

# Key acts and ordinances entering into force late 2016/early 2017



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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 2016 or some time thereafter.

Acts and ordinances set out the ground rules that govern our society. To make 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 bill becomes law, 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). Each act and ordinance has a unique SFS number.

For more information on government bills, acts and ordinances, go to [www.lagrummet.se](http://www.lagrummet.se). The ‘Lagrummet’ website is the public administration’s common website for legal information and 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. 2016:000).

## 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’ legal databases: <http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se>

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## Support to 'extra jobs' expanded

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2015:503) om särskilt anställningsstöd  
(in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:926

**Entry into force:** 1 December 2016

## More effective 'new start jobs' introduced

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2006:1481) om stöd för nystartsjobb  
(in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1274

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2017

## Higher ceiling for wage subsidies and interpreter support for people with disabilities

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2000:630) om särskilda insatser för personer med funktionshinder som medför nedsatt arbetsförmåga  
(in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1275

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2017

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## Granting of permits made clearer under the Lotteries Act

**Amendment:** Lotterilagen (1994:1000) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:8 Tydligare tillståndsgivning enligt lotterilagen (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1222

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

## New regulatory framework for procurement

**New acts:** Lag om offentlig upphandling, lag om upphandling inom försörjningssektorerna and lag om upphandling av koncessioner (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:195 Nytt regelverk om upphandling (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1145, 2016:1146 and 2016:1147

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **New regulations against insider dealing and other market abuse**

**New acts:** Lag med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s marknadsmissbruksförordning and lag om straff för marknadsmissbruk på värdepappersmarknaden (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:22 Effektiv bekämpning av marknadsmissbruk (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1306, 2016:1307, 2016:1316 and 2016:1317

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2017

### **Amended regulations in the area of electricity tax**

**Amendments:** Lagen (1994:1776) om skatt på energi, skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244), förordningen (2010:178) om skatt på energi and förordningen (1999:1134) om belastningsregister (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1072, 2016:1075, 2016:1080 and 2016:1082

**Entry into force:** 15 December 2016 and 1 January 2017

### **Lower advertising tax**

**Amendment:** Lagen (1972:266) om skatt på annonser och reklam (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1068

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Equal taxation of diesel fuel in agriculture, forestry and aquaculture**

**Amendment:** Lagen (1994:1776) om skatt på energi (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1072 and 2016:1079

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017



### **Higher tax on alcohol**

**Amendment:** Lagen (1994:1564) om alkoholskatt (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2017/17:01 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1071

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Turnover threshold for value added tax introduced**

**Amendment:** Mervärdesskattelagen (1994:200) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1069

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Reduced value added tax on certain repairs**

**Amendment:** Mervärdesskattelagen (1994:200) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1078

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Amended regulations regarding entertainment deduction for meals**

**Amendments:** Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) and mervärdesskattelagen (1994:200) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055 and 2016:1069

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **National income tax**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Reduced taxable benefit for certain green cars**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Supplement to tax deductions for household work**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Higher threshold when deducting travel expenses**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Amended tax regulations when selling a home**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:25 Ändrade regler för uppskov med kapitalvinst vid avyttring av privatbostad (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:000

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Floor for interest rate on government loans in tax legislation**

**Amendments:** Lagen (1990:661) om avkastningsskatt på pensionsmedel, lagen (1991:687) om särskild löneskatt på pensionskostnader and inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:24 Golv för statslåneräntan i skattelagstiftningen (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1237, 2016:1238 and 2016:1239

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Prohibition against deducting interest on certain subordinated debts**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Timing set for value transfer concerning group contributions**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Amended regulations regarding deficits from previous years**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Swedish tonnage tax system introduced**

**Amendments:** Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:127 Ett svenskt tonnagebeskattningssystem (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:887 and 2016:888

**Entry into force:** 20 October 2016

### **Amended regulations on taxation initiation in connection with mergers and divisions**

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:7 Ändrade regler om beskattningsinträde vid fusion och fission (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1202

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Growth support for the first employee – lower social security contributions for sole traders**

**Amendment:** Lag om särskild beräkning av vissa avgifter för enmansföretag under åren 2017–2021 and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1053 and 2016:1075

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

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## Better opportunities for debt restructuring

**New acts:** Skuldsaneringslag and lag om skuldsanering för företagare (in Swedish)

**Amendments:** Brottsbalken, lagen (1936:81) om skuldebrev, kreditupplysningslagen (1973:1173) and other acts (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:125 Skuldsanering – förbättrade möjligheter för överskuldssatta att starta om på nytt (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:675–2016:688

