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Factsheet for case **SE-2020-1/705**

Removal of income ceiling for student aid to facilitate work in essential services

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Country	Sweden, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 01 January 2020 - 31 December 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Support for essential services – Mobilisation of a larger workforce
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Background information

The government has temporarily removed the income ceiling for all those receiving student aid. The aim of this measure is to facilitate for health and medical care students to help out in the health care sector without their student aid being reduced. However, the measure does not exclusively cover health and medical students as also other occupations are deemed key in the current crisis, and also so as to support those newly unemployed who now wish to start studying.

The student aid income ceiling is regulated in The Act (1999:1395) on student aid (Studiestödslag (1999:1395)).

Content of measure

In practice, the removal of the income ceiling means that students who have received higher incomes during 2020 than the initially set limit (of SEK 86,782 during half a calendar year), will keep all of their student grants and loans.

For students who are short of credits due to their school being unable to provide teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic, the administrating authority (The Swedish Board of Student Finance (CSN)), will take this into consideration. And those who have difficulties repaying their loans due to the COVID-19 related situation will be given the possibility to postpone or reduce the payment.

Use of measure

As all students are eligible, the use of this measure might be widespread. However, as many might not be able to work as usual or might even lose their jobs, the removal of the income ceiling will likely not affect all students.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Particular professions Unemployed Youth (18-25) People in care facilities	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)
- 16 April 2020: Information about the Corona virus (www.csn.se)