

# Key acts and ordinances entering into force late 2017/early 2018



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## Introduction

This compilation contains a selection of the acts and ordinances – both new and amended – that enter into force at the end of 2017/beginning of 2018.

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 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. 2017:000).

### 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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### **A new regulatory framework for new arrivals' integration in working and community life**

**New act:** Lag (2017:584) om ansvar för etableringsinsatser för vissa nyanlända invandrare

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2017:820) om etableringsinsatser för vissa nyanlända invandrare and förordning (2017:819) om ersättning till deltagare i arbetsmarknadspolitiska insatser

**Amendments:** Consequential amendments and adaptations to a number of acts and ordinances, including socialförsäkringsbalken and förordningen (2000:634) om arbetsmarknadspolitiska program

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:175 Ett nytt regelverk för nyanlända invandras etablering i arbets- och samhällslivet

**SFS:** 2017:584–597, 2017:819 and 2017:820, 2017:1161–1176

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Adjustment of the ceiling for support for new start jobs**

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

**SFS:** 2017:885

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2017

### **Adjustment of the ceiling and adjusted subsidies in the special recruitment incentive**

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

**SFS:** 2017:886

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2017



**Adjustment of the ceiling for wage subsidies and sheltered employment with public sector employers**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2017:462) om särskilda insatser för personer med funktionsnedsättning som medför nedsatt arbetsförmåga

**SFS:** 2017:887

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2017

**Increase in promotion funds to speed up new arrivals' integration in the labour market**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2015:848) om statsbidrag för särskilda främjande- och utvecklingsinsatser i syfte att påskynda nyanlända invandrares etablering på arbetsmarknaden

**SFS:** 2017:888

**Entry into force:** 13 November 2017

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### **Reduced VAT on guiding services in nature areas to increase nature tourism**

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018

**SFS:** 2017:1205

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Amended VAT liability for vessels**

**Amendments:** Mervärdesskattelagen (1994:200), lagen (1994:1551) om frihet från skatt vid import, m.m., lagen (1999:446) om proviantering av fartyg och luftfartyg

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:16 Mervärdesskatt vid omsättning som avser fartyg samt deklARATIONSTIDPUNKT I VISSA FALL

**SFS:** 2017:1196, 2017:1197 and 2017:1198

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Tax cut for pensioners**

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (volym 1a, avsnitt 6.2)

**SFS:** 2017:1212

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Tax cut for people receiving sickness and activity compensation**

**Amendment:** Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244) and avräkningslagen (1986:468)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (volym 1a, avsnitt 6.3)

**SFS:** 2017:1212

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Tax increase for people residing abroad**

**Amendment:** Lagen (1991:586) om särskild inkomstskatt för utomlands bosatta

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (volym 1a, avsnitt 6.4)

**SFS:** 2017:1204

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018. The act will apply to income earned after 31 December 2017.

### **Adjusted calculation of taxable benefit rate for company cars**

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (volym 1, avsnitt 6.5)

**SFS:** 2017:1212

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Reduced taxation of employee stock options in certain cases**

**Amendment:** Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), socialavgiftslagen (2000:980) and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (volym 1a, avsnitt 6.6)

**SFS:** 2017:1212

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Expanded support for the first employee – lower social security contributions for limited companies and trading partnerships**

**Amendment:** Lagen (2016:1053) om särskild beräkning av vissa avgifter för enmansföretag under åren 2017–2021

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (volym 1, avsnitt 6.10)

**SFS:** 2017:1221

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Increased taxation on savings in investment savings accounts and in endowment insurance**

**Amendment:** Lagen (1990:661) om avkastningsskatt på pensionsmedel and inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:28 Höjd beskattning av sparande på investeringssparkonto och i kapitalförsäkring

**SFS:** 2017:1250 and 2017:1251

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **A new Local Government Act to create better opportunities for local democracy**

**New act:** Kommunallag (2017:725)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:171 En ny kommunallag

**SFS:** 2017:725

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Improved conditions for saving in funds and sustainable choices**

**Amendments:** Lagen (2004:46) om värdepappersfonder, lagen (2011:1268) om investeringssparkonto, lagen (2013:561) om förvaltare av alternativa investeringsfonder, and other acts and ordinances

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:5 Bättre förutsättningar för fondsparande och hållbara val, bet. 2017/18:FiU16, rskr. 2017/18:45.