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2016

## Stronger right for suspects and accused persons to have access to their defence counsel

**Amendments:** Rättegångsbalken, lagen (1964:167) med särskilda bestämmelser om unga lagöverträdare and häkteslagen (2010:611) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:187 Genomförande av EU:s försvarardirektiv (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:929–2016:931

**Entry into force:** 27 November 2016

## **Requirement on reporting of sustainability and diversity policy in large companies**

**Amendments:** Årsredovisningslagen (1995:1554), lagen (1995:1559) om årsredovisning i kreditinstitut och värdepappersbolag, lagen (1995:1560) om årsredovisning i försäkringsföretag, aktiebolagslagen (2005:551) and other acts and ordinances (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:193 Företagens rapportering om hållbarhet och mångfaldspolicy (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:947–2016:957

**Entry into force:** 1 December 2016

## **Measures to ensure more equal handling of asylum applications in the EU**

**Amendments:** Utlänningslagen (2005:716), lagen (2005:429) om god man för ensamkommande barn, lagen (1991:572) om särskild utlänningskontroll and lagen (2016:752) om tillfälliga begränsningar av möjligheten att få uppehållstillstånd i Sverige (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:17 Genomförande av det omarbetade asylprocedurdirektivet (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1240–2016:1245

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

## **Keeping fake police cars off of streets**

**New act:** Lag om skydd för vissa polisiära kännetecken på motorfordon and a consequential amendment in förordningen (2001:650) om vägtrafikregister (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:18 Falska polisbilar (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1122 and 2016:1123

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Increased opportunities for migration courts to refer cases**

**Amendments:** Lagen (1971:289) om allmänna förvaltningsdomstolar och förordningen (1977:937) om allmänna förvaltningsdomstolars behörighet, etc. (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:27 Utökade möjligheter för migrationsdomstolar att överlämna mål (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1138–2016:1140

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Stronger consumer protection in the mortgage market**

**New act:** Lag om verksamhet med bostadskrediter (in Swedish)

**New ordinances:** Förordning om verksamhet med bostadskrediter and förordning om standardiserat EU-faktablad och beräkning av effektiv ränta vid bostadskrediter (in Swedish)

**Amendments:** Konsumentkreditlagen (2010:1846) and other acts and ordinances (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:197 Stärkt konsumentskydd på bolånemarknaden (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1024–2016:1039

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **New regulatory framework for collective management of copyright**

**New act:** Lag om kollektiv förvaltning av upphovsrätt (in Swedish)

**New ordinance:** Förordning om tillsyn över kollektiv förvaltning av upphovsrätt (in Swedish)

**Amendment:** Consequential amendments to lagen (1960:729) om upphovsrätt till litterära och konstnärliga verk, lagen (2016:188) om patent- och marknadsdomstolar and offentlighets- och sekretessförordningen (2009:641) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:181 Kollektiv förvaltning av upphovsrätt (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:977–2016:980

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017



## **New act on attachment of bank accounts in the EU**

**New act:** Lag om kvarstad på bankmedel inom EU (in Swedish)

**New ordinance:** Förordning om kvarstad på bankmedel inom EU  
(in Swedish)

**Amendments:** Lagen (2001:184) om behandling av uppgifter i Kronofogdemyndighetens verksamhet, offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400), domstolsdatalagen (2015:728) and several ordinances  
(in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:148 Kvarstad på bankmedel inom EU  
(in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:757–2016:760 and 2016:919–2016:922

**Entry into force:** 18 January 2017

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## Government grants to film

**New ordinance:** Förordning om statsbidrag till film (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/2016:132 Mer film till fler – en sammanhållen filmpolitik (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:989

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

## New regulations on active anti-discrimination measures

**Amendment:** Diskrimineringslagen (2008:567) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:135 Ett övergripande ramverk för aktiva åtgärder i syfte att främja lika rättigheter och möjligheter (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:828

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

## Possibility of long-term support to activities that safeguard democracy

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2011:1508) om statsbidrag för verksamhet som värnar demokratin (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1248

**Entry into force:** 18 January 2017

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## Reduced use of plastic carrier bags

