



Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Circular note 6/2019

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Missions and Career Consular Posts in Sweden and has the honour to convey the following.

The Swedish Parliament has on 20 November 2019 approved a government bill from the Swedish Government regarding the right to education in preschool class for children of mission staff. The government bill is described in the attached press release from the Ministry of Education and Research. The new legislation will enter into force on 1 January 2020.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions and Career Consular Posts the assurances of its highest consideration.

Stockholm, 25 November 2019



The Diplomatic Missions and Career Consular
Posts in Sweden



Press release from [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

Children of all embassy staff receive right to attend preschool class

Published 09 September 2019

The Government proposes in a government bill that the children of members of foreign missions from countries outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland will have the right to education in preschool class free of charge in the same way that they have the right to education in other compulsory school forms.

In 2018, preschool class became a compulsory school form, thus extending compulsory schooling in Sweden by one year. The overall purpose of preschool class is to stimulate pupils' development and learning and prepare them for continued education. Pupils are to be provided with the opportunity to develop in line with the subsequent knowledge requirements.

"Instruction in preschool class ties in educationally with the compulsory school that follows it. So it is also reasonable that six-year-olds with a parent working at an embassy of a third country should have the same right as other children in Sweden to attend preschool class," says Minister for Education Anna Ekström.

The proposal is expected to concern around 40 six-year-olds per year. It is proposed that the legislative amendments enter into force on 1 January 2020.

Contact

Anja L Sundberg

Press Secretary to Minister for Education Anna Ekström

Phone (switchboard) +46 8 405 10 00

Mobile +46 76 116 77 45

✉ email to Anja L Sundberg