

State aid for temporary rebates for commercial tenants particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic

**New ordinance:** Förordning om statligt stöd när vissa lokalhyresgäster fått rabatt på hyran

**SFS:** 2020:237

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

## Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs is responsible for issues concerning social welfare. These include promoting people's health, ensuring sick people receive the care they need, and social insurance that provides financial security to people when they are sick or older, or when children are young. Other issues include care of people with social difficulties, people with disabilities and the elderly. In addition, its work includes the rights of people with disabilities.

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### Introduction of an extra allowance for families with children under the housing allowance

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:167 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Stöd till hälso- och sjukvården, utbildningsinsatser och andra åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:431 and 2020:432

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

### Improvements for children in compulsory mental care

**Amendments:** Lagen (1991:1128) om psykiatrisk tvångsvård, and lagen (1991:1129) om rättspsykiatrisk vård

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:84 Förbättringar för barn inom den psykiatriska tvångsvården, and Committee Report 2019/20:SoU15

**SFS:** 2020:354 and 2020:355

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Family Law and Parental Support Authority tasked with coordinating obligatory courses for adoptive parents

**Amendment:** Förordning om ändring i förordningen (2017:292) med instruktion för Myndigheten för familjerätt och föräldraskapsstöd

**SFS:** 2020:139

**Entry into force:** 1 May 2020

All support measures for breathing and tube-feeding confer entitlement to personal assistance

**Amendments:** Socialförsäkringsbalken, and lagen (1993:387) om stöd och service till vissa funktionshindrade

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:92 Personlig assistans för samtliga hjälpmoment som avser andning och måltider i form av sondmatning

**SFS:** 2020:440 and 2020:441

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

The amendment is based on the January Agreement, the policy agreement between the Social Democratic Party, the Centre Party, the Liberal Party and the Green Party.

Previous decisions on childcare allowance can be extended

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:126 Några frågor om rehabiliteringsersättning och vårdbidrag

**SFS:** 2020:427

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Broader eligibility for car allowance

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:107 Förbättrade möjligheter till bilstöd

**SFS:** 2020:509

**Entry into force:** 1 October 2020

This amendment is based on an agreement between the Government, the Centre Party and the Liberal Party.

Rehabilitation compensation introduced for temporary sickness absence from vocational rehabilitation

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:126 Några frågor om rehabiliteringsersättning och vårdbidrag

**SFS:** 2020:427

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

### **Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

National Board of Health and Welfare can distribute personal protective equipment and testing materials among regions and municipalities

**New ordinance:** Förordningen (2020:126) om fördelning av sjukvårdsmaterial till följd av spridningen av sjukdomen covid-19

**SFS:** 2020:126

**Entry into force:** 17 March 2020

Introduction of a national ban on visits to care homes for older people

**New ordinance:** Förordning om tillfälligt förbud mot besök i särskilda boendeformer för äldre för att förhindra spridningen av sjukdomen covid-19

**SFS:** 2020:163

**Entry into force:** 1 April 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

Limit on medication quantities that can be dispensed at retail pharmacies

**Amendment:** Förordning (2009:659) om handel med läkemedel

**SFS:** 2020:164

**Entry into force:** 1 April 2020

Government given extended right to issue regulations in response to crises

**Amendments:** Socialförsäkringsbalken, and lagen (1991:1047) om sjuklön

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:132 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:189–190

**Entry into force:** 7 April 2020

Suspension of medical certificate requirement during sick pay period

**Amendment:** Lagen (1991:1047) om sjuklön

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:132 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:190

**Entry into force:** 7 April 2020

#### Employees to be compensated for standard deduction for sick days

**New ordinance:** Förordning om vissa sjukpenningförmåner med anledning av sjukdomen covid-19

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum, Vissa sjukpenningförmåner och ersättning till arbetsgivare för sjuklönekostnader (reg. no S2020/02592/SF)

**SFS:** 2020:195, amended by 2020:510, 2020:511

**Entry into force:** 7 April 2020

#### Time period to submit medical certificates in sickness benefit cases extended

**Amendment:** Förordning (1995:1051) om skyldigheten att lämna läkarintyg m.m. i sjukpenningärenden i vissa fall

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum, Vissa sjukpenningförmåner och ersättning till arbetsgivare för sjuklönekostnader (reg. no S2020/02592/SF)

**SFS:** 2020:196

**Entry into force:** 7 April 2020

#### Government grants to regions and municipalities for financial support to services necessitated by COVID-19

**New ordinance:** Förordning om statsbidrag till regioner och kommuner för att ekonomiskt stödja verksamheter inom hälso- och sjukvård respektive socialtjänst till följd av sjukdomen covid-19

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:132 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 - Åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:193

**Entry into force:** 8 April 2020

#### Introduction of special provisions on temporary parental benefit due to COVID-19

**New ordinance:** Förordning om viss tillfällig föräldrapenning med anledning av sjukdomen covid-19

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum Tillfälliga bestämmelser om tillfällig föräldrapenning med anledning av covid-19 (S2020/03216/SF)

**SFS:** 2020:244

**Entry into force:** 25 April 2020

**Applies until:** 30 September 2020

#### People with COVID-19 can be entitled to work injury insurance benefits

**Amendment:** Förordningen (1977:284) om arbetsskadeförsäkring och statligt personskadeskydd

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum, Arbets-skador till följd av smittsamma sjukdomar (S2020/03167/SF)

**SFS:** 2020:245

**Entry into force:** 25 April 2020

#### Amended transitional provisions concerning medical devices

**Amendments:** Lagen (1993:584) om medicintekniska produkter, lagen (2011:791) om ackreditering och teknisk kontroll, förordningen (1993:876) om medicintekniska produkter, and förordningen (2020:57) med instruktion för Läkemedelsverket

