



# Swedex

– Swedish Examinations

## **Swedex – a unique Swedish language exam**

Swedex is a unique proficiency examination in Swedish as a foreign language, recognized worldwide and offered in 70 locations in 25 countries. Anyone whose mother tongue is not Swedish may take the exam, which meets the standards of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR). The Swedex exam is available to candidates at three levels, A2, B1 and B2. Swedex is the fastest and most efficient means of assessing a candidate's Swedish language proficiency.

## **Swedex focuses on skills**

Swedex tests candidates' ability to make practical use of all their language skills: speaking, reading, listening and writing. A Swedex certificate is a valuable document that opens the door to fairer assessment and quality assurance by prospective employers.

## **What are the benefits of Swedex?**

Anyone studying Swedish or interested in working in Sweden, or for a Swedish company, will benefit greatly from Swedex certification. Certification lets you prove your skills to employers without first having to take a specific study program or course. Swedex is also of benefit to anyone with an interest in Swedish culture or who enjoys holidaying in Sweden.

For employers requiring good Swedish language skills, Swedex is a tool that provides an impartial, objective assessment of a candidate's proficiency. For this reason, Swedex is used in the Swedish healthcare system and by IT companies, staffing agencies and research institutes worldwide.

## **Swedex examination structure**

The Swedex exam comprises several components: reading comprehension, listening comprehension, written exercise and oral exercise. The written components take about three hours. Oral exams are conducted one-on-one or in pairs and take about half an hour. Mock exams for levels A2, B1 and B2, which show what the various components look like, are available to download at [www.swedex.info](http://www.swedex.info).

### **Swedex in brief**

- Swedex was developed by Folkuniversitetet in partnership with the Swedish Institute, ICC – the International Language Association, the University of Łódź, Landesverband der Volkshochschulen Niedersachsens e.V. and Volkshochschuleverband Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.
- Swedex is a language proficiency certification exam like the Cambridge ESOL Examinations and the Goethe-Institut's language examinations.
- Swedex is recognized by the Swedish Institute and the state of Hungary.

### **Swedex is CEFR compliant**

To ensure maximum acceptance internationally, the Swedex exam has been designed in accordance with the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR), as promoted by the Council of Europe. Candidates can currently take Swedex exams at levels A2, B1 and B2.

#### **A2 – Basic user**

You recognize simple words and phrases relating to your personal circumstances such as family, home, education and job. You can talk briefly about yourself and communicate with other people who speak clearly.

#### **B1 – Independent user**

You can understand the main points of clear standard language and deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken. You can converse on everyday topics without preparation, describe experiences, events, dreams, hopes and goals, and explain your opinions and ambitions.

#### **B2 – Independent user**

You can understand the main points in complex texts on concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in your field. You can communicate with native speakers fluently and spontaneously. You can express yourself clearly and in detail on a wide range of topics, explain your views, and argue the advantages and disadvantages of various options.







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