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Visa Options

Schengen visa:

Weblink: https://www.vfsglobal.se/Bangladesh/Short_term_visa.html

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

Schengen visa enables a foreigner to travel to the Schengen area. The following countries form part of the Schengen area: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden. With a Schengen visa, you can travel freely between these countries as long as the Schengen visa is valid.

You have to apply for your Schengen visa at the Embassy of your main destination. If the main destination cannot be determined, responsibility for issuance of the visa lies with the Schengen state of first entry.

The Embassy of Sweden in Dhaka is representing Belgium, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovenia in visa cases. The process and required documents for these countries are the same as when applying for a visa to visit Sweden.

VFS Global is a commercial company, working as a privately-run service company, authorized by the Embassy of Sweden to provide the users with complete information on procedure and requirements for visa and to collect the visa application.

Processing normally takes 15 days, but may in some cases take up to 45 calendar days. A Schengen Visa application cannot be submitted before six (06) months of the intended travel date and for Seafarer, nine (09) months in advance.

A visa gives the opportunity to enter the Schengen area, but does not imply a legal right to do so.

There are different requirements for different types of visas. The purpose of a proposed visit cannot be altered once the visa has been issued.

Do you want to visit Sweden for less than 90 days?

If you want to visit Sweden for less than 90 days, you should not apply for a visitor's permit, but you may need to apply for a visa. Whether or not you need a visa depends on what country you come from or if you have a permit in another Schengen country or are a long-term resident of an EU country.

[Countries whose citizens need a visa to enter Sweden](#)

[Read more about what applies if you are permanently living in another EU country](#)

The visa is most often valid for entry into all Schengen countries. In exceptional cases the visa may only be valid for entering Sweden and/or some Schengen countries.

[On the government's website you can read about what countries are members of the Schengen agreement](#)

[Read more about what applies if you do not need a visa to travel to Sweden](#)

Visiting relatives and friends in Sweden

Weblink: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-relatives-and-friends.html>

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

Requirements for receiving a visa to visit relatives and friends

In order to be granted a visa to visit relatives and friends you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit;
- have received an invitation from the person you want to visit ([the form Invitation for application for Schengen visa form number 241011](#));
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden, which can also be paid for by the person who has invited you);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;

- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months (only if you do not appear in person to apply for a visa); and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Visiting Sweden for business or a conference

Weblink:<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-Sweden-for-business-or-a-conference.html>

If you want to visit Sweden for business or a conference and you are a citizen in a country outside the EU, you may need to apply for a permit for your visit. Which permit you need to apply for depends on how long your stay in Sweden will be. If your stay in Sweden will be less than 90 days you may need to apply for a visa. If your stay in Sweden will be longer than 90 days you need to apply for a visitor's residence permit.

Requirements for receiving a visa for business or a conference

In order receive a visa for business or a conference you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit;
- have an invitation from the company or the person that is arranging the conference;
- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden, which can also be paid for by the company that has invited you);
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;
- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months; and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Visiting as a tourist

Weblink:<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-as-a-tourist.html>

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

Requirements for receiving a tourist visa

In order to receive a tourist visa you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit;
- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden, which can also be paid for by the person who has invited you);
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;
- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months; and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Visiting Sweden for medical treatment

Weblink:<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-Sweden-for-medical-treatment.html>

If you want to visit Sweden to receive medical treatment and are a citizen in another country outside the EU you may need to apply for a permit for your visit. Which permit you need to apply for depends on how long your stay in Sweden will be. If your stay in Sweden will be less than 90 days you may need to apply for a visa. If your stay in Sweden will be more than 90 days you need to apply for a visitor's residence permit.

Requirements for receiving a visa for medical treatment

In order to receive a visa for medical treatment you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit by showing a medical certificate from Sweden that shows when you will receive your treatment and what it entails;
- show a medical certificate from the country you are living in that shows that you are not able to receive the treatment there;
- show proof that you have deposited money in Sweden for the planned treatment and any medical care that might follow from it;
- enclose a completed questionnaire ([Questionnaire for visa because of medical treatment, form number 219011](#));

- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden, if you are not hospitalised/living where you are receiving your treatment);
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;
- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months; and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Visiting Sweden for religious purposes

Weblink: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-Sweden-for-religious-purposes.html>

