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Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden

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During the years 2020–2022 the Government imposed a ban on entry to Sweden to prevent the virus that causes COVID-19 entering the country or being spread to other countries. Rules and exemptions differed over time and depending on which country you were travelling from. All entry restrictions linked to COVID-19 have now ceased to apply (as of 1 April 2022).

The Public Health Agency of Sweden's recommendations

Please note that people travelling into Sweden from abroad must follow the Public Health Agency's recommendations upon arrival.

> Information to people entering Sweden from abroad (The Public Health Agency of Sweden website)

The following currently applies

All entry restrictions linked to COVID-19 have ceased to apply as of 1 April 2022.

Entry from EU/EEA countries

A temporary ban on entry from EU/EEA countries, as well as Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican City, was introduced in February 2021. On 30 June 2021, the Swedish regulations were aligned with the EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation. These entry restrictions have now been lifted. As of 9 February 2022, people travelling to Sweden from these countries are no longer required to present a COVID certificate, or any other type of certificate, as per the pre-pandemic regulations.

Entry from countries outside the EU/EEA

A temporary ban on non-essential travel from countries outside the EU/EEA to Sweden was introduced in March 2020. To travel to Sweden from countries outside the EU/EEA, including the United Kingdom, you had to be covered by at least one of the exemptions from the entry ban and also be able to present a negative COVID-19 test or be exempt from the test requirement. Exemptions from the entry ban and test requirement applied for several categories of travellers, including those with a vaccination certificate issued in certain countries. These entry restrictions have now ceased to apply. As of 1 April 2022, people travelling to Sweden from countries outside the EU/EEA are no longer required to present a negative COVID-19 test, a vaccination certificate, or any other type of certificate.

> Press release: Sweden to lift ban on entry from all countries

Press releases about the entry ban

- > 25 March 2022: Sweden to lift ban on entry from all countries
- > 7 February 2022: Sweden to lift ban on entry from EU/EEA countries
- > 27 January 2022: Ban on entry to Sweden extended
- > 18 January 2022: Amendments to the entry ban for people who travel to Sweden
- > 22 December 2021: Negative COVID-19 test required for entry into Sweden

- > 16 December 2021: Amendments to the ban on entry into Sweden
- > 9 December 2021: Amendments to the entry ban for people who travel to Sweden from El Salvador and Jordan
- > 2 December 2021: Amendments to the entry ban for people who travel to Sweden
- > 25 November 2021: Amendments to the entry ban for people travelling to Sweden from certain countries outside the EU/EEA and extended ban on entry to Sweden from countries within the EU/EEA
- > 11 November 2021: Vaccinated people travelling to Sweden from Armenia are exempted from the entry ban and test requirement
- > 3 November 2021: Amendment to exemptions from entry ban for residents of Argentina, Colombia, Namibia and Peru
- > 28 October 2021: Extended ban on entry to Sweden and exemptions for fully vaccinated travellers from US and other countries
- > 15 October 2021: Amendment to exemptions from entry ban for residents of Bahrain and United Arab Emirates
- > 7 October 2021: Vaccinated travellers to Sweden from the UK to be exempted from entry ban and test requirement
- > 30 September 2021: Amendments to the entry ban for people travelling to Sweden from certain countries outside the EU/EEA
- 23 September 2021: Vaccinated people travelling to Sweden from Albania, Andorra, Faroe Islands, Israel, Morocco, Monaco and Panama are exempted from the entry ban and test requirement
- > 17 September 2021: Amendments to the entry ban for people travelling to Sweden from certain countries outside the EU/EEA
- > 2 September 2021: The Government to reintroduce ban on entry to Sweden for travellers from the US, Israel, Kosovo, Lebanon, Montenegro and North Macedonia
- > 26 August 2021: Ban on entry to Sweden extended
- > 19 August 2021: Increased possibilities for participants in international elite competitions to enter Sweden
- > 21 June 2021: Entry ban on travel to Sweden extended
- > 11 June 2021: Amendment to exemptions from entry ban for residents of Japan
- > 28 May 2021: Entry ban on travel to Sweden extended, but entry restrictions from Nordic countries lifted

