

Key acts and ordinances entering into force in mid-2019



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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). Each act and ordinance has a unique SFS number.

More information about government bills, acts and ordinances is available 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. 2018:000).

Information on Swedish legislation

Lagrummet (portal in Swedish): www.lagrummet.se

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

The Government Offices' legal databases: <http://rkrattsbaser.gov.se>

The Swedish Riksdag website: www.riksdagen.se

Prime Minister's Office

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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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Expanded obligation to maintain industrial peace at workplaces covered by collective agreements and during legal disputes

Amendment: Lagen (1976:580) om medbestämmande i arbetslivet

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:105 Utökad fredsplikt på arbetsplatser där det finns kollektivavtal och vid rättstvister

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

Easier for employers to receive support for new start jobs

Amendment: Förordningen (2018:43) om stöd för nystartsjobb

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

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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Enhanced governance when localising government agencies

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:202) om statliga myndigheters lokalisering

Basis for decision: Promemorian Ökad styrning av myndigheternas lokalisering, Fi2018/00686/SFÖ

SFS: 2019:202

Entry into force: 1 June 2019

National Government Service Centre receives responsibility for local government services

New act: Lag (2019:212) om viss gemensam offentlig service

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:214) om viss gemensam offentlig service

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:47 Samlad struktur för tillhandahållande av lokal statlig service

SFS: 2019:212 and 2019:214
Entry into force: 1 June 2019

Greater freedom to build verandas

Amendments: Plan- och bygglagen (2010:900) and plan- och byggförförordningen (2011:338)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:112 Större frihet att bygga altaner

SFS: 2019:412 and 2019:413

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Reintroduction of tax reduction for donations

New act: Lag om godkännande av gåvomottagare vid skattereduktion för gåva

New ordinance: Förförordning om godkännande av gåvomottagare vid skattereduktion för gåva

Amendments: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229) and skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:92 Återinförd skattereduktion för gåvor till ideell verksamhet

SFS: 2019:000, 2019:000, 2019:000 and 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Higher ceiling for RUT (Cleaning, Maintenance, Laundry) tax deductions

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229), lagen (2009:194) om förfarandet vid skattereduktion för hushållsarbete och skatteförfarandelagen (2011:1244)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:89 Höjt tak för rutavdrag

SFS: 2019:000, 2019:000 and 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

New tax regulations to facilitate change of ownership between relatives in close companies

Amendment: Inkomstskattelagen (1999:1229)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:54 Nya skatteregler för ägarskiften mellan närstående i fåmansföretag

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Abolished special payroll tax for older people

Amendment: Lagen (1990:659) om särskild löneskatt på vissa förvärvsinkomster.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:82 Avskaffad särskild löneskatt för äldre

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Reduction of employers' social security contributions for young people

Amendment: Lagen (1994:1920) om allmän löneavgift, socialavgiftslagen (2000:980) and lagen (2001:1170) om särskilda avdrag i vissa fall vid avgiftsberäkningen enligt lagen (1994:1920) om allmän löneavgift och socialavgiftslagen (2000:980)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:99 Vårändringsbudget för 2019

SFS: 2019:000, 2019:000 and 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

Extended reduction of employers' social security contributions for the first employee

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

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:99 Vårändringsbudget för 2019

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

Increased and environmentally differentiated road tolls

Amendments: Lag om ändring i lagen (1997:1137) om vägavgift för vissa tunga fordon med kompletterande förordningar

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:32 Höjda och miljödifferenterade vägavgifter inom eurovinjettsamarbetet

SFS: 2019:155, 2019:282 and 2019:283

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Finansinspektionen authorised to investigate and take action in the event of infringements of the EU Prospectus Regulation

New act: Lag (2019:000) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s prospektförordning

Amendments: Lag om (1991:980) om handel med finansiella instrument, lag (2007:528) om värdepappersmarknaden med flera lagar och förordningar

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:83 Kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s prospektförordning

SFS: 2019:000, 2019:000 and 2019:000

Entry into force: 21 July 2019

Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Defence is responsible for Sweden's military defence and its support agencies. Its strategic planning includes international operations and security-building activities, which the agencies are instructed to implement and follow up.

