

It is possible to apply to the Swedish Tax Agency for an ID card. In this brochure, you can read about who may apply for an ID card, how it may be used, and how to submit an application. More information is also available at www.skatteverket.se.

Identity card for people registered for population purposes in Sweden



Who may apply for an ID card?

Anyone who is at least 13 years old and registered as living in Sweden (belongs to the national register) may apply to the Swedish Tax Agency for an ID card. You must be able to identify yourself with approved ID documentation or via an attestor. In other words, you must be able to verify who you are.

It costs SEK 400 to apply for an ID card. You are required to have paid the application fee **before** you visit one of our offices that issue ID cards.

If you are under the age of 18, you must obtain the consent of your guardian in order to apply for an ID card. If you have two guardians, you must obtain the consent of both.

How may the ID card be used?

You can use the ID card as proof-of-identity and proof-of-age when collecting prescription medication from the pharmacy, when paying by credit card in stores and when conducting banking transactions, for example.

Many public authorities, local authorities and companies have e-services that require you to provide proof-of-identity for Internet transactions. For this reason, the ID card also has an e-identity function that can be used for electronic proof-of-identity and signature. You can read more about e-identity and e-services at Telia's website: www.telia.se.

However, the ID card may not be used in place of a passport when traveling to other countries.

The ID card is valid for five years.

How do you apply for an ID card?

This is how you apply for an ID card:

1. Pay the application fee in advance

It costs SEK 400 to apply for an ID card. You must pay the fee well in advance in order to ensure that the Tax Agency has received payment before you visit one of the offices. Please remember that it takes at least one business day to receive confirmation of the payment. Make sure to save your receipt of payment so that you can present it when you visit one of the offices.

Pay the fee to either of the following accounts:

- bankgiro 389-0100
- or
- plusgiro 50 40 62 -1

Please keep the following in mind if you pay via Internet: Remember to provide your personal identification number in the message field or information field. Print a copy of the confirmation of payment so that you can present it when you visit one of the offices.

This payment is the fee that the Tax Agency charges to consider your application. That means that you will not receive a refund if the Tax Agency decides to decline your application.

2. Visit one of the offices that issues ID cards

In order to apply for an ID card you must visit one of the offices that issue them. You must take with you a receipt showing that you have paid the application fee. If you are unable to prove that you have paid the application fee in advance, we will not be able to accept your application.

If you are under the age of 18, you must bring at least one guardian with you when visiting the office.

Only some of the Tax Agency's offices issue ID cards. Information about which offices issue ID cards is available on our website: www.skatteverket.se. Or, you may call Tax Information at the following number: +46 (0) 771 567 567.

Complete the application form

You will complete the application form for an ID card when you visit our office. We will verify your personal information in our register. Thus, you do not need to take with a personal registration certificate.

Prove your identity by presenting approved ID documentation or via an attestor.

You must also be able to prove your identity when you visit our office. There are two ways that you can do this:

- by presenting valid and approved ID documentation
- or
- by bringing someone with you (an attestor) who is able to certify in writing the information contained in your application by signing the form when you submit the application. The attestor must also be able to provide proof-of-identity by presenting approved ID documentation.

Approved ID documentation

The following are approved forms of ID documentation that you may use as proof-of-identity:

- an ID card issued by the Swedish Tax Agency
- a Swedish passport with a dark red cover
- a Swedish national ID card
- a Swedish driver's license
- a Swedish SIS-marked ID card that has been issued by a bank, company, government authority, the Swedish Cashier Service, or similar organization.
- a Swedish government-issued ID card (not SIS-marked).

In addition, a valid passport from any of the following countries is approved as ID documentation:

An EU passport issued 1 September 2006 or later by any of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia or Spain. EU passports fall within the scope of EC regulation 2252/2004. That means that they have a reasonable safety standard. (However, Bulgaria and Cyprus still do not have EU passports that are covered by the EC regulation.) All EU passports carry the biometry symbol (see the illustration).



Attestor

An attestor is a person who knows you well and is able to verify their relationship with you. You must be at least 18 years old in order to serve as attestor.

Any of the following persons may serve as attestor:

- your spouse or registered partner
- your child or grandchild, provided that they are at least 18 years old
- your parent/guardian
- your sibling or half-sibling, provided that they are at least 18 years old
- your grandparent.

It is also possible for your live-in partner, as per the Cohabitation Act, to serve as your attestor. In order for you and your partner to be considered as cohabitants, you must live together on a permanent basis or have a child/children together. Typically, six months is considered to be an adequate period of time for having lived together.

Finally, any of the following persons may serve as attestor if they bring with them a decision or certification that shows the relationship that you have to each other:

- a trustee or administrator
- a foster parent
- a public official from a local or state authority with whom you have a professional relationship, for example: a social welfare secretary, a refugee administrator (or similar), institution superintendent, or international advisor at a state university
- a person who has been your employer for at least one year.

Photo taking and measuring your height

When you visit our office, we will also measure your height and take your photograph, which will be displayed on your ID card. Thus, you do not need to bring a photograph of yourself with you to our office.

Additional information if required

If your application has not been fully completed, you will be asked to provide whatever information is missing. This may require an additional visit to our office.

If you are unsure about whether you fulfill all of the requirements, you may still submit the application anyway. The Tax Agency will make a weighted assessment of the information provided in your application. For example, we will take into consideration such factors as a relationship that has been terminated, a foreign passport or a decision from the Swedish Migration Board regarding a residence permit. We will verify the information with other authorities or, if necessary, ask you to provide additional information that can be used to verify your identity.

How do you obtain the ID card once it is ready?

Typically, it takes about two weeks before the ID card is ready. However, if it is necessary to further investigate certain information in your application, it may take more time before we can issue your card.

Once the ID card is ready, you will receive a letter from the Tax Agency. You can then collect your ID card from the office where you submitted your application. Save the letter and take it with you when you collect your ID card.

If you are not issued an ID card

If you are not issued an ID card, it is because it has been determined that you do not fulfill the stated requirements. If you nevertheless feel that you are entitled to receive an ID card, you may dispute the Tax Agency's decision. This is done by submitting an appeal to the Tax Agency. The Tax Agency will then forward the appeal to the county administrative court, which will decide whether to uphold or overturn the Tax Agency's decision.

If you lose your ID card

If you should lose your ID card, you must call the following number without delay in order to block the card and prevent it from being used by anyone else: +46 (0) 20 32 32 62. If your ID card gets stolen, you must also report this to the police.

