

Quick facts about taxes

Temporarily employed in Sweden

Persons resident abroad who are going to stay in Sweden for less than six months must pay special income tax for non-residents known as SINK (Särskild inkomstskatt för utomlands bosatta).



Swedish Tax Agency

SINK – 20 per cent tax withheld

The employer deducts 20 per cent as tax and the employee avoids having to submit a tax return in Sweden. However the employee may not claim any deductions.

Usual form of withholding tax

Instead of SINK the employee may choose to pay tax in accordance with the usual rules for income from employment.

Application for SINK

Either the employee or the employer may apply to pay SINK. The application is made on form SKV 4350. An ID document, e.g. a photocopy of the passport, must be enclosed. The application is submitted to the Swedish Tax Agency, which will issue a decision.

Decision on SINK

The Swedish Tax Agency decision applies to a particular year. Application must therefore be made for each new calendar year. The employee must give his or her employer a copy of the decision.

Payment which is not liable for tax under the SINK Act

- Compensation for expenses for accommodation when temporarily employed during the time when the work or the assignment is being carried out in Sweden.
- Compensation for expenses for travel at the start and end of the employment or the assignment when temporarily employed.
- Payments which are tax-free under a dual taxation agreement. These are shown by the Swedish Tax Agency's SINK decision.

Tax withheld

The employer must withhold 20 per cent of the taxable income as tax.

Employer's social insurance contributions

The employer pays employer's contributions on the taxable income unless the employee has produced a certificate of posting. A certificate of posting may be, for example, form E101 or another certificate of cover by a social insurance system.

Income statement

The employer must send an income statement to the employee and to the Swedish Tax Agency not later than 31 January in the year after the income year. The information is to be shown on income statement KU13, form SKV 2340 (known as green income statement).

Note! The income statement must show the employee's personal identity number or coordination number and also foreign tax registration number and citizenship.

For further information

This folder contains only summarized information and should not be regarded as a legal text on the subject.

More information may be found in the brochure SKV 442 Särskild inkomstskatt för personer som arbetar i Sverige och bor utomlands [Special income tax for persons working in Sweden and living abroad]. The brochure may be ordered on www.skatteverket.se.

You can also find more information on www.skatteverket.se under Skatter/International.

You can also phone Tax Information **0771-567 567**.