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Modernisation of road traffic register legislation

New acts: Vägtrafikdatalag (2019:000), lag (2019:000) om fordons registrering och användning

New ordinances: Vägtrafikdataförordning (2019:000) and förordning (2019:000) om fordons registrering och användning

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:33 Behandling av personuppgifter samt registrering och användning av fordon på vägtrafikområdet

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Longer buses allowed in public transport

Amendments: Trafikförordningen (1998:1276), fordonsförordningen (2009:211) and förordningen (2001:650) om vägtrafikdefinitioner

Basis for decision: Buss på lång sikt - Rapport om möjligheterna att tillåta längre ledbussar och bussar med tillkopplad släpvagn avsedd för personbefordran (N2016/03181/MRT)

SFS: 2019:119–121

Entry into force: 1 May 2019

Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Justice prepares 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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Clarification of the right to public defence counsel in certain cases

Amendments: Lagen (2003:1156) om överlämnande från Sverige enligt en europeisk arresteringsorder, lagen (2011:1165) om överlämnande från Sverige enligt en nordisk arresteringsorder

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:42 Genomförande av rättshjälpsdirektivet

SFS: 2019:177

Entry into force: 1 May 2019

New insolvency register introduced

Amendments: Lagen (2017:473) med kompletterande bestämmelser till 2015 års insolvensförordning, konkurslagen (1987:672) and other acts and ordinances

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:48 Insolvensregister enligt 2015 års insolvensförordning

SFS: 2019:250–258

Entry into force: 1 June 2019

New single act on property relations between spouses or cohabitants in international situations

New act: Lagen (2019:234) om makars och sambors förmögenhetsförhållanden i internationella situationer

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:50 Makars och sambors förmögenhetsförhållanden i internationella situationer

SFS: 2019:234–242

Entry into force: 1 June 2019

Requirement that investors and asset managers make their principles for shareholder engagement public

New act: Lag (2019:284) om röstningsrådgivare

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:292) om röstningsrådgivare

Amendments: Lagen (1967:531) om tryggande av pensionsutfästelse m.m., årsredovisningslagen (1995:1554), lagen (2004:46) om värdepappersfonder, aktiebolagslagen (2005:551), lagen (2007:528) om värdepappersmarknaden, försäkringsrörelselagen (2010:2043), lagen (2013:561) om förvaltare av alternativa investeringsfonder, förordningen (2001:911) om avgifter för prövning av ärenden hos Finansinspektionen and förordningen (2007:1135) om årliga avgifter för finansiering av Finansinspektionens verksamhet

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:56 Nya EU-regler om aktieägares rättigheter (bet. 2018/19:CU16, rskr. 2018/19:213) and promemorian Kompletteringar till lagen om röstningsrådgivare

SFS: 2019:284 and 2019:292

Entry into force: 10 June 2019

Measures for a more effective defence in criminal proceedings

Amendments: Rättegångsbalken, lagen (1981:1310) om offentliga funktionärers rätt till gottgörelse för rättegångskostnad i vissa mål m.m., lag om ändring i häkteslagen (2010:611)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:71 Genomförande av barnrättsdirektivet and several other issues concerning criminal proceedings

SFS: 2019:263–268

Entry into force: 11 June 2019

Enhanced order and security in courts

Amendments: Rättegångsbalken, förvaltningsprocesslagen (1971:291), lagen (1981:1064) om säkerhetskontroll i domstol and other acts

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:81 Stärkt ordning och säkerhet i domstol

SFS: 2019:298–305

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

A more modern and appropriate examination of rental and tenancy cases

Amendments: Jordabalken, lagen (1973:188) om arrendenämnder och hyresnämnder, lagen (1994:831) om rättegången i vissa hyresmål i Svea hovrätt and other acts

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:66 En modernare och mer ändamålsenlig prövning av hyres- och arrendeärenden

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

More efficient examination of extradition cases in the Supreme Court

Amendment: Rättegångsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:60 Högsta domstolens sammansättning i utlämningsärenden

SFS: 2019:243

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Stricter penalties for subsidy misuse

Amendment: Brottsbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:78 Skärpt straff för subventionsmissbruk

SFS: 2019:310

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Extension of the Act Temporarily Restricting the Possibility to Obtain Residence Permits in Sweden

