

# SWEDEN

## *Working Holiday Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

*The program gives students and non-students the opportunity to expand and enhance their overseas travel experience by living and working in Sweden.*

### HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

The training lasts up to three months from May 15 to October 15 in any one year. In certain cases, training can last up to 12 months if it is directly related to the candidate's field of study. It can be extended to 18 months under special circumstances.

Regardless of the type of work envisaged, the permit is always valid for a period of three months, and is effective as of the date of entry into Sweden. It is valid only for the type of work or occupation indicated in the decision.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- have an adequate knowledge of Swedish or German;
- have a written offer of employment from a Swedish employer that states that the applicant is entitled to the usual collective wage agreement benefits and that some form of accommodation has been arranged; and
- possess a valid Canadian passport.

If the applicant meets the above criteria and employment is found in an area that is directly related to the area of study or professional career; applicants also require:

- a university diploma, transcript of marks or certificate from present employer.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications must be submitted in person at least six to eight weeks before the intended date of arrival in Sweden. The closing date for applications is the 15th of June.

Neither the embassy/consulates nor Swedish labour market authorities can help applicants find jobs in Sweden. It is up to applicants to get in touch with an employer.

Trainees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, and those who are not covered by an international insurance plan for medical and hospital expenses must join a group insurance plan or take out individual insurance. Trainees will not be allowed into the country without a work permit. It is therefore recommended that you obtain your work permit before making travel arrangements.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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