

EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT

for unemployed persons

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An education entry grant is a grant you can receive for one year if you are unemployed and need to study for your upper secondary school education in order to get work. You apply for an education entry grant from your local municipality.

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO AN EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT?

Below are some of the requirements you must meet in order to be entitled to an education entry grant:

- Aged between 25 and 60 (the right to an education entry grant applies from and including the year you turn 25 and up to and including the year you turn 60).
- You have been unemployed for at least six months during the last twelve months. If you have been registered as participating in a labour market policy programme or in establishment activities, that also counts as unemployment.
- Your former education is short and you have a high need to complete either the compulsory nine-year school or upper secondary school education in order to get a job. This is assessed by your local municipality.
- You have not received any student grants/loans over the past three years.
- You plan to study minimum 50% of full time for minimum three weeks.

Do you have a student loan from before? You must be able to pay your instalments on time. Contact CSN (The Swedish Board of Student Finance) if you have any questions about this.

You can read more about the requirements for an education entry grant at www.csn.se.

Foreign citizens

If you are a foreign citizen, you must also meet the requirements in order to be entit-

led to Swedish student finance. If you have a permanent residence permit (PUT) and live in Sweden, you are normally entitled to student finance in Sweden. This also applies to persons who have been issued with a time-limited residence permit by the Swedish Migration Agency due to status as a refugee or similar.

If you do not have a permanent residence permit or similar status to a refugee, a number of regulations apply to citizenship. You can read more about this at www.csn.se or in the fact sheet entitled "Svenskt studiestöd för studier i Sverige för dig som är utländsk medborgare" (CSN no. 4146). The fact sheet, published in different languages, can be downloaded from www.csn.se/blanketter.

WHICH TYPES OF EDUCATION PROVIDE ENTITLEMENT TO AN EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT?

The following educations provide entitlement to an education entry grant:

- Compulsory nine-year school and upper secondary school education within Sweden's municipal adult education programme (*not* SFI (Swedish as a Foreign Language), commissioned education or education combined with a trainee job).
- General courses at compulsory nine-year school and upper secondary school level at a folk high school.

FOR HOW LONG CAN YOU RECEIVE AN EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT?

The longest period you can receive an education entry grant is 50 weeks, if you study full time. If you study 50% of full time, this corresponds to 100 weeks.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU RECEIVE?

An education entry grant is a grant of SEK 2,294 per week, or SEK 9,176 for four weeks. Normally, grant payments are for four weeks at a time. You can receive grants for full-time study, 75% or 50% of full-time study.

EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT – amounts in SEK

	1 week	4 weeks
Full-time	2,294	9,176
Part-time, 75%	1,719	6,876
Part-time, 50%	1,149	4,596

Extra allowance if you have children

If you are the primary carer for children, you can receive an extra allowance, known as the extra child allowance. The amount of such an allowance depends on how many children you have and whether you are studying full-time or part-time. The table below illustrates how much extra allowance you can receive per week.

EXTRA CHILD ALLOWANCE – in SEK per week

	Full-time	75%	50%
1 child	159	120	77
2 children	260	197	130
3 children	313	235	158
4 children	366	273	186

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

You apply for an education entry grant from your local municipality. The municipalities receive funds every year to provide for education entry grants. The amount they receive determines how many persons can receive education entry grants. You cannot apply directly to CSN.

Possible application procedure:

- 1 Talk to your executive officer at Arbetsförmedlingen (Swedish Public Employment Service) or the municipality to find out who in your local municipality can help you with your application.
- 2 Your local municipality provides assistance in planning your studies and applying for an education entry grant. The municipality also carries out assessments and decides whether you belong to the target group for such grants, for example if you have a short former education. They then forward your application to CSN.
- 3 CSN carries out an assessment of whether you meet the other terms and conditions for entitlement to an education entry grant, and sends their decision to you. If you are a foreign citizen, you will receive two decisions – one concerning your right to Swedish student finance as a foreign citizen and one concerning your right to an education entry grant.

WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND WHILE STUDYING**If any changes occur**

If any changes should occur while you are studying, it is important to report these to CSN. Changes may for example be that you study for fewer credits than planned, that you cancel a course or that you get a higher income. If you do not report such changes, you may receive incorrect grant payments and may have to pay money back.

If you or a close family member becomes ill

If you become ill, it is important to report this to Försäkringskassan (Swedish social security office) as soon as possible. If you

do so, you may still receive education entry grant payments for the weeks when you are ill. We also take into consideration the fact that you have been unwell the next time we test your study results. The same applies if you need to stay home to care for children or a family member who is very unwell, but in this case, you must report to CSN.

We test your study results the next time you apply

The first time you apply for an education entry grant, we do not test any study results from former studies. However, we do carry out such a test if you apply once more for an education entry grant. CSN tests your study results each time you submit a new application. This implies that you need to gain a sufficient number of credits or courses in order to continue to receive new education entry grants or student grants/loans. You do not, however, need to pay back an education entry grant if you do not manage to achieve your study results.

HOW YOUR INCOME AFFECTS YOUR EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT

You are allowed a certain amount of income without a reduction in your education entry grant. This amount is known as the earned income allowance. Your education entry grant will be reduced if your income exceeds your earned income allowance. It will be reduced by 52 per cent on the portion of your earnings that exceed the earned income allowance.

The earned income allowance depends on the number of weeks you have received your education entry grant per six-month period, starting in January. Your earned income allowance is stated in your decision and on My Pages on www.csn.se.

The income is calculated for each half of the calendar year. Income includes the surplus earnings from employment, business activities and capital for the calendar year. You need to reduce the income of each type with the deductions you are allowed in accordance with tax legislation, such as travel deductions.

We will check whether the income details you have provided are the same as those in the final tax decision from the Swedish Tax Agency. If it becomes evident that your actual income was higher than that which you reported to us, you might need to repay the money you were not entitled to. This applies if your income was higher than the earned income allowance.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE YOUR EDUCATION ENTRY GRANT PERIOD EXPIRES?

If you want to continue to study after the weeks with the education entry grant have ended, you can apply for a student grant/loan from CSN. You can apply for a combination of a student grant and a loan, or decide to apply for a grant alone and not a student loan. Any student loans have to be paid back.

ABOUT CSN

The Swedish Board of Student Finance (CSN) is the Swedish authority in charge of education entry grants. We also process other grants and loans for students. Sweden's student finance system is one of the most generous in the world. Thanks to the opportunity to receive financial support, everyone in Sweden can study, irrespective of social, financial and geographical backgrounds.