

Key acts and ordinances entering into force in 2019/2020



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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 second half of 2019 or some time thereafter.

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

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

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

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

This compilation can be downloaded from www.government.se. At the time of publication, some of the acts had not yet been assigned an SFS number. This applies to numbers ending with ‘000’ (e.g. 2019:000).

Information on Swedish legislation

Lagrummet: www.lagrummet.se

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

The Government Offices Office legal databases:

<http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se>

The Swedish Riksdag website: www.riksdagen.se

Prime Minister's Office

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There are no new acts entering into force at the beginning of 2020 in the areas for which the Prime Minister's Office is responsible.

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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Employment protection extended until a worker's 68th birthday

Amendment: Lagen (1982:80) om anställningsskydd

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:91 Anställningsskyddet förlängs tills arbetstagaren fyllt 69 år

SFS: 2019:528

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Convention on the Rights of the Child becomes Swedish law

New act: Lagen (2018:1197) om Förenta nationernas konvention om barnets rättigheter

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:186 Inkorporering av FN:s konvention om barnets rättigheter

SFS: 2018:1197

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

A register for the Swedish Agency for Work Environment Expertise

New act: Lagen (2019:663) om behandling av personuppgifter vid Myndigheten för arbetsmiljökunskap

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:151 Behandling av personuppgifter vid Myndigheten för arbetsmiljökunskap

SFS: 2019:663

Entry into force: 1 March 2020

Ceiling raised 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: 2019:794

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Increased hours of civic orientation for newly arrived immigrants

Amendment: Förordningen (2010:1138) om samhällsorientering för vissa nyanlända invandrare

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 February 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 regulations for resolving disputes concerning interpretation and application of tax agreements in the EU

New act: Lag om tvistlösningsförfarande i ärenden som rör skatteavtal inom Europeiska unionen

New ordinance: Förordning om tvistlösningsförfarande i ärenden som rör skatteavtal inom Europeiska unionen

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:143 Genomförande av direktivet om skattetvistlösningsmekanismer inom EU

SFS: 2019:601–602

Entry into force: 1 November 2019

Reduced fuel tax from 1 January 2020

Amendment: Lag om ändring i lagen (1994:1776) om skatt på energi

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:24 Sänkt skatt på drivmedel

SFS: 2019:1244

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

'Austerity tax' abolished

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020
(volume 1b, section 12.1)

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

SFS: 2019:1164

Additional tax cuts for people over 65

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020
(volume 1b, section 12.2)

SFS: 2019:1164

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Electronic payment requirement in order to benefit from tax credits for domestic services and for building repairs, maintenance and improvement

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020
(volume 1b, section 12.3)

SFS: 2019:1164

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Extended provisions to combat tax avoidance

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

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:13 Genomförande av regler i EU:s direktiv mot skatteundandraganden för att neutralisera effekterna av hybrida mismatchningar

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Possibility to run a business as an occupational pension company

New act: Lag (2019:742) om tjänstepensionsföretag

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:809) om tjänstepensionsföretag

Amendments: Försäkringsrörelselagen (2010:2043), and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:158 En ny reglering för tjänstepensionsföretag

SFS: 2019:742–773 and 2019:809-821

Entry into force: 15 December 2019

Requirement for banks to provide cash services throughout the country

Amendments: Lag (2010:751) om betaltjänster, and förordning (2010:1008) om betaltjänster

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:23 Skyldighet för kreditinstitut att tillhandahålla kontanttjänster

SFS: 2019:1226–1229

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

County councils become regions

Amendments: Kommunallagen (2017:725), vallagen (2005:837), and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:162 En ny beteckning för kommuner på regional nivå och vissa frågor om regionindelning

SFS: 2019:835, 2019:923, etc.

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

A more equal financial footing for municipalities and regions

Amendment: Lag (2004:773) om kommunalekonomisk utjämning

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:11 Ändringar i kostnadsutjämningen för kommuner och landsting

SFS: 2019:796

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Benefit crime even when payments are made in certain cases to companies

Amendments: Bidragsbrottslagen (2007:612), and lagen (2008:206) om underrättelseskyldighet vid felaktiga utbetalningar från välfärdssystemen

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:132 Ett starkare skydd för välfärdssystemen

SFS: 2019:652–653

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Defence is responsible for Sweden's military defence and its support agencies. It plans international operations and security-building activities at strategic level, and tasks government agencies with implementing and following up such operations.

