

Repatriation Grant

**FOR THOSE WHO MEET INDIVIDUALS
CONSIDERING VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION**

New rules – what applies to voluntary repatriation

Moving from Sweden when you have permission to reside here is referred to as voluntary repatriation. This means that a person holding a residence permit in Sweden on protection grounds chooses to return to their country of origin or to another country where they have the right to reside.

Those who have decided to repatriate voluntarily can apply for a repatriation grant. The rules for the grant will change on 1 January 2026. Here we provide more information about the new rules – what applies and who can apply.

- **Who can apply for a repatriation grant?**
- The grant can be applied for by individuals who are resident in Sweden and hold a residence permit granted on 12 September 2024 or earlier.
- The person has
 - a residence permit as a refugee or a person in need of subsidiary protection
 - arrived in Sweden as a quota refugee
 - been granted a residence permit on the grounds of exceptionally distressing circumstances
 - a permanent residence permit under the Temporary Act that applied to asylum seekers and their family members from 2016 to 2021, or
 - a permanent residence permit under the Upper Secondary School Act (Gymnasielagen)

A family member of a person holding a residence permit on any of the grounds listed above may also be eligible for the grant.

Not everyone can receive the grant

The repatriation grant is not awarded if the person

- is a Swedish citizen
- has previously received a repatriation grant
- is moving to an EU/EEA country or Switzerland
- is from Ukraine and holds a residence permit under the Temporary Protection Directive
- has unpaid debts to the Swedish Board of Student Finance (CSN) or the Swedish Enforcement Authority (Kronofogden)
- has been sentenced to imprisonment, or is charged with or suspected of a crime



Support for travel and a good start

The grant can, for example, cover travel costs and help the person get a good start in their new country. Maximum amounts:

SEK 350,000 per adult (over 18 years)

SEK 25,000 per child

Up to SEK 500,000 for spouses or cohabiting partners

Up to SEK 600,000 per household

Payment is made in three stages:

- 1 One fifth of the total amount is paid at the decision stage while the person is still in Sweden.
- 2 40% of the remaining amount is paid once the person has arrived in the country they are moving to.
- 3 The remaining 60% is paid when the person's Swedish residence permit has expired, no earlier than 15 months after leaving Sweden.

Repayment

An individual will be required to repay the grant if they:

- do not leave Sweden within 12 months of the decision
- move back to Sweden after leaving
- have received the money on incorrect grounds

Important things to consider

- A person who wishes to retain their permanent residence permit can do so for up to two years. The applicant must notify the Swedish Migration Agency before leaving Sweden.
- A temporary residence permit expires when the permit period ends.
- When an application for a repatriation grant is received, the Swedish Migration Agency will investigate the withdrawal of any protection status the person may hold. This is a separate decision and does not affect eligibility for the grant.
- Individuals moving to a country other than their country of origin must have permission to reside in that country.
- If a person returns to Sweden after receiving a repatriation grant, they will be required to repay the grant.

More information

More information about the repatriation grant is available at migrationsverket.se via the QR code.