Amendments: Lagen (2016:752) om tillfälliga begränsningar av möjligheten att få uppehållstillstånd i Sverige, lagen (2017:353) om uppehållstillstånd för studerande på gymnasial nivå och utlänningslagen (2005:716)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:128 Förlängning av lagen om tillfälliga begränsningar av möjligheten att få uppehållstillstånd i Sverige

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 20 July 2019

Police given greater access to intelligence from the National Defence Radio Establishment (FRA)

New act: Lag om förbud mot användning av vissa uppgifter för att utreda brott

Amendment: Lagen (2007:980) om tillsyn över viss brottsbekämpande verksamhet

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:96 Polisens tillgång till underrättelser från Försvarets radioanstalt

SFS: 2019:000 and 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

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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Security controls at Sami Parliament meetings

New act: Lag (2018:1974) om säkerhetskontroll vid Sametingets offentliga sammanträden

Amendments: Lagen (1980:578) om ordningsvakter, sametingslagen (1992:1433), förordningen (2009:1395) med instruktion för Sametinget

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:287 Ändringar i regleringen för Sametinget och sametingsvalet, bet. 2018/19:KU9

SFS: 2018:1974–1976, 2019:308

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

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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Age limit of 15 introduced for driving water scooters

Amendment: Förordningen (1993:1053) om användning av vattenskoter

Basis for decision: Promemorian Ålderskrav vid framförande av vattenskoter (N2018/03981/MRT)

SFS: 2019:209

Entry into force: 1 June 2019

Classifying waste with regard to hazardous qualities

Amendments: Avfallsförordningen (2011:927)

SFS: 2019:328

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Safety conditions for geological carbon dioxide storage can be adjusted

Amendments: Miljöbalken and förordningen (2014:21) om geologisk lagring av koldioxid

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:64 Säkerhet vid geologisk lagring av koldioxid

SFS: 2019:295 and 2019:296

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

Responsibility for environmental damages also applies in Sweden's economic zone

Amendments: Miljöbalken and lagen (1992:1140) om Sveriges ekonomiska zon

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:95 Ansvar för miljöskador i Sveriges ekonomiska zon

SFS: 2019:000 and 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

Appropriate sanctions against unauthorised shipments of waste

Amendments: Miljöbalken

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:79 Ändamålsenliga sanktioner mot otillåtna avfallstransporter

SFS: 2019:000

Entry into force: 1 August 2019

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 farmers affected by the drought in 2018

New ordinance: Förordning om statligt stöd till lantbrukare som drabbats av torkan 2018

Basis for decision: Statens Jordbruksverks redovisning den 29 oktober 2018 med komplettering den 8 februari 2019 av regeringsuppdraget Uppdrag att föreslå utformning av ett ekonomiskt stöd till lantbruksföretag som drabbats av sommarens torka

SFS: 2019:201

Entry into force: 6 May 2019

Amendment to the Hunting Ordinance to facilitate hunting wild boar

Amendment: Jaktförordningen (1987:905)

Basis for decision: Promemorian Ändring av bestämmelserna i jaktförordningen (1987:905) avseende tillåtna jaktmedel

SFS: 2019:174

Entry into force: 15 May 2019

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs is responsible for issues concerning social welfare, including health promotion and ensuring that sick people receive the care they need. Some issues cover insurance schemes so that people have financial security when they are sick, elderly or when their children are young. Other issues include care of people with social difficulties, people with disabilities and the elderly. The Ministry also works on issues concerning rights for people with disabilities.

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Försäkringskassan (Swedish Social Insurance Agency) given greater scope to take action against dentists in the event of misconduct

Amendment: Förordningen (2008:193) om statligt tandvårdsstöd

Basis for decision: Ds 2018:36 Utökade möjligheter att avansluta tandvårdsgivare som misskött sig från det statliga tandvårdsstödet

SFS: 2019:114

Entry into force: 1 May 2019

Parental benefits for more family constellations and reserved basic level

Amendment: Lag om socialförsäkringsbalken and lag om föräldraledighetslagen (1995:584)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:276 Föräldrapenning för fler familjekonstellationer och reserverad grundnivå

