

Application for U2 certificates

Important information for anyone planning to apply for work while continuing to receive Swedish unemployment benefit in another EU/EEA country, Switzerland or the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. Please read this information carefully before submitting your application.

Print and retain this information sheet!

Applying for work in another EU/EEA country, Switzerland or the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland with Swedish unemployment benefit

If you are a jobseeker without any employment, you may be entitled to look for work in another EU/EEA country, Switzerland or the UK for a maximum period of three months, and to continue to receive your Swedish unemployment benefit. In order to do this, you must apply for a U2 certificate.

At the bottom of this information is a list of countries in the EU and EEA respectively.

Jobseeking in the UK with Swedish unemployment benefit

The UK left the EU on 1 February 2020, thereby starting a transition period which ends on 31 December 2020. During the transition period, the UK remains part of the single market and customs union and under the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice. During 2020, it will be possible, subject to certain conditions, to apply for work in the UK on the basis of a U2 certificate for a maximum period of three months in the normal way.

With effect from 1 January 2021, new rules will apply under the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement. From this date, only those who were in a cross-border situation before the transition period ended and are still in a cross-border situation after the transition period has ended will, subject to certain conditions, be able to apply for work based on a U2 certificate in the UK for three months.

An example of a cross-border situation is where a British citizen has exercised their freedom of movement before the end of the transition period and settled and found employment in Sweden, and is still living and working in Sweden after 1 January 2021.

If you are considering applying to export unemployment benefit to the UK or Northern Ireland, contact the IAF for more information.

Jobseeking with a U2 certificate

Subject to certain conditions, you can obtain a U2 certificate if you are an EU/EEA citizen, a Swiss citizen or a UK citizen and intend to apply for work in another EU/EEA country, Switzerland or the UK.

Your right to be issued with a U2 certificate in order to look for work in certain countries may be limited due to your citizenship.

Jobseeking with an E 303 certificate

Subject to certain conditions, you can obtain an E 303 certificate if you are a citizen of a country outside the EU/EEA area or Switzerland and are looking for a job in the UK. To be entitled to an E 303 certificate, you must complete the same application form and meet the same conditions as for a U2 certificate; see below. See also the "Additional conditions for citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland". If you are granted an E 303 certificate, the UK will become responsible for paying your Swedish unemployment benefit.

Special additional information on citizenship

Some restrictions may apply, mainly for citizens of the countries that joined the EU in 2004 and 2007. More information on the transitional rules can be found on [the EURES](#) website. You can also contact the Swedish Public Employment Service (Arbetsförmedlingen) for more information.

IAF can provide further information on the possibility of seeking employment in another country while continuing to receive Swedish unemployment benefit if you are a citizen of a country outside the EU/EEA or Switzerland, stateless under the New York Convention or a refugee under the Geneva Convention.

Special additional information for anyone travelling to Spain

To register with the employment service in Spain, you will need a Spanish social security number. Contact the Spanish employment service well in advance of your departure to find out what you need to do. If you travel to Spain without a Spanish social security number, you may be denied registration with a Spanish employment service until you have been issued with one.

Special information for former cross-border self-employed persons

If you are completely unemployed and you were self-employed in Sweden in your last job, but you have been living in another Member State, you can, if no other unemployment benefit scheme is available for self-employed persons in the Member State in which you live, you can apply to export your unemployment benefit there based on a U2 certificate. You will then not need to meet the condition below, i.e. that for a period of four weeks before your departure, you are available to the Swedish Public Employment Service after you became unemployed. However, you must register as a jobseeker with the Swedish Public Employment Service in order to be entitled to unemployment benefit, and apply for a U2 certificate before you travel.