**SFS:** 2017:1142–51

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **New regulations on markets in financial instruments**

**Amendments:** Lagen (2007:528) om värdepappersmarknaden

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:162 Nya regler om marknader för finansiella instrument (MiFID II och MiFIR), bet. 2016/17:FiU35, rskr. 2016/17:353, direktiv 2014/65/EU

**SFS:** 2017:679

**Entry into force:** 3 January 2018

### **More macroprudential policy tools for Finansinspektionen**

**Amendments:** Lagen (2004:297) om bank- och finansieringsrörelse, lagen (2016:1024) om verksamhet med bostadskrediter, förordningen (2004:329) om bank- och finansieringsrörelse and förordningen (2016:1033) om verksamhet med bostadskrediter.

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:22 Ytterligare verktyg för makrotillsyn

**SFS:** 2017:000, 2017:000, 2017:000, 2017:000.

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2018

### **Expanded mandate for the National Agency for Public Procurement to provide legal advice on state aid to municipalities and county councils**

**Amendments:** Förordning 2015:527

**Basis for decision:** Förordning om ändring i förordningen (2015:527) med instruktion

**SFS:** 2017:000

**Entry into force:** 15 January 2018

**Increased transport surcharge for transportation of goods subject to excise duty**

**Amendments:** Lagen (1998:506) om punktskattekontroll av transporter m.m. av alkoholvaror, tobaksvaror och energiprodukter

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018 (avsnitt 6:24)

**SFS:** 2017:1210

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Abolished advertising tax for advertisements in periodicals**

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018

**SFS:** 2017:1202

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

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### Change of title for the Surgeon General

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2017:799) om försvarsinspektören för hälsa och miljöns tillsyn över hälso- och sjukvården, tandvården och smittskyddet

**Amendments:** Miljöbalken, and other acts and ordinances

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:144 Tillsyn och kontroll på hälso- och miljöområdet inom försvaret and SOU 2015:79 Tillsyn och kontroll på hälso- och miljöområdet inom försvaret

**SFS:** 2017:780–806

**Entry into force:** 1 October 2017

### A new regiment to be stationed on Gotland

**Amendment:** Förordning (2007:1266) med instruktion för Försvarsmakten

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018

**SFS:** 2017:1304

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### Participation in decision-making for total defence conscripts is renewed and modernised

**New ordinance:** Förordning om medinflytande för totalförsvarspliktiga

**Basis for decision:** Ds 2017:50 Ett moderniserat medinflytande för totalförsvarspliktiga

**SFS:** 2017:1249

**Entry into force:** 12 January 2018

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### **Clearer police powers in the enforcement of refusal-of-entry and expulsion orders**

**Amendments:** Utlänningslagen (2005:716) and lagen (1991:572) om särskild utlänningskontroll

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:191 Tydligare befogenheter för polisen när beslut om avvísning eller utvisning verkställs

**SFS:** 2017:905 and 2017:906

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2017

### **New regulations on the collection of evidence in the EU and a new act on European Investigation Orders**

**New act:** Lag (2017:1000) om en europeisk utredningsorder

**New ordinance:** Förordning (2017:1019) om en europeisk utredningsorder

**Amendments:** Lagen (2000:562) om internationell rättslig hjälp i brottmål and other acts and certain consequential amendments to ordinances, including förordningen (1999:1134) om belastningsregister

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:218 Nya regler om bevisinhämtning inom EU

**SFS:** 2017:1000–1021

**Entry into force:** 1 December 2017



**Possibility to waive withdrawal of a residence permit where an employer has spontaneously rectified deficiencies**

**Amendment:** Utlänningslagen (2005:716)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:191 Möjlighet att avstå från återkallelse av uppehållstillstånd när arbetsgivaren självmant har avhjälpt brister

**SFS:** 2017:905 and 2017:906

**Entry into force:** 1 December 2017

**Establishment of a national centre to combat violent extremism**

**Amendment:** Förordning (2016:1201) med instruktion för Brottsförebyggande rådet

**SFS:** 2017:1197

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Reinforcement of protection of the private contact details and photographs of public sector employees on intranets**

**Amendment:** Offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:208 Några frågor om offentlighet och sekretess

**SFS:** 2017:1076

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**A temporary firearms amnesty will be held in early 2018**

**New act:** Lag (2017:807) om ansvarsfrihet vid vissa vapenbrott

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:185 En tidsbegränsad vapenamnesti 2018

