



COVID-19:
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Support Package -
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In a series of announcements, the Swedish Government has presented measures to support public services, people and businesses through the disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. The measures focus on supporting employment, reducing costs and providing cash flow support to businesses and increasing welfare support. These measures have become increasingly substantial, as the economic challenges for many industries have become apparent and acute.

The measures can be grouped into seven main areas which are being delivered via three distinct channels (see below). Beside this, the Government has channeled resources to the public health care and imposed civil restrictions.

Areas being addressed:

1. Providing liquidity through Governmental guaranteed lending
2. Helping employers to protect jobs
3. Business support through reducing costs
4. Cash-flow support, including tax deferrals
5. Administration, staying of executive measures
6. Benefits entitlements
7. Cross-border issues - social security coverage for commuting employees

These aims are primarily being delivered through:

The banking system

- ▶ Significantly increased lending to companies via banks;
- ▶ Governmental guarantees of loans to companies particularly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak

The tax system

- ▶ Tax deferrals and reduced taxes

Cash grants from Government

- ▶ Sick pay and reduced working hours for employees
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Cash flow support

Tax deferrals

Deferral may be granted for payments of social security contributions, taxes withheld from employee salaries and VAT.

Repayment of already paid preliminary income tax

Changes have been made to the rules on tax allocation reserves for 2019, for sole proprietors and individuals who are partners in partnerships. This may result in reduced tax liability for 2019.

Financial support based on decrease in turnover

Financial support to businesses with a significant decrease in turnover is available.

Cash tax management and existing grants

In addition to the Government's measures to manage liquidity the following should also be considered:

- ▶ Accelerated depreciation and immediate deductions
- ▶ Research and development incentives
- ▶ Innovation and sustainability grants

Liquidity and financing

Governmental guaranteed lending

The central Government guarantees 70 percent of new loans that banks provide to companies experiencing financial difficulties due to the outbreak but that are otherwise financially robust. The guarantee is issued to banks, which provide guaranteed loans to companies. Interest payments on the loans may be deferred for the first twelve months.

The loan guarantee primarily targets small and medium-sized enterprises. However, there is no formal limit on company size to take part in the program.

The Swedish National Debt Office administers the guarantee and there is a limit of SEK 75 m per borrower. The banks pay a guarantee fee to the Swedish National Debt Office for guarantees that are issued. The fee is determined on the basis of the borrower's actual risk profile, which is set by the credit institution. The risk assessment is carried out in accordance with the credit institution's credit assessment process.

This measure has been prolonged until 30 June 2021.

Cost reduction

Temporarily reduced social security contributions

Social security contributions have been temporarily reduced during March-June 2020 for employers, and during the financial year 2020 for sole proprietors and partners in partnerships.

Temporary discount for rental costs - landlord support

The state covers 50 percent of rental reductions for the period between 1 January and 31 March 2021, for landlords who reduce the fixed rents for tenants in especially vulnerable sectors.

Administration

The Swedish Tax Agency gave tax payers extra time to submit their tax returns (both for income tax, payroll, VAT and EC sales) last year. Exceptions were also made regarding late filing fees due to the pandemic. For 2021, there is no information as of yet.

Employment support

Temporary layoffs with state support

New rules on financial support provided to employers and employees have been put in place. The state covers a proportion of salary costs where employers and employees agree to reduce the number of working hours as an alternative to termination of employment.

Other employment issues

- ▶ Sick pay from the first day
- ▶ The state covers sick pay that exceeds what is considered to be normal
- ▶ Doctor's certificate after 21 days
- ▶ Tax exemption for free parking at the workplace
- ▶ Tax exemptions for gifts to employees up to a worth of SEK 2,000 per employee

Deferral of social security contributions, taxes withheld from employee salaries and VAT payments.

Who is eligible?

Anyone that reports and pays employer social security contributions, taxes withheld from employee salaries and/or VAT may be granted deferral.

The rules apply to businesses with acceptable financial records. Businesses that are economically “ill-managed or are dishonest in some way”, or that already have large tax debts, will not be granted deferral.

