

# Establishing yourself and working in Sweden

En översättning av Etablering och arbete i Sverige

As an asylum seeker in Sweden, it is good to prepare yourself for both the possibility of return and the possibility of a residence permit. If you receive a residence permit, you should learn Swedish as quickly as possible, find a job, and set up a way to support yourself. The Swedish Public Employment Service will help you along the way.

## **Introductory interview – survey**

During the asylum period, you and the Migration Board will survey your occupational and educational background. If you are to return to your country of origin, the survey will be a part of the work behind your return. If you receive a residence permit, the information from the survey will be an important part of your continued interview with us.

## **Continued interview – introduction interview**

As soon as you receive your residence permit, you should contact the National Tax Board to register yourself. By registering yourself, you can receive a national registration number, which is your identification number.

Based on the survey, we'll meet with you to discuss your abilities and previous employment, and your ambitions, interests, and talents. If you have diplomas and certificates from your previous employment and education, bring them with you to the meeting. If you need an interpreter, we will of course arrange for one.

## **A plan for your future – the introduction plan**

Based on the interview, we'll work out a plan together for how you'll find employment, get an education, or start your own business. In the plan, we'll also take up how your opportunities are affected by where in Sweden you live. We'll start with your opportunities and desires, and support you along the way, but you yourself must be active in order to find the way to your own livelihood.

## **A link between you and the labour market – the introduction guide**

In order to support you along the way towards work, you can choose what we call an introduction guide (a guide). He or she will support you when you're looking for employment, and when you have questions about studying, social issues, or society in general. You can choose your guide at the Public Employment Service.

### **Support in finding housing - a place of residence**

If you have received a residence permit, you can get help from us at the Public Employment Service with finding housing. We work hard to find housing in an area where you and your family will have the best conditions for finding work or the education you need.

### **Economic compensation - introduction benefit**

While you are creating an introduction plan with your employment officer, and when you are taking part in the plan's activities, you have the right to economic compensation - the introduction benefit. The compensation is individual and is the same across the country.

### **Knowledge of Swedish society – civic orientation**

Civic orientation is an activity that should be included in your introduction plan. Civic orientation is the municipality's responsibility and consist of at least 60 hours of education, where you will get a basic understanding of Swedish society. The education will be provided in your native language as much as possible, or in another language you understand.

### **The Public Employment Service can also help you with:**

- compiling and evaluating qualifications from your previous employment and studies
- contacts for education in civic orientation and the Swedish language
- study and vocational guidance
- secondary vocational education
- contacts with employers and workplaces
- work experience

### **We look forward to meeting you!**

In its capacity as a government agency The Swedish Public Employment Service is subject to professional confidentiality. This means that all information about you stays with your case officer. If your case officer needs to exchange information with another government agency, he or she must first ask for your consent.