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:161 Ändrade övergångsbestämmelser när det gäller medicintekniska produkter

**SFS:** 2020:313–316

**Entry into force:** 26 May 2020

#### Postponed introduction of national patient medication list and basic residential training for doctors

**Amendment:** Lagen (2018:1212) om nationell läkemedelslista and consequential amendments to other acts, and patientsäkerhetslagen (2010:659) and hälso- och sjukvårdslagen (2017:30)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:158 Senarelagt införande av nationell läkemedelslista och bastjänstgöring för läkare

**SFS:** 2020:304–312

**New entry into force:** 1 May 2023 for two sections, and otherwise 1 May 2021 for lagen om nationell läkemedelslista, and 1 July 2021 for basic residential training for doctors

#### COVID-19 classified as a disease that is dangerous to public health and to society

**New ordinance:** Förordning om att bestämmelserna i smittskyddslagen (2004:168) om allmänfarliga och samhällsfarliga sjukdomar ska tillämpas på infektion med 2019-nCov.

**SFS:** 2020:20

**Ikraftträdande:** 2 February 2020

#### COVID-19 classified as disease that is dangerous to public health and to society

**Amendment:** Smittskyddslagen (2004:168)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:144 Covid-19 och ändringar i smittskyddslagen



**SFS:** 2020:430

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Temporary communicable disease control measures at eating and drinking establishments

**New act:** Lagen om tillfälliga smittskyddsåtgärder på serveringsställen

**New ordinance:** Förordningen om tillfälliga smittskyddsåtgärder på serveringsställen

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:172 En ny lag om tillfälliga smittskyddsåtgärder på serveringsställen

**SFS:** 2020:526, 2020:527

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

**Applies until:** 31 December 2020

## Ministry of Education and Research

The Ministry of Education and Research is responsible for the Government's education and research policies. The Ministry works on issues concerning preschools, schools, municipal adult education, vocational higher education and liberal adult education. It also works on issues concerning the activities of higher education institutions, research funding and student finance.

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Extended possibilities to use remote learning, distance education and outsourcing

**Amendments:** Skollagen (2010:800)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:127 Fjärrundervisning, distansundervisning och vissa frågor om entreprenad

**SFS:** 2020:605

**Entry into force:** 1 August 2020

Municipal adult education to make even greater contribution to skills supply

**Amendment:** Skollagen (2010:800)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:105 Komvux för stärkt kompetensförsörjning

**SFS:** 2020:446

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

Government grants may be given for development of sectoral validation

**New ordinance:** Förordning om statsbidrag för utveckling av branschvalidering

**Basis for decision:** SOU 2019:69 Validering – för kompetensförsörjning och livslångt lärande

**SFS:** 2020:268

**Entry into force:** 3 June 2020

### **Acts and ordinances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

School authorities can decide to close activities on school premises in response to extraordinary events in peacetime

**New act:** Lag om tillfällig stängning av verksamheter på skolområdet vid extraordinära händelser i fredstid

**Basis for decision:** Committee Report 2019/20:UbU25 Lag om tillfällig stängning av verksamheter på skolområdet vid extraordinära händelser i fredstid

**SFS:** 2020:148

**Entry into force:** 21 March 2020

Students can retain their student finance and training grants when teaching is cancelled

**Amendments:** Studiestödslagen (1999:1395), lagen (2017:527) om studiestartsstöd, and förordningen (2016:706) om utbildningsbidrag för kompletterande pedagogisk utbildning som leder till ämneslärarexamen för personer som har en examen på forskarnivå

**New ordinance:** Förordning om studiestöd vid spridning av viss smitta

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:132 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:199–201 and 2020:250

**Entry into force:** 7 April 2020 and 25 April 2020

Income ceiling for student aid removed for 2020

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:146 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Ytterligare åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:235–236

**Entry into force:** 13 April 2020

More unemployed people with considerable educational needs to be eligible for education entry grants

**Amendments:** Lagen (2017:527) om studiestartsstöd, and förordningen (2020:201) om studiestöd vid spridning av viss smitta

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:167 Extra ändringsbudget för 2020 – Stöd till hälso- och sjukvården, utbildningsinsatser och andra åtgärder med anledning av coronaviruset

**SFS:** 2020:444–445

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2020

**Broader eligibility for student finance and training grants when caring for children during school closures**

**Amendments:** Studiestödsförordningen (2000:655), and förordningen (2016:706) om utbildningsbidrag för kompletterande pedagogisk utbildning som leder till ämneslärarexamen för personer som har en examen på forskarnivå

**SFS:** 2020:250–251

**Entry into force:** 25 April 2020

**Possibility to issue final grades in municipal adult education extended by one year**

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2011:1108) om vuxenutbildning, högskoleförordningen (1993:100), and förordningen (2009:130) om yrkeshögskolan

**SFS:** 2020:247–249

**Entry into force:** 27 May 2020

**Additional application round introduced for courses and course packages in vocational higher education**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2009:130) om yrkeshögskolan

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2019/20:99 Vårändringsbudget för 2020

**SFS:** 2020:279

**Entry into force:** 10 June 2020

**Extended possibilities for contract education in vocational higher education**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2009:131) om utbildning inom yrkeshögskolan som uppdragsutbildning

**SFS:** 2020:299

**Entry into force:** 15 June 2020

## Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, together with the missions abroad, is responsible for Sweden's relations with other countries. The Ministry formulates the alternative courses of action that form the basis of the Government's positions on foreign and development cooperation policy issues, as well as on international trade policy issues.

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There are no acts entering into force in and around the first half of 2020 in the areas of responsibility of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.