To obtain a U2 certificate, you must meet the following conditions:

- You intend to look for work in another EU/EEA, Switzerland or the UK.
- Before your departure, you must have been completely unemployed, registered as a jobseeker and been available to the Swedish Public Employment Service for at least four weeks after you became unemployed. The IAF may grant dispensation from some of this period subject to certain conditions, e.g. if you are accompanying your spouse or partner who will work in another Member State. The information must be supported by an employment contract/certificate of employment, which must be submitted with your application for a U2 certificate. (See also the exemption for fully unemployed cross-border self-employed persons above).
- You are entitled to unemployment benefit. If your unemployment fund has not reached a decision concerning your entitlement to unemployment benefit, the IAF will not be able to process your application for a U2 certificate.
- You apply for a U2 certificate before you travel.
- If you have previously had a U2 certificate or an E 303 certificate, you must have worked since then and meet the conditions again in order to be issued with a new U2 certificate.
- You must be a citizen of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland, stateless under the New York Convention, a refugee under the Geneva Convention or a citizen of a country outside the EU/EEA or Switzerland.

Additional conditions for citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland

If you are a citizen of a country outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland, you can apply for a U2 certificate for jobseekers in another EU country (but not Denmark), provided you are lawfully resident in a Swedish territory and are not in a situation which is limited to Sweden in all respects. A prerequisite for this is that you have the right to work and register with the employment service of the country in which you intend to look for work.

You should note that if you are granted a U2 certificate, at the request of the Member State you are travelling to, you must be able to present a document which verifies that you have a right to stay and work there.

If you wish to apply for a job in the UK, you must apply for an E 303 certificate, see more above under "Jobseeking with an E 303 certificate" and "Jobseeking in the UK with Swedish unemployment benefit".

How to apply for a U2 certificate

1. Fill in part A of the application form below.
2. Send your application to your unemployment fund no earlier than five weeks before your departure date. Use the address in the address below. The unemployment fund will complete part B of the application and return it to you.
3. Once you have received the application back from your unemployment fund, you must contact your employment officer at the Swedish Public Employment Service. The Swedish Public Employment Service will complete part C.
4. Check that the application is complete and sign it in part D.

5. Then send the application to the IAF. You are responsible for ensuring that the application is submitted to the IAF on time and that it is complete. If the application is incomplete, it will be returned to you for completion. You must submit your application to the IAF no later than five working days before your date of departure.

Changing your departure date

If you wish to change your date of departure after you have submitted your application, you must contact the IAF well in advance of your departure.

What happens next?

Decision

The IAF's decision, i.e. to either issue a U2 certificate or reject your application, will be sent to your address in Sweden. If the IAF decides there is not enough time to send you your decision before your departure, the IAF may send it to your foreign address. You should therefore make sure you provide your addresses in full in your application.

Registering in the country where you intend to look for work

You must register immediately as a jobseeker with the public employment service. This also applies if you have not received the IAF's decision. You should note that you must register within seven days after the date of departure stated on your U2 certificate in order to have unemployment benefit paid with effect from the departure date inclusive. If you register with the foreign employment service more than seven days later, you will only be entitled to receive benefit from the date on which you register.

Unemployment benefit will not be paid until the foreign employment service has informed your Swedish unemployment fund of the date on which you registered as a jobseeker there. The registration is confirmed via a form known as U009. When you visit the foreign employment service for the first time, it is a good idea to check with the administrator that a U009 certificate will be completed and sent to your unemployment fund in Sweden. You should also remember that it may take a number of weeks for the unemployment fund to receive your U009 form and for payment of your unemployment benefit to commence.

Some countries require you to obtain a national identification number or social security number before you register with their employment service. To avoid registration problems, it is important that you find out the rules that apply in the country where you intend to look for work. In some cases, it may be necessary to start the process even before your departure.

If you have any questions about the rules regarding registration with the employment service in the country in which you will look for work, you must contact the authorities of that country.

Payment procedures when jobseeking abroad with a U2 certificate

If you have been granted a U2 certificate, your Swedish unemployment fund will be responsible for paying your unemployment benefit from Sweden when you are

abroad. Please note that your Swedish unemployment fund must have received your U009 form from the foreign employment service in order for payment of your unemployment benefit to commence. For more information, see the section above entitled "Registering in the country where you intend to look for work".

Returning to Sweden

If you are unable to obtain work during your U2 trip, it is important that you return to Sweden within the approved period and contact the Swedish Public Employment Service. The date by which you must return to Sweden will be stated in section 2.2.1 of your U2 certificate.