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More potential protected objects and increased protection against unmanned vehicles

Amendments: Skyddslagen (2010:305), kamerabevakningslagen (2018:1200), skyddsförordningen (2010:523), and förordningen (1992:98) om användande av skjutvapen vid vakttjänst inom Försvarmakten

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:127 Skyddsobjekt och obemannade farkoster

SFS: 2019:696–697, 2019:775, 2019:941, 2019:1163 and 2019:1169

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Exemptions from investigation of misconduct in defency and security policy research

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:1176) om undantag från prövning av oredlighet i forskning inom det försvars- och säkerhetspolitiska området

Basis for decision: Memorandum Undantag inom det försvars- och säkerhetspolitiska området från lagen om ansvar för god forskningssed och prövning av oredlighet i forskning (Fö2019/00752/RS)

SFS: 2019:1176

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Regional military staffs established in the Swedish Armed Forces

Amendment: Förordningen (2007:1266) med instruktion för Försvarmakten

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 February 2020

Ministry of Infrastructure

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Protection of Sweden's security when radio transmitters are used

Amendment: Lagen (2003:389) om elektronisk kommunikation

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:15 Skydd av Sveriges säkerhet vid radioanvändning

SFS: 2019:1206

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Investment subsidy for energy storage extended

Amendment: Förordningen (2016:899) om bidrag till lagring av egenproducerad elenergi

Basis for decision: Regleringsbrev till Energimyndigheten

SFS: 2019:1247

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Amended requirements for energy metering in buildings

Amendment: Förordningen (2014:348) om energimätning i byggnader

Basis for decision: Promemorior Förbättrat genomförande av direktivet om energieffektivitet – Individuell mätning av värme och tappvarmvatten i befintlig bebyggelse

SFS: 2019:656

Entry into force: 1 December 2019, transitional provisions

Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for legislation in a range of different areas, including constitutional and administrative law, civil law, procedural law, criminal law, and migration and asylum law. The acts and ordinances in this compilation reflect the scope of the Ministry's areas of responsibility.

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Reduced capital requirement for private limited companies

Amendment: Aktiebolagslagen (2005:551)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:21 Lägre kapitalkrav för privata aktiebolag (Committe Report 2019/2020:CU5, Riksdag Communication 2019/20:000), and memorandum Lägre kapitalkrav för privata aktiebolag.

SFS: 2019:1264

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Daily allowance entitlement restricted for asylum seekers who choose to live in areas with socioeconomic challenges

Amendments: Lagen (1994:137) om mottagande av asylsökande m.fl. och förordningen (1994:361) om mottagande av asylsökande m.fl.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:10 Ett socialt hållbart eget boende för asylsökande

SFS: 2019:1204–1205

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

New rules on residence permits for research and higher education studies

Amendments: Utlänningslagen (2005:716), lagen (2008:290) om godkännande för forskningshuvudmän att ta emot gästforskare, and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:9 Nya regler om uppehållstillstånd för forskning och studier inom högre utbildning

SFS: 2019:1208–1214

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Extended possibilities for migration courts to refer cases

Amendment: Lagen (2016:1139) om ändring i lagen (1971:289) om allmänna förvaltningsdomstolars behörighet

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:19 Förlängda möjligheter för migrationsdomstolarna att överlämna mål, and memorandum Förlängda möjligheter för migrationsdomstolarna att överlämna mål (Ju2018/05347/DOM)

SFS: 2019:000

Continued and expanded pilot project to fast-track criminal cases

Amendments: Lagen (2018:160) om försök med tillgänglighetsdelgivning i brottmål, and förordningen (2017:1028) om en försöksverksamhet med snabbare handläggning av brott

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:139 Fortsatt giltighet av lagen om försök med tillgänglighetsdelgivning i brottmål, and Ministry Publication Series 2018:9 Snabbare lagföring

SFS: 2019:665 and 2019:675

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Preparedness for appointing public defence counsels

Amendment: Förordningen (1988:31) om tingsrätternas beredskap för prövning av häktningsfrågor m.m.

Basis for decision: Memorandum En utvidgad beredskap för brådskande beslut om förordnande av offentlig försvarare, Ju2019/01691/DOM

SFS: 2019:673

Entry into force: 10 December 2019 and 1 April 2020

Making it easier for law enforcement authorities to put up cameras

Amendment: Kamerabevakningslagen (2018:1200)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:147 Kamerabevakning i brottsbekämpningen – ett enklare förfarande

SFS: 2019:1163

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

A specific register for the Swedish Security Service

New act: Lagen om Säkerhetspolisens behandling av personuppgifter

New ordinance: Förordning om Säkerhetspolisens behandling av personuppgifter

Amendments: Consequential amendments to a number of acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:163 Ny lag om Säkerhetspolisens behandling av personuppgifter

SFS: 2019:1182

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Stricter penalties for murder

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:138 Straffet för mord

SFS: 2019:805

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Stronger criminal law protection for elected representatives

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:154 Brott mot förtroendevalda

SFS: 2019:828 and 2019:839

Entry into force: 1 and 2 January 2020

Stricter penalties for exploitation of a child through the purchase of a sexual act

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:157 Straffrättsliga åtgärder mot utnyttjande av barn genom köp av sexuell handling

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Stronger criminal law protection for emergency service activities and the exercise of public authority

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:155 Ett stärkt straffrättsligt skydd för blåljusverksamhet och myndighetsutövning

SFS: 2019:1162

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Stricter criminal sanctions against companies

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:164 Skärpta straffrättsliga sanktioner mot företag

SFS: 2019:829

Entry into force: 1 January 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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Umeå Municipality attached to the administrative area for Meänkieli

Amendment: Förordningen (2009:1299) om nationella minoriteter och minoritetsspråk

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020, expenditure area 1

SFS: 2019:657

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Artform-neutral regulations on government grants to artists

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:1269) om statsbidrag till konstnärer

Amendments: Förordningen (1962:652) om Sveriges författarfond, förordningen (1976:528) om bidrag till konstnärer, förordningen (1983:190) om pensionsgrundande konstnärsbidrag m.m., and förordningen (1989:500) om vissa särskilda insatser på kulturområdet.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020 och SOU 2018:23 Konstnär – oavsett villkor?