**New ordinance:** Förordning om plastbärkassar (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1041

**Entry into force:** 13 December 2016

## Regulations for a more comprehensive review of peat

**Amendments:** Miljöbalken, repealing lagen (1985:620) om vissa torvfyndigheter, repealing förordningen (1985:626) om vissa torvfyndigheter, amending förordningen (1998:899) om miljöfarlig verksamhet och hälsoskydd and other ordinances (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:178 En samlad torvprövning (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:991, 2016:993 and 2016:995–2016:999

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

## New ordinances on fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone-depleting substances

**New ordinances:** Förordning om fluorerade växthusgaser and förordning om ozonnedbrytande ämnen (in Swedish)

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2012:259) om miljöstraffavgifter, miljötillsynsförordningen (2011:13) and förordningen (1998:901) om verksamhetsutövares egenkontroll (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1128–2016:1132

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017, but regarding the provisions on electricity certification requirements and infringements, 1 July 2017

### **Amendments to the instructions to the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2009:974) med instruktion för Sveriges meteorologiska och hydrologiska institut (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1042

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Management of Laponia World Heritage Site – ordinance remains in force**

**Amendment:** Förordning om fortsatt giltighet av Laponiaförordningen (2011:840) (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1043

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Better implementation of the Industrial Emissions Directive**

**Amendments:** Miljöprövningsförordningen (2013:251) and other ordinances, and förordningen (2014:21) om geologisk lagring av koldioxid (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1188–2016:1190 and 2016:1193–2016:1200

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

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## Damages for competition infringements

**New act:** Konkurrensskadelag (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:9 Konkurrensskadelag (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:964

**Entry into force:** 27 December 2016

## Investment support for rental and student housing

**New ordinance:** Förordning om statligt investeringsstöd för hyresbostäder och bostäder för studerande (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Ds 2015:35 Investeringsstöd för anordnande av hyresbostäder och bostäder för studerande (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:881

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **New regulations for procurement of certain public transport services**

**Amendment:** Lagen (2010:1065) om kollektivtrafik (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:28 Upphandling av vissa kollektivtrafiktjänster (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1212

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Requirements regarding installations for alternative fuels**

**New act:** Lag om krav på installationer för alternativa drivmedel (in Swedish)

**New ordinance:** Förordning om krav på installationer för alternativa drivmedel (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:186 Gemensamma standarder vid utbyggnad av infrastrukturen för alternativa drivmedel (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:915 and 2016:917

**Entry into force:** 18 November 2016

### **Amended Hunting Act for speedier court decisions**

**Amendment:** Jaktlagen (1987:259) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/16:199 Vildsvin och viltskador (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:974

**Entry into force:** 1 December 2016

### **Obligation to report plant pests extended**

**Amendment:** Växtskyddslagen (1972:318) and förordningen (2006:817) om växtskydd, etc. (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:200 En utvidgad skyldighet att anmäla växtskadegörare (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1125

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

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## **Raised national standard for calculating level of income support**

**Amendment:** Socialtjänstförordningen (2001:937) (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:906

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

## **Reformed car allowance to people with disabilities**

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken (2010:110) (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:4 Ett reformerat bilstöd (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1066

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

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## **New regulations on special quota in selection procedure to independent schools**

**New ordinance:** Förordning om särskild kvot i fristående skolor (in Swedish)

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

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:184 Fler elever i fler skolor (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:910 and 2016:911

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2016

## **Right to education providing eligibility for further studies in adult education**

**Amendment:** Skollagen (2010:800) and förordningen (2011:1108) om vuxenutbildning (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:5 Rätt till behörighetsgivande utbildning inom komvux (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1184 and 2016:1185

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017



### **Enhanced higher vocational education – a knowledge boost**

**Amendment:** Lagen (2009:128) om yrkeshögskolan (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2015/16:198 En stärkt yrkeshögskola – ett lyft för kunskap and Ds 2015:41 En stärkt yrkeshögskola – ett lyft för kunskap (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1183

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Municipalities to cooperate on regional vocational adult education**

**New ordinance:** Förordning om statsbidrag för regional yrkesinriktad vuxenutbildning (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:937

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2017

### **Training initiative for health and medical care staff, and elderly care staff**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2015:504) om statsbidrag för utbildning som kombineras med traineejobb (in Swedish)

**Basis for decision:** Prop. 2016/17:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2017 (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1369

**Entry into force:** 27 January 2017

### **Amended regulations on final grades and teaching hours in adult education**

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2011:1108) om vuxenutbildning and högskoleförordningen (1993:100) (in Swedish)

**SFS:** 2016:1052 and 2016:1051

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