

Engelska

Ersättning från a-kassan -
Information om ekonomisk ersättning när du
är arbetslös

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Benefits from A-kassan

Information about financial benefits when you are unemployed

During the period when you are looking for a job you are entitled to receive benefit from unemployment benefit funds, known as A-kassan. This benefit takes the place of part of the income you would have received if you had been working. To receive the benefit you must satisfy certain conditions. You will receive more benefits if you have been a member of an unemployment benefit fund for at least one year. But even if you have not been a member of an unemployment benefit fund, you can still receive benefits.

There are 28 different unemployment benefit funds covering different employment sectors. If you are not currently a member of an unemployment benefit fund you may contact the unemployment benefit fund you wish to join.

Read more at www.samorg.org/om-arbetsloshetsforsakringen or at www.arbetsformedlingen.se/a-kassa.

Requirements for me to receive benefits

In order to receive benefits from A-kassan you must first meet the basic conditions. For this you must

- register as a job seeker at the Arbetsförmedlingen (the Swedish National Employment Office)
- be available to work at least 3 hours per working day and an average of at least 17 hours per week with an employer
- otherwise be at the disposal of the job market, in other words have the intention of working and not have any thing that prevents you working

You must also fulfil a work condition. You need to have done sufficient work. Contact the unemployment benefit fund you are or wish to be a

member of if you would like to know more and to apply for unemployment benefit.

What must I do during the time when I am receiving benefit?

When you are receiving benefits from unemployment benefit fund it is important that you look for work in a way that you and your advisor have agreed upon. This means that you must

- create a personal action plan together with your job seeker advisor
- submit your activity report on time to Arbetsförmedlingen
- visit or get in contact with Arbetsförmedlingen, or other companies that work together with Arbetsförmedlingen at the times you have agreed
- look for work that we deem as suitable and which would be appropriate for you
- look for other jobs that you think would be right for you.

It is also important that you do not extend the time you are unemployed by

- turning down a suitable job
- behaving in a way that means that a job does not happen
- turning down a labour market programme that you have received funding (aktivitetsstöd) for.

You may not cause your own unemployment by

- leaving your job without a valid reason
- behaving in such a way that you get dismissed
- leaving a labour market programme you have received funding (aktivitetsstöd) for.
- behaving in such a manner that Arbetsförmedlingen decides to cancel a labour market programme you have received funding (aktivitetsstöd) for.

Report any changes!

Inform your Unemployment benefit fund about anything that might affect your benefits, for example if you begin to study or work.

Inform Arbetsförmedlingen if you change address, email address or telephone number so that we can always reach you.

Do you want to work abroad?

If you have worked in another country in the EU/EEA or in Switzerland, or if you are considering working abroad, special rules apply. Contact your unemployment benefit fund if you want to know more.

What Arbetsförmedlingen does

- informs the unemployment benefit fund when you register with Arbetsförmedlingen as a job seeker
- checks that you fulfil the conditions for entitlement to benefits from an unemployment benefit fund
- sends a message to your unemployment benefit fund if you
 - do not fulfil the conditions
 - are not looking for work in the manner you and your job search advisor have agreed
 - extend the time you are unemployed
 - cause yourself to become unemployed

What A-kassan does

- investigates and decides whether you are entitled to benefit from an unemployment benefit fund
- decides how much benefit you will receive
- pays your benefit
- answers questions about your benefits
- decides whether you should get reduced benefits as a result of Arbetsförmedlingen sending a message to your unemployment benefit fund.