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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
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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 arbetsmiljöupplysning
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)

**SFS:** 2019:1164

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2020

**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 betaljäster, and förordning (2010:1008) om betaljäster  
**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 landssting  
**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
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More potential protected objects and increased protection against unmanned vehicles
Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:127 Skyddsobjekt och obemannade farkoster
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 Försvarsmakten
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: Promemorian 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)
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

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

**Entry into force:** 1 January 2020

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

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 klimatbonsbilar
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

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

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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 tredjeland
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
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 lärarassistent
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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There is no new legislation entering into force at the beginning of 2020 in the areas for which the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is responsible.