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Support for Starting a Business

Jobseekers with a good chance of succeeding with a business they want to start can, in some cases, receive support and help to start a company. The programme is called *Support for Starting a Business*, and provides a maintenance benefit during the business' initial phase.

Can I Receive Support for Starting a Business?

Your employment officer will first assess what chances you have of gaining work. The employment officer will base the assessment on your experience and the occupational field in which you are looking for work, but will also take the economic situation of the time into consideration. You must also have good chances of running a successful business; these chances will be assessed based on a business plan that you, as an applicant, must create before you can be approved for the programme. This means that the business must be able to provide satisfactory profitability and permanent employment.

You must be at least 18 years of age, and registered as a jobseeker with Arbetsförmedlingen.

Those who want to participate in Support for Starting a Business can, in some cases, receive work experience to increase their experience in the industry in which they are to run their business. If you haven't run a business before, you may also get the opportunity to attend preparatory training to learn about the rules that apply.

It's important that the business isn't started before the Support for Starting a Business programme has been approved by your employment officer, as you risk not being granted the support if the business is already up and running.

Will I Receive Any Compensation?

You will receive activity support or development compensation while participating in the programme and setting up your business. Försäkringskassan (the Swedish Social Insurance Agency) will calculate, determine and pay the activity support. Read more on fact sheet Aktivitetsstöd och Utvecklingsersättning (Activity Support and Development Compensation) on forsakringskassan.se.

How Long Can I Receive Compensation for?

You can receive compensation for a maximum of six months. Compensation can, in some cases, be extended, but only if you've fallen ill or have had to wait for a delayed decision from an authority.

Am I Insured?

You are not insured through activity support. Those who partake of Support for Starting a Business within the Job and Development Programme or the Youth Job Programme are not insured either. Ergo, you have to look at your insurance protection yourself.

Who Does What?

Contact Arbetsförmedlingen if you'd like to know more about the support you can receive when starting your own business. It's important that you've thought about your business idea so that you can describe it to us and provide us with a business plan and a cost plan. With help from financially knowledgeable consultants, we will then assess what chances you have of running the business successfully, and whether you meet the other criteria.

Can I Receive More Help?

Starting a business, alone or with others, requires knowledge and carries risks. We can offer advice and tips before you start your business, and during the initial phases. In some locations, we also offer information meetings and courses for new business owners. There are also a lot of other parties that can provide support and advice when you're starting your business, such as:

Verksamt.se. For those who run or want to start a business, Bolagsverket (the Swedish Companies Registration Office), Skatteverket (the Swedish Tax Agency) and Tillväxtverket (the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth) have created a website with collected information. You can participate in start-a-business-days, create a business plan, and register your business. www.verksamt.se.

ALMI Företagspartner (ALMI Business Partner). Helps those with plans to start a business, or those who have just started a business. Available in all counties. www.almi.se.

Enterprise Europe Network. Helps you with questions about the EU and the European market. www.euroinfo.se, 020 93 10 10.

Insamlingsstiftelsen IFS Rådgivningscentrum (IFS). Particularly helps those who weren't born in Sweden to start businesses. Free advice in various languages. Several advice centres throughout the country. www.ifs.a.se, 08 693 99 45.

NyföretagarCentrum (the Enterprise Agency). Free advice and help. Behind Nyföretagarcentrum is a broad, local network of people and businesses, offering expert

advice ahead of the start of a business. Available in some 100 towns and cities.
www.nyforetagarcentrum.se.

Coompanion – Cooperative Development. Provides advice to people who want to realise ideas together. Available in all counties. www.coompanion.se, 08 702 54 43.

Other Contacts. Examples: banks, municipalities' trade and industry secretaries, and interest organisations.

Rules

Labour Market Programmes Ordinance (2000:634)

Activity Support Ordinance (1996:1100)

Job and Development Programme Ordinance (2007:414)

Youth Job Programme Ordinance (2007:813)

Call us on 0771 416 416 if you'd like to know more. You can also visit your nearest employment office or go to arbetsformedlingen.se.