

Sfi Bonus

You can get paid for completing some of the sfi (Swedish language studies) courses

The Sfi Bonus means that you can get paid for completing some of the Swedish for immigrants language courses. The aim is for those of you who have just arrived in Sweden to learn Swedish more quickly, so it will be easier for you to get a job.

This is the sfi Bonus

You have to gain at least the Pass (Godkánt) grade on the course 1B, 2C or 3D.

You must have completed the course within twelve months of starting it.

If you get at least Pass (Godkánt) for course 1B you may be paid SEK 6 000.

If you get at least Pass (Godkánt) for course 2C you may be paid SEK 8 000.

If you get at least Pass (Godkánt) for course 3D you may be paid SEK 12 000.

It is not possible to be paid more than SEK 12 000 altogether.

If you are entitled to Bonus money for a new course, the Bonus payment you have already received will be deducted.

You do not need to pay tax on your Bonus payment.

You will still receive the same allowances or special benefits for refugees and newly-arrived immigrants.

Rules for paying out sfi Bonus

These are the rules that apply to paying out the sfi Bonus:

1. You must have been registered in a municipality for the first time on 1 July 2010 or later.
2. You have to be between the ages of 18 and 64 years old.
3. You must have gained at least a Pass (Godkánt) grade on the course 1B, 2C or 3D.
4. You must have gained at least a Pass (Godkánt) grade at the latest twelve months after you started the course.
5. You must have gained at least a Pass (Godkánt) grade at the latest fifteen months after you were registered in a municipality for the first time.
6. You must send in an application for the sfi Bonus to the municipality where you live at the latest three months after you have successfully completed the course.

In order to qualify for the sfi Bonus you may be a refugee or have been in need of protection. You may also have received your residence permit because you have family here.

Sfi Bonus also applies to people who have a time-limited residence permit and to people who have been allowed to stay in Sweden because there is a problem with returning them to their countries.

This is all stated very clearly in the Aliens Act, Chapter 5, Sections 1, 2, 3, 3 a, 4 or 6, Chapter 12 Section 18, Chapter 21 and Chapter 22.

These are the people who do not qualify for the sfi Bonus:

People who have been studying here for some time.

People who have come here to work.

Talk to your municipality

Your municipal office generally knows if you are entitled to the sfi Bonus. Sometimes the municipal office will ask you to show your residence permit to one of their officials. Talk to your municipal office if you are not sure.

If you began your sfi course in another municipality you have to show a certificate saying when you started your course.

How to apply for a sfi Bonus

You apply for the sfi Bonus by filling in a special form that the municipal office will give you. On this form you write your name, personal registration number, where you live and how they can contact you, the course that you have passed and where you have studied sfi. Do not fill in the second part of the form, your municipal office will fill in that part. Do not forget to sign your name.

Your municipal office will write your name and personal registration number into a database at the Swedish National Agency for Education. They will also put in the grades you got and when you completed the course. Your address and telephone number will also be put in.

Ask you municipality if you have more questions about how your name and personal registration number will be stored.

Decision

Your municipality will make a decision about whether you will receive the sfi Bonus. If you have any questions about this decision please contact your municipality. If you do not agree with their decision it is possible to appeal to the Administrative Court.

This is how to apply

Fill in the application form when you have got a Pass (Godkänt) or Pass with Distinction (Väl Godkänt) from the course 1B, 2C or 3D and if the rest of your situation is in agreement with what the rules above say.

Send in or deliver the form to your municipality at the latest three months after you received your Pass (Godkänt) grade.

The municipal office will tell you if they need more papers.

Your municipality makes a decision about whether you will get the sfi Bonus.

If you are granted the sfi Bonus, the money will be paid into your account.

Good luck with your studies of the Swedish language (sfi) and with your application for the sfi Bonus.

Please contact your municipality if you have any questions about the sfi Bonus.