**SFS:** 2017:807

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2018

**Tougher penalties for gross firearms offences and gross offences involving explosives**

**Amendments:** Vapenlagen (1996:67) and lagen (2010:1011) om brandfarliga och explosiva varor

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:26 Skjutvapen och explosiva varor – skärpta straff för de grova brotten

**SFS:** 2017:1138 and 2017:1139

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Tougher penalties for adult contact with children for sexual purposes**

**Amendments:** Brottsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:214 Effektivare lagstiftning mot vuxnas kontakter med barn i sexuellt syfte

**SFS:** 2017:1068

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Reinforced protection for personal privacy**

**Amendments:** Brottsbalken, lagen (1998:112) om ansvar för elektroniska anslagstavlor, offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400) and brottsskadelagen (2014:322)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:222 Ett starkt straffrättsligt skydd för den personliga integriteten

**SFS:** 2017:1134–1137

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Enhanced possibilities to exclude lawyers from the Swedish Bar Association**

**Amendment:** Rättegångsbalken och lagen (1986:765) med instruktion för Riksdagens ombudsmän

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:209 En utvidgad möjlighet till uteslutning av advokater

**SFS:** 2017:1024 and 2017:1025

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Remuneration to legal counsels to be calculated using a new model**

**Amendment:** Förordningen (2009:1237) om timkostnadsnorm inom rättshjälpsområdet

**Basis for decision:** Memorandum Förenklad modell för beräkning av timkostnadsnorm (Ju2017/06941/DOM)

**SFS:** 2017:999

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

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**Amendments:** Förordningen (2009:1593) med instruktion för Riksarkivet

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17: 116 Kulturarvspolitik, Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018

**SFS:** 2017:000

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2018

### More municipalities and county councils to be administrative areas for minority languages

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2009:1299) om nationella minoriteter och minoritetsspråk (minoritetsförordningen)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018, utgiftsområde 1

**SFS:** 2017:000

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2018

### Cultural Heritage Act to be expanded to apply to a larger area around Sweden's coastline

**Amendments:** Kulturmiljölagen (1988:950)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:215 Sveriges sjöterritorium och maritima zoner, SOU 2015:10 Gränser i havet (UF2015/22359/UD/FMR)

**SFS:** 2017:000

**Entry into force:** 1 March 2018

**Application fee to use metal detectors**

**Amendments:** Kulturmiljöförordningen (1988:1188)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17: 116 Kulturarvspolitik, promemoria

Förslag om införande av ansökningsavgift för metallsökarärenden

Ku2016/01648/KL, promemoria Önskvärda ändringar i

kulturmiljöförordningen Ku2015/00974/KL

**SFS:** 2017:1083

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

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### **Clearer regulations for assessing environmental impact**

**New ordinance:** Miljöbedömningsförordningen (2017:966)

**Amendments:** Miljöbalken, and other acts and ordinances

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:200 Miljöbedömningar

**SFS:** 2017:955, 956, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 973, 984 and 1031–1038

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Possibility for environmental assessment authorities to undertake concerted assessments**

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2011:1237) om miljöprövningsdelegationer

**SFS:** 2017:980

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **New regulations on fees in the electricity area**

**New ordinance:** Förordningen (2017:1040) om elberedskapsavgift, nätövervakningsavgift och elsäkerhetsavgift

**Amendments:** Elberedskapslagen (1997:288)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:201 Elberedskapsavgift

**SFS:** 2017:1039 and 1040

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Enhanced possibilities to use biogas in the natural gas network**

**Amendments:** Naturgaslagen (2005:403) and naturgasförordningen (2006:1043)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:202 Biogas i naturgasnätet

**SFS:** 2017:1029 and 1041

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Swedish Environmental Protection Agency to be permit authorities for emission rights**

**Amendments:** Förordningen (2004:1205) om handel med utsläppsrätter

**SFS:** 2017:1030

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Clearer financing for the management of nuclear waste**

**Amendments:** Lagen (1984:3) om kärnteknisk verksamhet, lagen (2006:647) om finansiella åtgärder för hanteringen av restprodukter från kärnteknisk verksamhet, lagen (2006:647) om finansiering av kärntekniska restprodukter, förordningen (2017:1179) om finansiering av kärntekniska restprodukter, förordningen (2017:1181) om förvaltningen av kärnavfallsfondens medel and förordningen (2017:1181) om ändring i förordningen (2017:1179) om finansiering av kärntekniska restprodukter