U2 certificates cannot be extended

The period of validity of a current certificate cannot be extended. Under Article 64 of Regulation No. 883/2004, it is up to Member States themselves to decide whether or not certificates should be extended. Sweden has decided not to permit the validity period of U2 certificates to be extended. Under Section 28 of the Unemployment Insurance Ordinance, the IAF is not permitted to extend an export period.

If you wish to withdraw your application or your U2 certificate

You must notify the IAF in writing if you wish to withdraw your application for a U2 certificate. If the IAF has issued a certificate on your behalf, it is important that you return the certificate to IAF. Once you have done this, the IAF will notify your unemployment fund that you have withdrawn your application.

More information

- You can find out more about jobseeking abroad from [the Swedish Public Employment Service](#).
- If you have any questions about your unemployment benefit or U1 certificate, please contact your unemployment fund.
- Contact the IAF if you have any questions about U2 certificates (or E 303 certificates).

EU

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

EEA

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Contact information to the unemployment insurance funds

Unemployment fund	Street address	Postal address	
Akademikernas erkända	Östgötagatan 90, 5 tr.	FE 55	930 88 Arjeplog
Arbetslöshetskassan Alfa	Åsboholmsgatan 6		504 51 Borås
Arbetslöshetskassan för service och kommunikation	Barnhusgatan 6	Box 1149	111 81 Stockholm
Arbetslöshetskassan Vision	Bolidenvägen 14	FE 53	930 88 Arjeplog
Byggnadsarbetarnas	Barnhusgatan 6	Box 516	101 30 Stockholm
Elektrikernas	Barnhusgatan 6	Box 45104	104 30 Stockholm
Fastighets	Barnhusgatan 6, 4 tr.	Box 359	101 27 Stockholm
Finans- och Försäkringsbranschens	Oxtorgsgränd 2	Box 3111	103 62 Stockholm
GS	Olof Palmes Gata 31, plan 5	Box 1152	111 81 Stockholm
Hamnarbetarnas	Klarabergsgatan 29, 1 tr.	FE 66	930 88 Arjeplog
Handelsanställdas	Nygatan 3	Box 235	971 07 Luleå
Hotell- och Restauranganställdas	Olof Palmes gata 31	Box 494	101 29 Stockholm
IF Metalls EU-gruppen	Olof Palmes gata 11	Box 70422	107 25 Stockholm
Journalisternas	Vasagatan 50	Box 1116	111 81 Stockholm
Kommunalarbetarnas a-kassa	EU-enheten	Box 1057	621 21 Visby
Ledarnas	Kungsgatan 64	Box 12110	102 23 Stockholm
Livsmedelarbetarnas	Upplandsgatan 3	Box 1156	111 81 Stockholm
Lärarnas	Inläsningen	Box 12001	102 21 Stockholm
Pappersindustriarbetarnas	Olof Palmes gata 11, 5 tr.	FE 44	930 88 Arjeplog
Småföretagarnas		Box 6057	102 31 Stockholm
STs	Sturegatan 15	Box 5100	102 42 Stockholm
Sveriges Arbetares	Sveavägen 98, 3 tr.	Box 6507	113 83 Stockholm
Säljarnas	Sankt Göransgatan 66		112 33 Stockholm
Transportarbetarnas	Olof Palmes gata 29, plan 6	FE 19	930 88 Arjeplog
Unionens		Box 17098	200 10 Malmö

Läs igenom anvisningarna på informationsbladet innan du ansöker om intyget!
Samtliga delar av ansökan ska fyllas i.