- > 12 May 2021: Amendment to exemptions from entry ban for residents of Israel
- > 31 March 2021: Entry ban to Sweden this is what applies from today
- > 24 March 2021: Extension of general entry ban and testing requirement for travel from all countries, and lifting of separate entry restrictions for travel from Denmark and Norway
- > 3 February 2021: Negative COVID-19 test required for entry into Sweden
- > 28 January 2021: Amendments to ban on entry from United Kingdom, Norway and Denmark
- > 26 January 2021: Temporary ban on entry from Norway
- > 14 January 2021: Amendments to the exemption from the entry ban for residents of Uruguay
- > 14 January 2021: Certain amendments to the ban on entry from the UK and Denmark
- > 30 December 2020: Negative COVID-19 test result required for entry into Sweden from UK
- > 23 December 2020: Changes to the ban on entry when travelling to Sweden from the United Kingdom and Denmark
- > 22 December 2020: Ban on entry into Sweden from the United Kingdom and Denmark
- > 17 December 2020: Temporary entry ban extended until 31 March 2021 and amended due to Brexit
- > 29 October 2020: Amendments to the exemption from the entry ban for residents of certain countries
- > 22 October 2020: Extension of temporary entry ban to Sweden until 22 December 2020
- > 27 August 2020: Extension of temporary entry ban to Sweden until 31 October 2020
- > 13 August 2020: Change to the temporary ban on entry into Sweden
- > 3 August 2020: Change to the temporary ban on entry into Sweden
- > 17 July 2020: Change to the temporary ban on entry into Sweden
- > 2 July 2020: Extension of temporary entry ban to Sweden until 31 August 2020 and easing of restrictions for more travellers
- > 25 June 2020: Temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden extended until 7 July 2020

- > 12 June 2020: Extension of temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden due to COVID-19
- > 4 June 2020: Amendments to the temporary ban on entry into Sweden
- > 14 May 2020: Extension of temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden due to COVID-19
- > 16 April 2020: Extension of temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden due to COVID-19
- > 18 March 2020: Temporary ban on travel to Sweden due to COVID-19

Do you have questions?

For questions about COVID-19, you can call the national information number 113 13. The service is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

From abroad, call +46 (0)77 33 113 13.

Shortcuts to authorities

- > The Swedish Police: Travel to Sweden during the corona pandemic 🗂
- > The Swedish Police: Frequently asked questions: entry ban 🗂
- > The Public Health Agency of Sweden: Information to people entering Sweden from abroad
- > The Swedish eHealth Agency: COVID Certificate: For travelling ©
- > The Swedish Migration Agency: Information regarding COVID-19
- > The Swedish Transport Agency: Overall information regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- > Krisinformation.se (Emergency information from Swedish authorities):
 Official information about Covid-19
- > 1177.se Vårdguiden: Collective information about COVID-19

How long will the entry ban apply?

The restrictions on entry into Sweden from countries outside the EU/EEA have ceased to apply as of 1 April 2022.

As of 9 February 2022, entry from the Nordic countries and other EU and EEA countries is no longer subject to any entry restrictions.

European Economic Area (EEA)

In addition to Sweden, the following states are EEA states:
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain

Shortcuts

> The Government's work in response to the virus responsible for COVID-19

Ordinances (in Swedish only)

See the ordinances, including amendments, in Swedish on the website of the Riksdag (Swedish parliament).

- > Förordning (2020:127) om tillfälligt inreseförbud till Sverige, on the Riksdag website
- > Förordning (2020:1258) om tillfälligt inreseförbud vid resor från EES- stater och några andra stater till Sverige, on the Riksdag website