

## **EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS :** **Occupational therapists with an education from abroad** **looking for work in Sweden**

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*In Sweden, occupational therapist is a protected professional title that may be used only by those who hold a licence to practise.*

**Language:** Swedish

### **Source of information:**

Swedish Embassy or Consulate in your own country.

Information: [www.regeringen.se/sb/d/5614](http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/5614)

### **Source of information about immigration regulations:**

Depends on whether you are a Nordic citizen, an EU or a non-EU citizen.

Information: Migration Board (Migrationsverket) [www.migrationsverket.se/info/156\\_en.html](http://www.migrationsverket.se/info/156_en.html)

### **Professional Information:**

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Web site: [www.fsa.akademikerhuset.se](http://www.fsa.akademikerhuset.se) – check “Other languages” on the top (information in English, French, German and Spanish). Here you also can download different leaflets, for example “Descriptions of professional requirements for occupational therapists” (2003).

### **Requirements for employment as an occupational therapist in Sweden:**

- a) All occupational therapists looking for a job in Sweden have to be registered/licensed here. Registrations are carried out by the National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen) and apply to OTs educated both in Sweden and abroad.
  - Information if you are an occupational therapist who received your training outside Sweden in an EU Member State or in Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland:  
[www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeee/occupationaltherapist](http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeee/occupationaltherapist)
  - Information if you are an occupational therapist trained in another country than the EU countries, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.  
[www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseothercountries/occupationaltherapist](http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseothercountries/occupationaltherapist)
- b) The licence to practise also entails a responsibility to have sufficient knowledge of the Swedish language to be able to understand what the patient/client is saying and to be able to communicate with the patient/client and other professionals around the patient/client and also be able to document according to pertinent law.
- c) The licence to practise also entails a responsibility to be familiar with Swedish legislation in your field.

As member of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), the Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists also recommends you to have your graduation/exam from WFOT recognised programme. Check list of programmes at [www.wfot.org](http://www.wfot.org).

### **Source of information about positions available and job finding information**

- European Job Mobility Portal (EURES) <http://ec.europa.eu/eures/home.jsp?lang=en> - information and jobs in Sweden and Europe (in many different languages)
- Swedish Public Employment Service (Arbetsförmedlingen)  
[www.arbetsformedlingen.se/Globalmeny/Other-languages.html](http://www.arbetsformedlingen.se/Globalmeny/Other-languages.html)  
look for jobs and leaflets about working in Sweden (in many different languages)
- Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations (Saco)  
[www.saco.se/templates/StandardPage.aspx?id=5463&epslanguage=EN](http://www.saco.se/templates/StandardPage.aspx?id=5463&epslanguage=EN)  
Web portal for newcomers to Sweden -
- Subscribe to (or read) the journal “Arbetsterapeuten” (in Swedish) published by the Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists - [www.fsa.akademikerhuset.se/Tidskriften/](http://www.fsa.akademikerhuset.se/Tidskriften/)