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

Requirements for receiving a visa for visiting Sweden for religious purposes

In order to receive a visa for visiting Sweden for religious purposes you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit;
- have an invitation from a religious organisation/assembly;
- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden, which can also be paid for by the person who has invited you);
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;
- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months; and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Visiting Sweden for studies and research

Weblink:<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-Sweden-for-studies-and-research.html>

If you want to visit Sweden for studies, research or as a doctoral exchange student and you are a citizen in a country outside the EU, you may need to apply for a permit before the visit. Which permit you need to apply for depends on how long your stay in Sweden will be. If your stay in Sweden will be less than 90 days you may need to apply for a visa. If your stay in Sweden will be more than 90 days you need to apply for a visitor's residence permit.

Requirements for receiving a visa for studies, research or as a doctoral exchange student

In order to receive a visa for studies, research or as a doctoral exchange student you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit;
- have an invitation or proof of acceptance from a university in Sweden;
- have a certificate from your university abroad if you are already registered at a university;
- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden);
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;
- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months; and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Visiting Sweden for volunteer work or internship

Weblink:<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-Sweden-for-volunteer-work-or-internship.html>

If you want to visit Sweden to work as a volunteer for an organisation or do an internship at an organisation or company and you are a citizen in a country outside the EU, you may need to apply for a permit before the visit. Which permit you need to apply for depends on how long your stay in Sweden will be. If your stay in Sweden will be less than 90 days you may need to apply for a visa. If your stay in Sweden will be more than 90 days you need to apply for a visitor's residence permit.

Requirements for receiving a visa for volunteer work or an internship

In order to receive a visa for volunteer work or an intern ship you must:

- have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the visa has expired, was issued in the last ten years and has at least two empty pages;
- be able to describe the purpose of your visit;
- have an invitation from the internship/volunteer organisation;
- have money to support yourself and for the return trip home (Sweden also requires you to have 450 SEK for each day you stay in Sweden);
- have an individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that may arise in connection with emergency medical treatment, urgent medical care or transportation to your home country for medical reasons (the insurance must cover costs of at least 30,000 EUR and be valid for all Schengen countries);
- show that you intend to leave Sweden and the Schengen area on the last day before the visa expires;
- a photograph that is in passport format and taken with you facing the camera and which is not older than six months; and
- other documents that the embassy may require.

Before you apply for a visa

Weblink: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visiting-Sweden-for-studies-and-research.html>

Remember:

- you must apply for a visa before you travel to the Schengen area;
- you can apply for a visa up to six months before you travel;
- submit your application early;
- it is the final destination of your trip that determines at which Schengen embassy you should apply (if another Schengen country other than Sweden is your final destination you must apply for a visa at that country's embassy); and
- a visa is valid for a visit and it is only in exceptional cases that you can work while you have a visa ([Read more on the page Exceptions from the work permit requirement](#)).

Visit Sweden for more than 90 days

Weblink: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Visit-Sweden-for-more-than-90-days.html>

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Before you apply for a visitor's permit

If you already have an on-going application for a residence permit at the Swedish Migration Agency, you cannot be granted two permits at the same time. You will only receive a decision in the application considered to be most advantageous for you, which most often is an application for a residence and work permit as it gives you the right to settle in Sweden. If

the application for a visitor's permit is made while you are in Sweden, you are at risk of having your application for a residence and work permit rejected. If you are outside Sweden, you must wait until a decision is made in the application that is most advantageous for you. This may mean that the dates that you apply for a visitor's permit may have passed when the decision is made. The Swedish Migration Agency therefore recommends that you do not apply for a visitor's permit in these cases.

If your visit or extended stay in Sweden cannot wait, you can request that your application for a residence and work permit be withdrawn. You will then need to file a completely new application for a residence and work permit after you have returned home from your visit to Sweden.

You can still apply for a visa to travel to Sweden for a shorter period of time than 90 days. If you have a visa exemption and are waiting on a decision for a residence permit, you can visit Sweden temporarily.

Requirements to receive a visitor's permit for Sweden

To be eligible for a visitor's permit, you must:

- be able to support yourself during the time you will be in Sweden;
- have a valid passport (the passport must be valid for at least three months after the end date of the visit); and
- have a return ticket or money to buy a ticket.

Applying for a visitor's permit


Complete the form Application for a visitor's permit and the form for Family details.