What does it cover?

Deferral of tax payments may be granted for up to a year, with the possibility to apply to prolong the deferral for one more year.

Social security contributions, taxes withheld from employee salaries, and VAT reported on a monthly or quarterly basis:

Total amount that can be deferred is limited to a maximum of 6-7 months' worth of payments (6 for VAT and 7 for social security contributions and taxes withheld from employee salaries).

The reporting periods that may be subject to deferral are January to December 2020. January 2021 may also be subject for deferral for social security contributions, taxes withheld from employee salaries and VAT reported on a monthly basis.

VAT reported on an annual basis:

Deferral may be granted for one year worth of VAT that is to be reported between 27 Dec 2019 and 17 Dec 2021.

How is it accessed?

Deferral may be granted after an application is made to the Swedish Tax Agency.

The application can be made on form SKV 4839 or digitally through “My pages” at the Swedish Tax Agency website.

Practicalities

The deferral rules entered into effect on 30 March and 6 April 2020, but have retroactive effect from 1 January 2020. Hence, taxes already paid may be reclaimed. This may be requested when applying for deferral.

An interest rate of 1.25 percent is charged on an annual basis during the entire deferral, and also a fee of 0.1 percent per month starting from the month after the deferral was granted (not tax-deductible). The fee was reduced from 0.2 on 26 April 2021, but with retroactive effect from 5 February 2021.

The deferral fee and interest will need to be paid when the deferral period ends.

Payroll and VAT returns need to be

submitted on time even if deferral of payment is granted.

The Swedish Tax Agency has stated that personal responsibility of representatives will normally not be pursued for taxes subject to this type of deferral.

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Cash flow support: Financial support based on decrease in turnover - general (page 1 of 2)

Financial support is available for businesses with a significant decrease in turnover due to COVID-19.

Who is eligible?

Natural persons and legal entities with business activity in Sweden, that are registered for class F tax (with certain exemptions), are eligible for support if they have had a turnover of at least SEK 250,000 during the previous financial year, and a significant decrease in turnover compared to the same period in 2019. The decrease in turnover must be almost exclusively attributable to COVID-19.

Support will not be paid to anyone who is insolvent, banned from business activity, has overdue tax liabilities and/or when the company or an associated company is domiciled in a so called tax haven.

Support is also not accessible when a company or parent company decides on or carries out dividends or other value transfers during the period April 2020-October 2021 (depending on the support period). However, this does not apply to most group contributions.

What does it cover?

For the support period March 2021 and April 2021, the support covers 70-90 percent of the so called uncovered fixed costs in the support period (90 percent for small enterprises and 70 percent for other enterprises).

To be eligible for support for these support periods, the decrease in turnover must have been at least 30 percent compared to the same period in 2019. It is no longer possible to apply for support for earlier support periods.

Definitions

- ▶ Fixed costs: Cost of rent, leasing, interest, depreciation and necessary service/ repairing of fixed assets, electricity, water, sewer, internet, phone, heating, insurance, franchise fees, license fees and royalties. Payroll expenses are excluded.
- ▶ Uncovered fixed costs: Fixed costs according to previous definition, subtracted by the so called profit contribution.
- ▶ Profit contribution: The turnover in the support period subtracted by:
 - payroll expenses in the support period
 - expenses for commodities and subcontracted work in the support period, and
 - expenses for raw materials and consumables in the support period.
- ▶ Small enterprise: A business with less than 50 employees and a turnover or a balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 10 million per year.

How is it accessed?

The application process for the support periods March-April 2021 is open until 30 June.

Applications are submitted digitally at the Swedish Tax Agency website and must include information about the decrease in turnover, the reason for the decrease, the fixed costs etc.

When applying for support exceeding SEK 100,000, a statement from an auditor must be provided. Applications for companies within the same group must be submitted at the same time and include a description of the group structure.

Support that has been granted will be credited in the company's tax account and automatically paid to the company if there is a surplus in the tax account.

Practicalities

The entire amount is taxable the year when the support was granted. However, support attributable to fixed costs for the previous fiscal year may be reported that year instead.

