

The Youth Job Programme

Young people can partake of special measures to find a job or begin studies as quickly as possible. The programme is called the Youth Job Programme.

What does the Youth Job Programme entail?

The programme initially entails you and your Employment Officer going through what measures you need, and what activities you can partake of to gain employment or begin studies. You can partake of the following activities:

- in-depth assessment
- study guidance and vocational guidance
- jobseeker activities with coaching
- work experience for up to three months with the same employer
- up to six months of education
- assistance with starting your own business
- the Employability Rehabilitation Programme
- occupational rehabilitation or reinforced occupational rehabilitation in a workplace

Can I be part of the Youth Job Programme?

You can be part of the Youth Job Programme if you are aged 16–24 years, and one of the following applies to you:

- You have, for at least three months, been registered as a jobseeker at Arbetsförmedlingen, and have, during this time, been full-time unemployed
- You have, for at least three months, been registered as a jobseeker, and worked less than you would be able to; you might, for instance, be employed by the hour or part-time, and you are entitled to receive unemployment benefit
- You are registered with Arbetsförmedlingen and have participated in the working life introduction labour market programme
- You are registered with Arbetsförmedlingen, and have been sentenced to prison and granted time outside the institution, or have been released on probation, but have not completed one year of the probation period

- You are registered with Arbetsförmedlingen, and have participated in introduction activities for certain new arrival immigrants, and the introduction plan has run out

You can take part part-time if you

- are part-time unemployed and are in receipt of unemployment benefits
- are on part-time parental leave of absence
- are over 20 years of age and are participating in municipal adult education, part-time
- are studying part-time within the framework of an education contract
- are studying Swedish for Immigrants, part-time

Will I get any compensation?

You can get activity support or development benefits when you participate in the programme. The compensation is paid by the Swedish Social Insurance Agency, which also calculates and makes decisions about the compensation. Your compensation can be affected if you don't seek employment to the extent or in the way that you and your Employment Officer have agreed on. Compensation can also be affected if you extend or cause your unemployment.

Read more in the *Activity support and development benefits* (Aktivitetsstöd och utvecklingsersättning) fact sheet at forsakringskassan.se.

Am I insured?

When you participate in the Youth Job Programme, you are covered by personal injury and group life insurance. The employer can also be compensated by the state should you damage anything at the company. The insurance does not apply to those participating in the business-starting programme.

Read more in the *Insurance and injury compensation responsibilities in certain labour market programmes* (Försäkringskydd och skadeersättningsansvar vid vissa arbetsmarknadspolitiska program) fact sheet at arbetsformedlingen.se.

How long can I participate in the Youth Job Programme for?

You can participate in the programme until you

- start working full-time
- begin studies outside the Youth Job Programme, at university, for example
- go on full-time parental leave of absence
- fall ill full-time for more than a month
- meet a new working condition as per the unemployment benefit act

You can participate in the programme for a maximum of 15 months.

What other conditions apply to me?

The programme is full-time, and demands a lot in terms of your participation. This means that you should try to find employment or begin studies as quickly as possible. It is important that your Employment Officer is continually made aware of what jobs you have applied for. Each month, you should also hand in an activity report, detailing the jobs you have applied for and other activities that you have performed during the previous month.

If you have a work experience placement, or are participating in training via Arbetsförmedlingen, you should apply for jobs for at least four hours per week.

You can't expect to get time off from the programme, but Arbetsförmedlingen can, in some cases, give you up to three days off.

Read more about absence from programmes at forsakringskassan.se.

Can I come back to the programme following employment or education?

You can come back to the programme if you have left it to study or to be on parental leave of absence. You can also come back if you have been sick-listed. However, you can't have been away for longer than a year. If you have been working and have become unemployed, you can come back to the programme on condition that you are not entitled to unemployment benefit.

Can I lose my place in the programme?

You can lose your place if you misbehave or disrupt operations. There may also be other special reasons why you can't remain in the programme.

Can I come back to the programme if I have lost my place?

You can come back to the programme if you fulfil certain requirements. Contact Arbetsförmedlingen if you would like to know more.

Can I get higher student aid if I don't have a leaving certificate or diploma?

You can get higher student aid if you want to study at municipal adult education or at a folk high school to get a leaving certificate.

Read more about higher student aid at the Swedish National Board of Student Aid's website csn.se.

Who does what?

Contact Arbetsförmedlingen if you would like to know more about the Youth Job Programme. Your Employment Officer will then assess whether or not you can participate in the programme. During the programme, the Employment Officer will follow up how things are going for you, and give you the support you need when applying for jobs.

Rules

Regulation (2007:813) concerning the Youth Job Programme
Regulation (1996:1100) concerning Activity support

Call us on 0771-416 416 if you are interested and would like to know more. You can also visit your nearest employment office, or look at arbetsformedlingen.se.