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Factsheet for case **SE-2020-14/704**

More opportunities for VET

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Country	Sweden, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 30 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Employment protection and retention – Other (Training and re-training workers made redundant)
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 07 May 2020)

Background information

As unemployment is expected to rise as a consequence of the COVID-19 outbreak, the government is increasing opportunities for further education/training throughout the country. This will include increased funding to regional vocational adult education and reinforcement of vocational higher education with new places, short courses and course packages, as well as various kinds of pilot projects so that more people can complete their qualification. Additionally, folk high schools will be expanded, with full financing from central government and possibilities for distance learning will be improved, partly through additional support to education providers in vocational higher education in terms of distance teaching, and partly by making more distance courses available via study associations.

Content of measure

The measure of introducing more opportunities for vocational education and training throughout the country will include the following budget posts:

1. Increased funding for regional vocational adult education (SEK 0.70 billion)
2. New places in vocational higher education (SEK 0.25 billion)
3. More courses and course packages in vocational higher education (SEK 0.08 billion)
4. Vocational higher education flex (SEK 0.04 billion)
5. Support for distance teaching (SEK 0.01 billion)

6. Expansion of folk high school (SEK 0.08 billion)

7. Investment in study associations (non-formal adult education) (SEK 0.03 billion)

The measure was announced on April 30, but exactly when new places and courses will be available it not yet clear.

Use of measure

It is too early to say how many will be making use of the reinforced VET opportunities.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Unemployed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Unknown

N/A

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 30 March 2020: Crisis package for jobs and transition (www.government.se)