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:199 Reglerna om finansiering av kärnavfallshanteringen

**SFS:** 2017:1065–1067 and 1179–1181

**Entry into force:** 1 and 20 December 2017 and 1 January 2018

### **Amended criteria for biofuels and liquid biofuels to be considered sustainable**

**Amendments:** Lagen (2010:598) om hållbarhetskriterier för biodrivmedel och flytande biobränslen

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:217 Genomförande av ändringar i förnybartdirektivet – ILUC

**SFS:** 2017:1094

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Supervisory responsibility for the EU Mercury Regulation passes to municipalities, county administrative boards and the Swedish Chemicals Agency**

**Amendments:** Miljötillsynsförordningen (2011:13)

**SFS:** 2017:1239

**Entry into force:** 26 December 2017

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### **Common standards for charging vehicles run on electricity or hydrogen**

**Amendment:** Förordning (2016:917) om krav på installationer för alternativa drivmedel

**SFS:** 2016:917

**Entry into force:** 18 November 2016 but will only apply to charging points and filling stations brought into operation or renovated after 17 November 2017.

### **Amended requirements for postal deliveries**

**Amendment:** Förordning om ändring i postförordningen (2010:1049)

**SFS:** 2017:918

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Swedish Competition Authority to have power to decide on corporate mergers**

**Amendments:** Konkurrenslagen (2008:579)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:15 Ändringar i konkurrenslagen

**SFS:** 2017:986

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Simplified rules for shipping**

**Amendments:** Sjölagen (1994:1009) and lagen (1979:377) om registrering av båtar för yrkesmässig sjöfart m.m.

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:205 Regelförenkling för sjöfarten

**SFS:** 2017:1056 and 2017:1055

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2018

### **Fisheries Act adapted to the EU and gives greater powers to address infringements**

**Amendments:** Fiskelagen (1993:787)

**SFS:** 2017:945

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **More enterprises can receive advance payments of support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**

**Amendment:** Förordning (1994:1716) om fisket, vattenbruket och fiskerinäringen

**SFS:** 2017:867

**Entry into force:** 17 October 2017

### **Drivers using a mobile phone while in motion may not hold it in their hand**

**Amendments:** Förordning om ändring i trafikförordningen (1998:1276)

**Basis for decision:** Transportstyrelsens rapport TSV 2016-1774

**SFS:** 2017:000

**Entry into force:** 1 February 2018



**The Government can temporarily change the requirements in the Planning and Building Act if large numbers of asylum seekers arrive**

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:195 Undantag från vissa bestämmelser i plan- och bygglagen vid tillströmning av asylsökande

**SFS:** 2017:985

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

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### **A more fit-for-purpose complaints system in health and medical care**

**New act:** Lag om stöd vid klagomål mot hälso- och sjukvården

**Amendments:** Patientsäkerhetslagen (2010:659), and other acts and ordinances

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:122 Ett mer ändamålsenligt klagomålssystem i hälso- och sjukvården

**SFS:** 2017:372–380

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Increased collaboration before a patient is discharged from inpatient health and medical care**

**New act:** Lag om samverkan vid utskrivning från sluten hälso- och sjukvård

**New ordinance:** Förordning om fastställande av belopp för vård av utskrivningsklara patienter

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:106 Samverkan vid utskrivning från sluten hälso- och sjukvård and Govt Bill 2017/18:12 Ny övergångsbestämmelse i lagen om samverkan vid utskrivning från sluten hälso- och sjukvård

**SFS:** 2017:612–617 and 2017:1130–1131

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**New special allowance within housing allowance for children who live alternately with both parents replaces maintenance support**

**Amendments:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:6 Nytt särskilt bidrag inom bostadsbidraget för barn som bor växelvis

**SFS:** 2017:1123

**Entry into force:** 1 March 2018

**Raised national standard for the calculation of income support for 2018**

**Amendments:** Socialtjänstförordningen (2001:937)

**SFS:** 2017:1184

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Improved benefits for care of a sick relative and simplified transfer of premium pension rights between spouses**

**Amendments:** Socialförsäkringsbalken, and other acts

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:10 Vissa socialförsäkringsfrågor

**SFS:** 2017:1124–1129

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Amended notification obligation for the Ombudsman for Children in Sweden**