Uppgifterna som lämnas kommer att behandlas i IAFs datasystem. Läs mer om
behandlingen av personuppgifter vid IAF på <https://www.iaf.se>

A. Grunduppgifter – fylls i av den arbetssökande		VAR GOD TEXTA!
Del A fyller du själv i. Tidigast fem veckor före avresan skickar du din ansökan till din arbetslöshetskassas EU/EES-handläggare, som ska fylla i del B.		
Förnamn	Efternamn	Personnummer, 10 siffror
Gatuadress i Sverige		Telefonnummer
		Mobilnummer
Postnummer och postort		E-postadress
Gatuadress i det land där du vill söka arbete		Födelseort
		Medborgarskap enligt pass
Postnummer och postort	Land	Avresedag
Arbetslöshetskassa som du får ersättning från		
Datum för underskrift	Underskrift	

B. Arbetslöshetskassans uppgifter – fylls i tidigast tre veckor före avresa		
Del B fyller din arbetslöshetskassas EU/EES-handläggare i och skickar tillbaka till dig per post. När du har fått tillbaka ansökan kontaktar du Arbetsförmedlingen, som ska fylla i del C.		
Ansökan inkom den		
Får den sökande ersättning från arbetslöshetskassan? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej	Ersättning sedan (år, månad, dag)	Tidrapporter finns t.o.m. (år, vecka)
Har den sökande deklarerat helt arbetslös på tidrapporterna? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej		
Hur många dagar av ersättningsperioden har den sökande kvar räknat från avresedag (förutsatt att han/hon är helt arbetslös)?		
dagar		
Besvaras om antalet kvarvarande dagar understiger 67 dagar Bedöms den sökande beviljas en ny ersättningsperiod/150 nya ersättningsdagar? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej		
Beräknas den sökande vara avstängd från ersättning vid avresan? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej	Om "Ja", ange startdatum samt längd för avstängning	
Har den sökande tidigare beviljats intyg E 303/U2? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej <input type="checkbox"/> Vet ej	Om "Ja", har den sökande arbetat sedan dess? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej	
Fylls endast i om sökanden vid sitt senaste arbete var egenföretagare		
Är sökanden en helt arbetslös egenföretagare? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej	Är sökanden gränsarbetare? <input type="checkbox"/> Ja <input type="checkbox"/> Nej	Ange bosättningsstat:
B. Arbetslöshetskassans uppgifter fortsätter på nästa sida		

Fylls endast i vid ansökan om intyg E 303

Dagpenningbelopp under tremånadersperioden, inklusive datum och belopp för samtliga förändringar, ska anges från och med avresedagen och tre månader framåt

Bruttobelopp	Skatt	Ev. övriga avdrag	Nettobelopp per dag	Antal ersättnings-Dagar	Fr.o.m.	T.o.m.

Önskar arbetslöshetskassan månatliga återrapporteringar från behörig institution utomlands (gäller endast för sökande med intyg U2)?
 Ja

Eventuella tilläggsupplysningar

Uppgiftslämnare/Namnförtydligande		Arbetslöshetskassans stämpel med postadress
Datum	Telefonnummer	

C. Arbetsförmedlingens uppgifter

Del C fylls i av Arbetsförmedlingen efter att du kontaktat dem.

Ansökan inkom den

Är den sökande inskriven på Arbetsförmedlingen?
 Ja Nej

Om "Ja", ange nuvarande sökandekategori:

I denna sökandekategori sedan (datum):

Eventuella tilläggsupplysningar, exempelvis inplanerade aktiviteter.

Information till Arbetsförmedlingen: Var god kontrollera att uppgifterna i del A stämmer samt att ansökan är komplett ifylld innan den skickas till IAF.

Uppgiftslämnare/Namnförtydligande		Arbetsförmedlingens stämpel med postadress
Datum	Telefonnummer	

D. Din underskrift

Del D fyller du själv i efter att du har kontrollerat att uppgifterna i del A – C stämmer och att ansökan är komplett.

Med stöd av uppgifterna under del A, B och C ansöker jag härmed om intyg U2 eller intyg E 303.

Jag har läst informationen som lämnas tillsammans med ansökan om intyg U2 eller intyg E 303 (sidorna 1-3)

Datum	Underskrift
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Skicka ansökan till:

Inspektionen för arbetslöshetsförsäkringen (IAF)
Box 210
641 22 Katrineholm

Tänk på att IAF bör ha din komplett ifyllda ansökan senast 5 arbetsdagar före avresedagen.