Maximum support for the entire period Aug 2020-Jun 2021 is SEK 97 million per group of companies.

Cash flow support: Financial support based on decrease in turnover - general (page 2 of 2)

Financial support is available for businesses with a significant decrease in turnover due to COVID-19.

Upcoming changes

The Swedish Government is working to make sure that support will be available for May 2021 and June 2021 by the end of each of these months.

For June-July 2020, there has been a strengthened support in place for which the application process is now closed. This support was available only for businesses that were impacted by the prohibition on public gatherings with more than 50 people, the Swedish travel ban from countries outside of the EEA/Switzerland or the travel recommendations from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The support covered 75 percent of the fixed costs in the support period, multiplied by the decrease in turnover (as a percentage) due to abovementioned restrictions. For businesses that were forced to shut down completely due to the restrictions, the support covered 100 percent of the fixed costs in the support period. To be eligible for support, the decrease in turnover had to have been at least 50 percent in total and 25 percent due to restrictions, compared to the same period in 2019.

There is now a proposal that the same type of support will become available for Aug 2020-Apr 2021. To be eligible for support, the decrease in turnover will have to have been 30-40 percent in total (40 percent in August and 30 percent in

the other support periods) and 25 percent due to Government restrictions, compared to the same periods in 2019. Maximum support will be SEK 75 million per month.

The Swedish Government is working to make sure that this extended support is put in place as soon as possible.

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Cash flow support: Financial support based on decrease in turnover - for sole proprietors

Financial support has been available for sole proprietors with a significant decrease in turnover due to COVID-19. A proposal is under way to extend this measure.

Who were eligible?

Sole proprietors with business activity in Sweden, that are registered for class F tax (business tax), were eligible for support if they had had a turnover of at least SEK 180,000 during the previous financial year, and a significant decrease in turnover compared to the same period in 2019. The decrease in turnover had to have been almost exclusively attributable to COVID-19.

Support was not paid to anyone who had been declared bankrupt or was banned from business activity.

What did it cover?

Depending on the decrease in turnover and the support period, the support has been up to 90 percent of the decrease in turnover. The maximum support has generally been SEK 24,000 per month.

The support was to be reduced with other compensation received, for example insurance compensation, damages and certain other support due to COVID-19 - such as general support based on decrease in turnover for the same period.

How was it accessed?

Applications were submitted digitally through the webpage of the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning. However, the application process for support periods up until February 2021 is now closed.

Practicalities

The general support based on decrease in turnover (see previous pages) does not exclude sole proprietors theoretically, but the extent to which sole proprietors have utilized the support has been limited. A reason for this may be that sole proprietors often have low fixed costs, which is one of the key factors for the general support. That is why this new type of support was put in place, for which fixed costs are irrelevant.

Upcoming changes

A proposal is under way for the support to be extended to cover the period March-September 2021.

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Cash flow support: Financial support based on decrease in turnover - for partnerships (page 1 of 2)

Financial support is available for partnerships with a significant decrease in turnover due to COVID-19.

Who is eligible?

Partnerships and limited partnerships are eligible for support if they:

- have at least one physical partner
- have business activity in Sweden
- are registered for class F tax (business tax)
- have had a turnover of at least SEK 180,000-200,000 (depending on the support period) during the previous financial year, and
- have had a significant decrease in turnover compared to the same period in 2019, almost exclusively attributable to COVID-19.

Support will not be paid to partnerships where the partnership or a partner has been declared bankrupt or is banned from business activity.

What does it cover?

Depending on the decrease in turnover and the support period, the support is 75-90 percent of the decrease in turnover. The maximum support is generally SEK 24,000 per month per physical partner in the partnership, but please see next page for specifics.

The support is to be reduced with other compensation received, for example

insurance compensation, damages and certain other support due to COVID-19 - such as general support based on decrease in turnover for the same period.

How is it accessed?

Applications for support periods between March 2020-February 2021 must be submitted digitally through the webpage of the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning before 16 June 2021.

