Residence Permit Extension

- Extension process for residence permit for master or bachelor studies
- After your studies - Residence permit to seek employment or to examine the possibilities of starting your own business in Sweden
- Common questions
Migrationsverket

- www.migrationsverket.se

- Extensions:
  http://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden/Universities-and-university-college/Extend-a-permit.html
Extension process

- 1. Complete applications (faster decisions)
- 2. Incomplete applications (long waiting time)
- 3. Applications that need to be investigated (even longer waiting time)

**Check the current waiting time!**

The Migration Board will not inform you that something is wrong with your application so if you haven’t heard anything from them within a couple of weeks you should contact them.
When to apply

- Apply at the earliest 30 days before your current permit expires & when you have all the required documents
- Always before your current permit expires!
- Applications that are handed in six months before the current permit expires will not be handled and no decision will be taken at all
How to apply

1. Fill out the form online at the website of the Migration Board
   - You need to be able to scan your documents and pay the application fee (1000 SEK) by credit card

2. Book an appointment and go to the permit unit in Gothenburg and submit your biometric data (you can do this before you have received a decision)

Permit unit Gothenburg
Migrationsverket, Tillståndsenheten
Vestagatan 2 416 64 GÖTEBORG
Documents to submit

- A copy of your passport
- Transcript of records
- An account statement/document of income/scholarship certificate

For students **without** a Swedish personal identity number:
  - Health insurance certificate

For students who are admitted to new/further studies:
  - Notification of admission

For students who need more time for thesis or exams:
  - A letter from the university
The passport

- Make sure that it is valid and not about to expire, you cannot receive a residence permit for a longer period of time than your passport is valid.
- Contact your embassy if your passport is about to expire.
The transcript of records

- You are required to have taken
  - 15 credits during the first year
  - 22.5 during the second year
  - 30 credits during the third and subsequent years
- If you haven’t taken enough credits you need to send a letter and certificate explaining why, for example:
  - Doctor’s certificate
  - Care of family member (stamp in your passport)
- If you are enrolled in several programmes the transcript should say which courses that belong to which programme and also the estimated date of completion for each programme
The account statement

- The account statement should show transactions on your account(s) during the past three months that you have been in Sweden, i.e. to show that you have had enough money. And that you have enough money for the time period for which you are applying for an extension.
- **8010 SEK** per month for ten months out of the year
- Can be bank in Sweden or other country or both, but the statement needs to be in English or Swedish.
- Bank account must be in your name
Other document of income

- If you receive for example a scholarship or a salary you don’t have to show an account statement, but another document showing that you had money for your stay during the time you have been in Sweden and that your subsistence is secured for the remainder of your time of study.
The health insurance certificate

- Only if you don’t have a Swedish personal identity number or won’t obtain a Swedish personal identity number (if you are admitted to further studies you will be able to obtain the number)
- Fee-paying students and waiver recipients can receive a certificate from the International Student Services at the university

- The certificate must include
  - Your name
  - Personal identity number
  - Validity period of the insurance
Thesis certificate

- Contact your thesis supervisor or examiner or programme coordinator and explain that you need more time to complete your thesis. Ask him or her to estimate how much more time you need.
- He or she will contact Karl-Fredrik Ahlmark (Engineering), Susanne Edström (Textiles) or Monica Andersson (Business) who will issue you a document with the expected date of completion.
- The certificate will not include "added time", the Migration Board will add the time
Re-exams certificate

- Contact your teacher or programme coordinator or examiner to find out when you can take re-exams.
- He or she will contact Karl-Fredrik Ahlmark (Engineering), Susanne Edström (Textiles) or Monica Andersson (Business) who will issue you a document with the expected date of completion.
- If you only have a few credits left and the re-exam is far off in the future (for example if you have already done a re-exam), your department may offer you to do some sort of examination from your home country, or you need to come back to Sweden for the re-exam (on a tourist visa).
Extension "to visit"

- http://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Extend-a-visit.html
- A tourist visa valid for maximum three months
- Must also be done by students from countries whose citizens don't require an entry visa
- Cannot be extended into a residence permit for work or studies
- Application must be submitted personally at a permit unit (Gothenburg)
- Submit:
  - Form no. 119031 - Extension "to visit"
  - An account statement or other document showing that you have money for your subsistence during the time you plan to stay in Sweden.
  - A return ticket or sufficient funds to procure one
  - The application fee (1000 SEK)
  - Biometric data (fingerprints and photo)
Extension after studies in order to seek employment

To get a residence permit you have to:

- Valid passport
- have had a residence permit for higher education that has lasted for at least two terms
- have completed your studies
- apply for a residence permit before your residence permit for studies expires
- plan to seek employment or examine the possibilities of starting your own business
- be able to support yourself during the period you will be in Sweden (8010 SEK/month for the entire period)
- have full health insurance
Extension after studies in order to seek employment

- **Residence permit for up to 6 months**

- **Application form:** Application for residence permit to seek employment after having completed studies in Sweden, no. 189011 and Family details – Appendix to your application, no. 239011. Send your application to the Swedish Migration Board's permit unit in Umeå or Växjö.

- **Documents to attach:**
  - Copy of your passport
  - A certificate from your university showing that you have done at least two terms in Sweden
  - A certificate showing that you have completed your studies
  - A certificate from your supervisor if you are a doctoral student in Sweden
  - An account statement
  - Health insurance certificate if you are not registered in the population register in Sweden
If you have already applied...

- ... you might have been waiting for a long time
- If you have been waiting for more than four months you should contact the Migration Board because then something is wrong with your application
- If you realize that you have forgotten something, something is incorrect or not valid anymore, you can add the information to your current application and if it is then complete you will receive a decision within a few days
- Use the contact form on the website of the Migration Board or contact your case officer if one has been appointed
The residence permit card

- Will be sent to your registered address in Sweden (folkbokföringsadress, Skatteverket)
- If it should be sent somewhere else you need to change your address with the tax agency (www.adressandring.se)
Common questions

- My permit has expired and I haven’t yet received a decision about extension. Is it legal for me to stay in the country?

It is legal for you to stay in the country IF you have applied for an extension before the permit expires.
Common questions

- I have applied for an extension of my permit in Sweden but have not yet received my new permit. Can I travel abroad before I receive my new permit?

Yes, but you probably won’t be able to enter Sweden again without a valid residence permit card. It is better to postpone the trip until you receive your card. It can be possible to pick up your card at an embassy in another country if you have arranged with this beforehand.
Common questions

- Can I get an extension of my permit to look for a job?

At the end of March 2011 a proposal about letting students with residence permits stay for six months in Sweden after their graduation to search for jobs was presented and has been implemented in July 2014.

Follow this information: [Residence permit for six months after completed studies](#)
Can I get an extension of my permit to attend the graduation ceremony in October?

No, it’s unfortunately not a valid reason for extension. You can apply for a residence permit "to visit", a visa that is valid for maximum three months. Keep in mind that the visa cannot be extended into a residence permit for work or studies.