

# STUDY ALLOWANCE

for studies outside Sweden

CSN LEAFLET FOR THE 2011/12 SCHOOL YEAR

*This leaflet contains information about study allowance for you who intend to study abroad. Further information can be found on our web site, [www.csn.se](http://www.csn.se).*

## WHAT IS STUDY ALLOWANCE?

Study allowance is made up of four different possible contributions:

- a student grant
- a supplementary allowance
- a boarding supplement
- a daily travel grant.

At the longest, you can receive study allowance during upper secondary school studies up to and including the spring term in the year that you reach the age of 20. Please note that you can only apply for one year at a time.

### Student grant

The student grant amounts to 1,050 SEK per month. At the earliest, this grant is paid to your legal guardian from the quarter following your 16th birthday.

### Supplementary allowance

Supplementary allowance is a contribution that is evaluated based on your own and your parents' economy. Your joint incomes and a fifth of your capital assets over the value of 75,000 SEK are added together. There is no lower age limit for a supplementary allowance.

In the chart below, you can see how much you are entitled to.

| Income before tax    | Supplementary allowance per month |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Less than 85,000 SEK | 855 SEK                           |
| 85,000–104,999 SEK   | 570 SEK                           |
| 105,000–124,999 SEK  | 285 SEK                           |

### Boarding supplement

A boarding supplement is a contribution you can receive if you have to stay some-

where other than your home town for your studies. The total travel time between your parents' home and the school must be at least two hours per day, if you were not boarded. If at least half of your boarding is funded by the state or municipality, you are not entitled to receive a boarding supplement from CSN.

The amount that you receive as boarding supplement each month depends on the one-way travelling distance between your parents' home and the school. The sum spans from 1,190 to 2,350 SEK per month.

### Daily travel grant

Daily travel grants are normally to be requested from your home municipality. If they do not allow you the grant, you can in some cases receive it from CSN. A requirement for receiving a daily travel grant is that the travel distance between the place of residence and the school must be at least six kilometres. This mainly applies for trips on public transport.

If public transport is not available, you can receive a grant for other modes of transport. Travel by car is calculated according to the lowest state allowance.

The maximum daily travel grant you can receive is 1,190 SEK per month. You cannot receive both a boarding supplement and a daily travel grant at the same time.

## APPLICATION

If you are to study outside of Sweden and wish to receive study allowance, you need to send in specific application forms (only available in Swedish):

- for study allowance for studies outside of Sweden (student grant and boarding supplement) "Ansökan om studiehjälp för studier utanför Sverige (studiebidrag och inackorderingstillägg)" (form No. 5101)

- for supplementary allowance "Ansökan om extra tillägg" (form No. 1601)
- for daily travel grant "Ansökan om bidrag för dagliga resor" (form No. 5103).

The forms can be requested from our web site, [www.csn.se](http://www.csn.se). The final date for applications for the 2011/12 school year is 30 June 2012.

## WHO CAN RECEIVE STUDY ALLOWANCE?

In order to receive study allowance when studying abroad

- you must be a Swedish citizen (see "In Nordic Countries" below)
- the course must last for at least three months, within the EU 15 days
- you must study full-time
- the school and study course must be approved in that country.

In addition, different rules apply if you are studying in or outside a Nordic country or in another EU/EEA country or Switzerland.

### In Nordic Countries

If you are going to a school or taking a course that is state run or overseen by the state in Denmark, Finland, Iceland or Norway, you are eligible for study allowance on the same terms as you would be if you were studying in Sweden. Swedish citizenship is not required.

### Outside Nordic Countries

The following requirements apply for those studying outside the Nordic Countries:

- An equivalent or comparable course must not be available in Sweden.
- You must have been registered as a Swedish resident for two years prior to the commencement of your studies abroad.

We can make exceptions from these rules if you live abroad together with your legal guardian(s) and at least one of them

- is sent to another country by a Swedish governmental employer
- is employed abroad by a Swedish registered religion or agency connected with such a religion
- is employed abroad by a Swedish charity that is engaged in aid work
- receives student aid from Sweden for study abroad under the provisions of chapter 3 of the Study Support Act (1999:1395).

*If your parents or guardians live in Sweden or another country than the one you study in, you can receive study allowance only after thorough examination of the focus of the courses that you are taking. It is required that*

- an equivalent or similar course is not available in Sweden
- the course must be vocational.

That certain subjects or languages differ from a similar course in Sweden is not considered as grounds for being unable to study an equivalent course in Sweden. Therefore, you are not eligible for study allowance for courses where the general focus is the equivalent of Swedish upper

secondary school, such as high school in the United States.

### **PAYMENT**

Study allowance is paid out each month. You will receive the first payment for the term after you send in a study certificate. The certificate is sent out along with the decision. It is the school that should certify that you have started studying that school term. If you are to receive study allowance for more than one term, you will receive a certificate for the start of each term.

CSN pays out study allowance in cooperation with Swedbank. The beneficiary (you or your legal guardian) must personally contact that bank and notify them of which bank and to what account the funds should be sent to. It can be an account at Swedbank or another bank in Sweden.

### **Who gets the money?**

As long as you are a minor, the money will be paid to your legal guardian who most recently received child allowance. Starting from your 18th birthday, the study allowance will be paid to you yourself.

### **FOR YOU WHO ARE FOREIGN CITIZEN**

Special rules apply for those who are not Swedish citizens. CSN must first ascertain if you have basic entitlement to Swedish student aid. You must therefore fill in a form called "Ansökan om grundläggande rätt till svenskt studiestöd – studiehjälp" (form no. 4144) and send it to CSN. You can order the form at [www.csn.se](http://www.csn.se).

### **EU/EEA CITIZENS**

In addition to the rules already explained, children of EU/EEA citizens can under some circumstances be awarded a student grant and a supplementary allowance for studies in another EU/EEA country or Switzerland, in accordance with EEC regulation no. 1408/71. *Swedish citizens whose parents live in Sweden can also receive a student grant and supplementary allowance for upper secondary school studies in another EU/EEA country or Switzerland.*

You cannot receive a boarding supplement or daily travel grant according to EC law.



### **Do you want more information?**

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