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 March 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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Amended conditions for the climate bonus when purchasing a car

Amendment: Förordningen (2017:1334) om klimatbonusbilar

SFS: 2019:1262

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Swedish Environmental Protection Agency appointed the competent authority for verification and reporting of emissions data from aviation

Amendment: Förordningen (2004:1205) om handel med utsläppsrätter

SFS: 2019:660

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Better implementation of the Waste Directive

Amendment: Miljöbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:22 Förbättrat genomförande av avfallsdirektivet

SFS: 2019:1263

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

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Support to fishermen affected by the cod-fishing ban in the Baltic Sea

New ordinance: Förordning om stöd med anledning av förbudet att fiska torsk i Östersjön

SFS: 2019:621

Entry into force: 31 October 2019

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs is responsible for issues concerning social welfare. This means promoting people's health and ensuring that sick people receive the care they need. The Ministry's area of responsibility includes insurance schemes that give people financial security when they are sick or elderly, or when their children are young. Issues such as individual and family care, support for people with disabilities and care of the elderly are also included. The Ministry also works on rights for people with disabilities and on issues related to the premium pension system.

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Breathing counts among the basic needs that can confer entitlement to personal assistance

Amendment: Lagen (1993:387) om stöd och service till vissa funktionshindrade

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:145 Personlig assistans för hjälp med andning

SFS: 2019:618

Entry into force: 1 November 2019

Extension of the possibility to have guarantee pensions paid out in the EEA and Switzerland, and in the United Kingdom

Amendment: Socialförsäkringsbalken, and lagen (2019:168) om sociala trygghetsförmåner efter det att Förenade kungariket har lämnat Europeiska unionen

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:131 Ytterligare fortsatt utbetalning av garantipension inom EES och Schweiz samt inom Förenade kungariket

SFS: 2019:644–648

Entry into force: 31 December 2019 and 1 January 2020

‘Benchmark age’ introduced as new age-related term

Amendment: Socialförsäkringsbalken, and lag (2009:47) om vissa kommunala befogenheter

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:133 En riktålder för höjda pensioner och följsamhet till ett längre liv

SFS: 2019:649–650

Entry into force: 1 December 2019 and 1 January 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 such as school performance, the provision of teachers and the introduction of newly arrived immigrants in school. It also works on issues concerning the activities of higher education institutions, research funding and student finance.

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A special board to investigate allegations of research misconduct

New act: Lagen om ansvar för god forskningssed och prövning av oredlighet i forskning

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:58 Ny ordning för att främja god sed och hantera oredlighet i forskning

SFS: 2019:504

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Ethical review of research – clearer regulations and stricter penalties

Amendment: Lag om ändring i lagen (2003:460) om etikprövning av forskning som avser människor (etikprövningslagen)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:165 Etikprövning av forskning – tydligare regler och skärpta straff

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

Clearer write-off possibilities for certain people with student loans and low incomes

Amendment: Studiestödslagen (1999:1395)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2019/20:1 Budgetpropositionen för 2020

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 January 2019

Right to preschool class education extended to children of members of foreign missions

Amendment: Lag om ändring i skollagen (2010:800)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:166 Rätt till utbildning i förskoleklass för barn till beskickningsmedlemmar från tredjeländ

SFS: 2019:801

Entry into force: 1 January 2020

National Agency for Education to be able to prescribe technical requirements to enable digital national tests in the future

Amendments: Skolförordningen (2011:185), gymnasieförordningen (2010:2039), and förordningen (2011:1108) om vuxenutbildning

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

SFS: 2019:687–689

Entry into force: 20 December 2019

Government grants to employ teaching assistants

New ordinance: Förordning om statsbidrag för anställning av lärarassistenter

SFS: 2019:551

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

Pilot project on cutting-edge programmes extended for two years

Amendments: Förordningen (2011:355) om försöksverksamhet med riksrekryterande spetsutbildning i grundskolans högre årskurser, and förordningen (2008:793) om försöksverksamhet med riksrekryterande gymnasial spetsutbildning

Basis for decision: Statens skolverks redovisning av uppdrag om utvärdering av försöksverksamhet med spetsutbildning (U2019/01684/GV)

SFS: 2019:570–571

Entry into force: 1 January 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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