**Amendment:** Lag (1993:335) om Barnombudsman, offentlighets- och sekretesslagen (2009:400)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:19 Barnombudsmannens anmälningsskyldighet

**SFS:** 2017:1245–1246

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Increased housing supplement and maintenance support for elderly persons**

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018, utgiftsområde 11

**SFS:** 2017:1205

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Financial support pending final decisions on disability pensions**

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018  
utgiftsområde 10

**SFS:** 2017:1305–1307

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

**Increased child allowance**

**Amendment:** Socialförsäkringsbalken

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018  
utgiftsområde 12

**SFS:** 2017:1308

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### Compulsory schooling in Sweden from age six

**Amendments:** Skollagen (2010:800), skolförordningen (2011:185) and förordningen (1970:340) om skolskjutsning

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:9 Skolstart vid sex års ålder

**SFS:** 2017:1115, 2017:1116 and 2017:1117

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### Amendments concerning language, grades and timetables in compulsory school

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:143 En stadiindelad timplan i grundskolan och närliggande frågor och skolförordningen (2011:185)

**SFS:** 2017:620 and 2017:1236

**Entry into force:** 1 July 2018

### **National tests to have greater importance and be digitised**

**Amendments:** Skollagen (2010:800), skolförordningen (2011:185), gymnasieförordningen (2010:2039), förordning (2011:1108) om vuxenutbildning, förordning (1992:1083) om viss uppgiftsskyldighet för huvudmän inom skolväsendet m.m. and förordning (2017:1106) om en försöksverksamhet med datorbaserade nationella prov, extern bedömning och medbedömning

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:14 Nationella prov – rättvisa, likvärdiga, digitala

**SFS:** 2017:1104-1110

**Entry into force:** 29 June 2018

### **Clearer guidelines for political information in teaching in schools**

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

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:17 Politisk information i skolan, bet. 2017/18:UbU6, rskr. 2017/18:42

**SFS:** 2017:1112

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Continued support for increased teaching hours in Swedish for newly arrived pupils**

**Amendment:** Förordning (2017:1157) om ändring i förordningen (2013:69) om försöksverksamhet med ökad undervisningstid i svenska eller svenska som andraspråk för nyanlända elever i grundskolan.

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2017/18:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2018, utgiftsområde 16

**SFS:** 2017:1157

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Right for new arrivals to complete introductory training when moving to a different municipality**

**Amendment:** Lag (2017:892) om ändring i skollagen (2010:800)

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:190 Rätt att fullfölja introduktionsprogram i gymnasieskolan efter flytt till en annan kommun, bet. 2017/18:UbU3, rskr. 2017/18:1

**SFS:** 2017:892

**Entry into force:** 1 November 2017

### **Simplified procedures for foreign citizens to apply for teacher certificates**

**Amendment:** Förordning (2017:948) om ändring i förordningen (2011:326) om behörighet för lärare och förskollärare

**Basis for decision:** SOU:2016:35 Vägen in till det svenska skolväsendet

**SFS:** 2017:948

**Entry into force:** 1 December 2017

### **Change to Malmö University's Swedish name (from Malmö högskola to Malmö universitet)**

**Amendment:** Förordning om ändring i högskoleförordningen (1993:100), bilaga 1.

**SFS:** 2016:939

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Continued possibility to process personal data for research on the impact of heredity and environment on human health**

**Amendment:** Lag om fortsatt giltighet av lagen (2013:794) om vissa register för forskning om vad arv och miljö betyder för människors hälsa

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:204 Fortsatt giltighet av lagen om vissa register för forskning om vad arv och miljö betyder för människors hälsa

**SFS:** 2017:1102

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2018

### **Collaborating for knowledge – for society's challenges and strengthened competitiveness**

This summarises a research policy bill produced every four years. The summary focuses on initiatives for the period 2017–2020 and contains no concrete legislative proposals.

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:50 Kunskap i samverkan – för samhällets utmaningar och stärkt konkurrenskraft

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### **Increased clarity on Sweden's maritime borders and increased possibilities to exercise controls**

**New act:** Lag om Sveriges sjöterritorium och maritima zoner och lag om Sveriges angränsande zon

**Basis for decision:** Govt Bill 2016/17:215 Sveriges sjöterritorium och maritima zoner

**SFS:** 2017:1272 and 2017:1273

**Entry into force:** 1 Mach 2018

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