



Recognition of higher education qualifications from abroad



HÖGSKOLEVERKET
Swedish National Agency for Higher Education

The Swedish National Agency for Higher Education (Högskoleverket) evaluates higher education programmes from abroad for purposes of employment in Sweden. Only university and higher education programmes with a completed degree are evaluated.

These evaluations are free of charge.

Which educational programmes are assessed?

The Swedish National Agency for Higher Education evaluates most foreign higher education programmes. However, there are exceptions.

Regulated professions

If you are qualified for a profession in another country you should apply to the relevant competent authority (public agency) in Sweden for the right to pursue your regulated profession in Sweden. The right of professionals to work in a regulated profession in countries within the EEA and Switzerland is regulated by Directive 2005/36/EC.

A list of regulated professions and the contact details of competent authorities can be found on the Agency's website.

The Swedish National Agency for Higher Education also provides information about the EC directive, 2005/36/EC, concerning recognition of professional qua-

fications (regulated professions). Persons with foreign teacher training, who wish to work as teachers in Sweden can apply to the Agency for recognition and certification. For this assessment there is a fee.

How does the assessment work?

The Swedish National Agency for Higher Education compares undergraduate and postgraduate programmes from other countries with those provided in Sweden. The comparison is expressed in terms of Swedish degree levels. The evaluation does not involve any award of a Swedish degree. The evaluation is intended to serve as a recommendation for an employer. It can also serve as guidance for Swedish universities and higher educational institutions.

All decisions regarding admissions and transfer of credits from prior learning abroad are made by the universities and higher educational institutions themselves. This is the case with both completed and uncompleted education programmes. Information is provided by study counsellors at universities and higher education institutions.

Where can one obtain more information?

Useful sources of information include counsellors at employment offices, the central Study Counsellor Office (or equivalent) at universities/higher education institutions, study and career counsellors at

municipal adult education organisations or SFI schools (Swedish for immigrant schools), refugee secretaries or refugee coordinators. These persons can also certify copies of certificates with their signature, telephone number and the official stamp of the relevant authority.

Which documents should be included with the application?

Certified copies of the following documents should be enclosed together with the application form:

- University certificate or diploma
- An authorised translation of the diploma or certificate into Swedish or English if the original document is written in a language other than Swedish, English, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Norwegian or Spanish
- An official transcript of all completed courses in the original language
- An authorised translation of the official transcript into Swedish or English if the original document is written in a language other than Swedish, English, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Norwegian or Spanish
- *Personbevis* (proof of identity) from Skatteverket (Swedish Tax Agency) indicating citizenship and any change to the name you held at birth
- If you are unable to produce a *personbevis*, a copy of your passport and proof of application for a residence permit must be submitted if you are a non-EEA (EEA is Member States of the

EU and Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein) or Swiss citizen. The passport pages copied must include your name and passport number.

However, there are exceptions. To find out exactly what we evaluate and what documents we require from the country in which you have studied, please go to the link “Landspecifika krav” (in Swedish) on the website: www.hsv.se/utlandsk.

Further information

Further information may be obtained by calling, faxing or sending us an e-mail. Office hours are 08:00–16:30.



Example of evaluation result.

The Swedish National Agency for Higher Education is an authority that deals with issues concerning Swedish universities and other institutions of higher education. The Agency's tasks involve quality reviews, the supervision, monitoring and development of higher education, producing reports and analyses, evaluation of foreign qualifications and the provision of information for students.

More information on our website www.hsv.se.

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