

Taxi drivers

1. Professional title

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2. Description of the application, etc.:

Application for a taxi driver certification is submitted to the Swedish Transport Agency

3. Description of the profession

The professional role implies the ability to drive taxi-service vehicles. To be able to do this, the person needs a taxi driver certification.

4. Variants of the professional role

People having a taxi driver certification can also conduct transportation service (for the old or disabled), school transport, commissioned transport, etc.

5. Different application processes depending on the applicant's country of origin

- If the applicant has a foreign driving licence, the applicant must attach a copy of the driving licence and a certificate from the issuing country's driving licence authority, which shows that the driving licence is valid and has not been cancelled in the past two years. This applies even if the applicant has a Swedish driving licence today but has changed from a foreign driving license in the last two years.
- The applicant must be a citizen of an EU/EES country or Switzerland.
- If the applicant has been living in Sweden for less than three years, the applicant must attach an abstract equivalent to a police register abstract, from a valid foreign authority in the country or countries that the applicant has lived in in the last three years. While the matter is being

processed, the transport agency may require an abstract from the applicant, corresponding to a police register abstract from the countries that the applicant has lived in, in the last 5 years.

6. Processing of the application, etc.:

The filled application must be sent to the Swedish Transport Agency, Örebro 70198. The application can also be submitted electronically on the Swedish Transport Agency's e-service. Also, a complete and signed medical certificate for the taxi driver certification must be attached.

7. Background control

Checks are performed against the criminal records registry and the road traffic register after the application fee is paid.

8. Fee

The application fee is 1,200 SEK plus an additional 150 SEK for making a taxi driver's badge.

9. Processing time

Standard processing time is 21 days after the application fee is paid and the matter is complete.

10. Preliminary requirements

For a person to be granted a taxi driver certification, the following requirements must be met.

- Is aged 21 or over
- Has a driving license with category B since 2 years or has driving licence with category D.
- Meets the medical requirements that are necessary with respect to the safety of passengers and other road-users
- With respect to professional knowledge and abidance to law, is suitable to work as a taxi driver.
- Has passed an approved driving test for taxi driver certification.

11. Appendices

For the application, the following documents must be attached.

- Medical certificate for taxi driver certification. If the applicant has diabetes, a specialist medical certificate should also be provided for the assessment of the disease; in case of certain other diseases as well, a medical certificate from a specialist should be provided.

For application concerning recognition of the taxi driver certification from another EU/EES country or Switzerland, the application must also comprise:

- Attested copy of a valid passport.

- Attested copy of the applicant's taxi driver certification if the taxi driving profession is regulated in the establishment country.
- Attested copy of certificate showing taxi driving experience if the taxi driving profession is not regulated in the establishment country.
- Attested copy of the police register abstract, see pt. 5
- Attested copy of driving licence and certificate of driving licence history, see pt. 5

12. Permit period

The taxi driver certification applies until further notice but only together with a valid driving license. A taxi driver certification can be cancelled upon individual request by the holder or by the Swedish Transport Agency.

13. Registration

The Swedish Transport Agency keeps a record of all those who have taxi driver certification in the Road Administration register.

14. Supervision of professional experience

The Swedish Transport Agency is responsible for the supervision with the help of mainly the Police Authority.

15. Read more-link

<http://www.transportstyrelsen.se/sv/vagtrafik/Yrkestrafik>

16. Contact information

The application is not received by email. Use instead the e-service or standard mail.

17. Temporary professional practice in Sweden

Taxi drivers from an EU/EES country or Switzerland can temporarily practice driving a taxi in Sweden. The application must be made by the taxi driver to the Swedish Transport Agency.

For the application of temporary professional practice as taxi drivers, the following documents should be attached.

- Foreign professional title
- Passport
- If the taxi driving profession is a regulated profession in your establishment country, you need to attach a document from an authorised authority in your establishment country that proves that you are a taxi driver.

- If the taxi driving profession is not a regulated profession in your establishment country, you need to attach a document or documents that show that you have at least one year's professional practice as taxi driver in the last ten years

As a temporary taxi driver in Sweden, you only have the right to work in a taxi organisation that has a Swedish taxi operating licence.

18. Language skills

The professional skills' test is conducted in Swedish.

19. Prior control

It is possible to apply for an advance ruling on taxi driver certification where the applicant's obedience to the law is tested.. If the applicant wishes, medical fitness can also be tested. This costs 800 SEK.

20. Appeal from a decision

The appeal must be submitted to the Swedish Transport Agency within three weeks from the decision. The appeal is determined by the general administrative court.