Weblink: [Application for a visitor's permit, form number 165011](#)

Weblink: [Family details – appendix to your application, form number 239011](#)

In the application, you enter information about yourself and the person or organisation that you will visit.

If you have children under the age of 18 who will accompany you to Sweden, you must use the form Application for a visitor's permit for a child under the age of 18, form number 166011. Complete one form for each child.

Weblink: [Application for a visitor's permit for a child under the age of 18, form number 167011](#)

Together with the application forms, you must submit:

- the form Invitation for visiting longer than 90 days, including a copy of the passport, ID card or the like of the person or organisation you will visit;
- an account statement or other document that shows that you have money for the time you will visit Sweden;

- copies of the pages in your passport that show personal data, photo, signature, passport number, issuing country, period of validity and if you have permission to live in countries other than your home country; and
- a return ticket or document that shows that you have money to buy a ticket.

Weblink: [Invitation for visiting longer than 90 days, form number 249011](#)

Depending on the reason for your visit, there may be additional requirements.

Additional requirements for visitor's permits depending on the reason for the visit

Visiting friends and relatives in Sweden:

In order to get a visitor's permit to visit friends and relatives, you must also:

- have received an invitation from the person you will visit.

The person you will visit in Sweden must complete the form Invitation for visiting longer than 90 days, form number 248011, and send it to you. He or she must also send a copy of his or passport, ID card or the like that shows his or her identity.

Weblink: [Invitation for visiting longer than 90 days, form number 249011](#)

Visiting Sweden for religious purposes:

In order to get a visitor's permit to visit Sweden for religious purposes, you must also:

- have a certificate from the organisation in Sweden.

If you are a monk or nun and belong to a religious organisation, you can apply for a visitor's permit if the purpose of your visit to Sweden is, for example, to work practically in the convent or monastery household.

If you are a missionary and belong to a religious organisation, you can apply for a visitor's permit if the purpose of your visit to Sweden is to serve as a missionary in Sweden for a brief period of time.

Keep in mind that the organisation in Sweden may not give you any compensation.

If you are an imam and are invited to Sweden to participate in activities covered by your regular duties, such as providing visiting sermons and lectures, you must have a work permit to be permitted to conduct the activities in Sweden.

Visiting Sweden as an exchange doctoral student

In order to get a visitor's permit to visit Sweden as an exchange doctoral student, you must also:

- have a certificate from the university in Sweden and a certificate from the university in your home country.

Keep in mind that you can support yourself through stipends or scholarships from your home university, but the university in Sweden may not give you any compensation.

Visiting Sweden as volunteer or trainee

In order to get a visitor's permit to work as a volunteer or a trainee, you must also:

- have a certificate from the organisation or the company in Sweden; and
- have a certificate from a potential organisation in your home country.

You can support yourself through compensation from an organisation or association in your home country, but the organisation or company in Sweden may not give you any compensation.

Volunteers who work within the scope of the European Voluntary Service must apply for a residence permit for volunteer work.

Weblink: [Residence permits for volunteers who do not work within the scope of the European Voluntary Service](#)

If you are paid for your trainee work, different rules apply.

Weblink: [Traineeship through international exchange](#)

Weblink: [Traineeship with ties to higher education](#)

Submit your application

You must submit your application at a Swedish embassy or consulate-general. Most people must pay a fee in connection with the application being submitted.

Weblink: [Application fees for visitor's permit](#)

Weblink: [Swedish embassies and consulates-general](#)

Interview

You will need to attend an interview in connection with turning in your application. Contact the embassy or consulate-general for more information as to whether you need to book an appointment for the interview. During the interview, you will answer questions about your visit to Sweden. Children for whom applications are submitted must also attend.

Processing by the Swedish Migration Agency

After your interview, your application is sent to the Swedish Migration Agency in Sweden, which processes it and makes a decision in the matter. The wait time is around two months from when you turned in your application.

You will be contacted and receive information when the decision is ready.

If you are granted a permit

A visitor's permit applies most often for six months. You can receive a visitor's permit for up to one year at most.

You are not allowed to work

The visitor's permit is only valid for a visit and not for you to work or settle in Sweden. If you are exempt from the work permit requirements but your employment will last for longer than three months, you must apply for a residence permit for visits. [Read more about exemptions from the work permit requirements](#)

You are not registered as a resident

You are not registered as a resident in Sweden and are not entitled to social welfare benefits. This is why it is important that you have insurance that covers costs that may arise, for example, in the event of an illness or accident.