SFS: 2018:1952 and 2018:1953

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

‘Medical social worker’ to be a new regulated profession

Amendments: Patientsäkerhetslagen (2010:659) and patientsäkerhetsförordningen (2010:1369)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:138 Legitimation för hälso- och sjukvårdskuratorer

SFS: 2018:1128 and 2019:170

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Permit requirement to sell tobacco, ban on smoking at open-air cafés and other amendments

New act: Lag om tobak och liknande produkter

New ordinance: Förordning om tobak och liknande produkter

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:156 Ny lag om tobak och liknande produkter and prop. 2018/19:43 Kompletterande bestämmelser till lagen om tobak och liknande produkter

SFS: 2018:2088 and 2018:223

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Amended transitional provisions regarding qualification requirements for social services case officers

Amendment: Lag om socialtjänstlagen (2001:453)

Basis for decision: Proposition 2018/19:68 Ändring av övergångsbestämmelse avseende behörighetsreglering

SFS: 2019:312

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Free screening for cervical cancer using smear tests

New ordinance: Förordning om avgiftsfrihet för screening för livmoderhalscancer med cellprov

Basis for decision: Ds 2018:25 Avgiftsfrihet för screening för livmoderhalscancer

SFS: 2019:313

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Newborn screening to include more diseases than just metabolic diseases

Amendments: Lag (2002:297) om biobanker i hälso- och sjukvården m.m., förordning (2002:746) om biobanker i hälso- och sjukvården m.m. and förordning (2006:358) om genetisk integritet m.m.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:85 Vissa ändringar som gäller PKU-biobanken

SFS: 2019:340–344

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Regulation of alcoholic ice cream and other products

Amendment: Lag om alkohollagen (2010:1622), etc.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:59 Reglering av alkoglass m.fl. produkter

SFS: 2019:345–362

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

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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Enhanced curriculum for preschool

New ordinance: Förordning om läroplan för förskolan

Basis for decision: Statens skolverks redovisning av uppdrag om en översyn av läroplan för förskolan (U2018/01521/S)

SKOLFS: 2018:50

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Preschool heads to be given the title of 'headteacher' and must complete a training programme

Amendment: Skollagen (2010:800)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:194 Fler nyanlända ska uppnå behörighet till gymnasieskolan och kvaliteten i förskola och fritidshem ska stärkas

SFS: 2018:1303

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

A reading-writing-arithmetic guarantee to be introduced

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

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:195 Läsa, skriva, räkna – en garanti för tidiga stödinsatser

SFS: 2018:1098

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Pilot project on distance teaching extended

Amendment: Förordningen (2015:481) om försöksverksamhet med fjärrundervisning

Basis for decision: Betänkandet Entreprenad, fjärrundervisning och distansundervisning (SOU 2017:44)

SFS: 2019:198

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Curriculum changes for increased security and a quieter study environment in school

Amendment: Förordningen (SKOLFS 2010:37) om läroplan för grundskolan, förskoleklassen och fritidshemmet, förordningen (SKOLFS 2010:251) om läroplan för sameskolan samt för förskoleklassen och fritidshemmet i vissa fall and förordningen (SKOLFS 2011:144) om läroplan för gymnasieskolan

Basis for decision: SOU 2017:35 Samling för skolan – Nationell strategi för kunskap och likvärdighet

SKOLFS: 2018:242-244

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Recreation instructors included in the license and qualification requirement

Amendment: Skollagen (2010:800)

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2017/18:194 Fler nyanlända ska uppnå behörighet till gymnasieskolan och kvaliteten i förskola och fritidshem ska stärkas

SFS: 2018:1303

Entry into force: 1 July 2019

Medical degree education programme extended to six years

Amendment: Högskoleförordningen (1993:100), bilaga 2

Basis for decision: SOU 2013:15 För framtidens hälsa – en ny läkarutbildning, promemorian En sexårig utbildning för läkarexamen (U2018/02704/UH)

SFS: 2019:161

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Business operators who breach the Geo-blocking Regulation may be required to pay financial penalties

New act: Lag (2019:59) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s geoblockeringsförordning,

New ordinance: Förordning (2019:60) med kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s geoblockeringsförordning.

Basis for decision: Govt Bill 2018/19:26 Kompletterande bestämmelser till EU:s geoblockeringsförordning.

SFS: 2019:59 and 2019:60

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