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Requirements for becoming a Swedish citizen by application

- be able to prove your identity
- have reached the age of 18
- have a permanent residence permit, a right of residence or residence card in Sweden
- have fulfilled the requirements for period of residence
- have conducted yourself well in Sweden
- All children born after April 1st 2015 become a Swedish citizen at birth if one of their parents is. Otherwise the child often becomes a citizen at the same time as one of their parents

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In some circumstances you can also apply to become a citizen through **notification**.

- Nordic citizens and the Nordic agreement
- Young adults who have turned 18 but not yet 21

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Benefits of Swedish citizenship

- Only Swedish citizens have an absolute right to live and work in the country and only Swedish citizens have the right to vote in the elections for the Swedish Parliament
- Only Swedish citizens can be elected to the Swedish Parliament
- Only Swedish citizens may join the police or armed forces. There are also other occupations which are only available to Swedish citizens
- As a Swedish citizen, you will find it easier if you wish to work in other EU Member States
- Beyond this, in principle, foreign citizens who have a permanent residence permit and who are registered in Sweden have the same rights and obligations as Swedish citizens

Any thing else we should know about citizenship in your country?

If you have become a Swedish citizen by application you cannot lose your Swedish citizenship if you move abroad. If you are a Swedish citizen and were born and are resident abroad, you may in certain cases lose your Swedish citizenship when you reach the age of 22.