Permit card

If you are granted a permit, you receive a permit card as evidence that you have the right to be in Sweden. The permit card contains your fingerprints and a photograph of you, among other information.

If you come from a country where you need a visa to travel to Sweden, you need the permit card to travel to Sweden. You will therefore be photographed and submit your fingerprints in connection with your interview. When the permit card is ready, the embassy or consulate-general will hand out or send it to you. Note that it can take up to four weeks after you have received your decision to manufacture the card and deliver it to the embassy or consulate-general. When you travel into Sweden, you must present the card together with a valid passport.

Once you have arrived in Sweden, you must book an appointment to submit fingerprints and be photographed at the Swedish Migration Agency. When the residence permit card is ready, it will be sent to your address in Sweden.

Weblink: [Book an appointment at the Swedish Migration Agency to submit fingerprints and be photographed](#)

[Read more about residence permit cards](#)

If you receive a rejection

If the Swedish Migration Agency denies your application, you can appeal the decision within three weeks from the date you received the decision. Information on how to appeal is provided in your decision.

Information on how to appeal is provided in your decision. If you have given somebody authorisation to represent you, that person can appeal on your behalf.

[Read more about how to appeal](#)

If you are in Sweden when your application is denied, you must leave the country within the period of time stated in the decision.

[Read more about what applies for those whose application has been denied and are in Sweden](#)

Residence permit for people who have their own business

Weblink:<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Working-in-Sweden/Self-employment.html>

If you are going to work for longer than three months starting up and running your own business, or if you are becoming a part-owner of a company, you must have a residence permit. The residence permit must already have been granted before you travel to Sweden. You can apply online from your home country or any other country outside Sweden where you live.

Residence permit requirements

To apply for a residence permit to start up your own business, you must

- have a valid passport (if your passport is about to expire, you should extend it because you cannot get a permit for longer than your passport if valid)
- show that you have considerable experience in the industry and previous experience of running your own business
- show you have relevant knowledge in Swedish and/or English
- prove that you are the person who is running the company, has executive responsibility and owns at least 50 per cent of the company
- your company's services or goods must be produced and/or sold in Sweden
- show that you have enough money of your own to provide for yourself and any family members for the first two years (the equivalent of SEK 200,000 for you, SEK 100,000 for your accompanying wife/husband and SEK 50,000 for each accompanying child)
- present plausible supporting documentation for your budget
- show that you have created customer contacts and/or a network in Sweden
- show that after the trial period of two years, your company's finances are in balance and that you can support yourself and any family members (the

stipulated amounts are calculated on the basis of the Swedish standard for income support plus housing costs).

- in most cases you must pay a fee (application fees for residence permits)

Work permit requirements

Weblink: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Working-in-Sweden/Employed/Work-permit-requirements.html>

You must have been offered a job before you can obtain a work permit. You cannot enter Sweden until the permit has been granted. You cannot obtain a work permit to go to Sweden and look for a job.

To obtain a work permit you must:

- have a valid passport
- have been offered terms of employment that are at least on par with those set by Swedish collective agreements or which are customary within the occupation or industry
- have been offered a salary that is at least on par with that set by Swedish collective agreements or which is customary within the occupation or industry
- you must be offered a position that will enable you to support yourself. In order to satisfy this support requirement, you need to work to an extent that will result in a salary of at least SEK 13,000 per month before taxes
- have an employer who intends to provide insurance covering health, life, employment and pension when you begin to work.

[Read more about the requirements that apply to your employer](#)

[Certain occupations and citizens of certain countries are subject to special regulations](#) for working in Sweden. They are subject to additional or different requirements.

In order to obtain a work permit, you must fulfil the requirements for a work permit for one job. The requirements cannot be fulfilled by having two or more jobs at once. You need a work permit to work in Sweden whether you are employed in Sweden or abroad, whether you are employed by an employment agency that provides personnel to a company in Sweden, or whether you have been transferred within an organization.

Employment for less than three months

For employment that lasts less than three months, citizens of certain countries must have both a work permit and a visa. Contact the Swedish embassy or consulate general for more information about visas.