Practicalities

The general support based on decrease in turnover (see previous pages) does not exclude partnerships theoretically, but the extent to which partnerships have utilized the support has been limited. A reason for this may be that partnerships often have low fixed costs, which is one of the key factors for the general support. That is why this new type of support has been put in place, for which fixed costs are irrelevant.

Upcoming changes

A proposal is under way for the support to be extended to cover the period March-September 2021.

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Cash flow support: Financial support based on decrease in turnover - for partnerships (page 2 of 2)

Financial support is available for partnerships with a significant decrease in turnover due to COVID-19.

Support period	Turnover previous year must exceed	Decrease in turnover required	Support as a percentage of decrease in turnover	Maximum support per physical partner in the partnership
Mar-Apr 2020	SEK 200,000	30%	75%	SEK 120,000 for the entire period Mar-Jul 2020
May 2020	SEK 200,000	40%	75%	SEK 120,000 for the entire period Mar-Jul 2020
Jun-Jul 2020	SEK 200,000	50%	75%	SEK 120,000 for the entire period Mar-Jul 2020
Aug-Oct 2020	SEK 200,000	40%	75%	SEK 72,000
Nov-Dec 2020	SEK 180,000	40%	90%	SEK 48,000
Jan-Feb 2021	SEK 180,000	40%	90%	SEK 48,000

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Cash flow support: Cash tax management and existing grants

There are other existing tax related measures (not specific to COVID-19) which are available to companies to manage cash liquidity.

It is our understanding that existing grants continue as usual.

Accelerated depreciation and immediate deductions

Consider taking advantage of beneficial tax depreciation/deduction rules wherever possible. Undertaking a thorough cost segregation analysis of the depreciation treatment of fixed assets and properties can significantly reduce corporate income tax liability and free up cash.

Practical considerations

All fixed asset expenditure is within scope - new-build, repairs and renovation works may all be eligible. Historic claims are often possible, including for projects completed in periods which are now closed, and can trigger substantial cash backs.

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Research and development incentives

Research and development tax incentives can provide cash benefits but are often overlooked. Where appropriate, businesses should be optimizing and accelerating the submission of R&D claims in order to receive cash back as soon as possible.

Practical considerations

Research and development tax incentive claims (Forskningsavdrag) can be reviewed and repayments authorized separately from a company's overall tax affairs. In many instances historic claims are possible and can trigger substantial cash backs.

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Innovation and sustainability grants

To help co-fund sustainability and innovation projects, businesses should consider grants. This is mainly relevant for the medium term financial planning, where grants can significantly boost an organization's innovation or sustainability budget.

Practical considerations

Grants for R&D, sustainability and innovation projects can cover up to 70 percent of eligible costs. Some schemes can be applied on a standalone basis, whereas others require a consortium (i.e. a group of non-related parties).

In addition to its usual funding activities, Vinnova has opened a call specifically providing support for projects that mobilize innovation and/or to readjustments of production processes or operations arising due to COVID-19.

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Cost reduction: Temporarily reduced social security contributions

Social security contributions have been temporarily reduced during March-June 2020 for employers, and during the financial year 2020 for sole proprietors and partners in partnerships.

Who is eligible?

Anyone that reports and pays social security contributions (employers, sole proprietors and partners in partnerships) are eligible.

There are no limitations in terms of company size, total number of employees etc.

What does it cover?

Social security contributions for employers have been reduced such that only the pension contribution of 10.21 percent remains payable for the period between 1 March and 30 June 2020, for a maximum number of 30 employees and salaries up to SEK 25,000 per employee.

The maximum tax relief is SEK 5,300 per employee and month, or SEK 159,000 per month for 30 employees.

Social security contributions of sole proprietors and partners in partnerships are also reduced. In 2020, they are only required to pay pension contribution of 10.21 percent on amounts of up to SEK 100,000.

How is it accessed?

Employers may request reduction of social security contributions by checking the box 062 "Reducerad avgift först anställd" in the individual's part of the payroll return. Where a payroll return has been submitted without the box 062 checked, a new payroll return needs to be submitted.

For sole proprietors and partners in partnerships, the reduction will be made automatically when the income tax return for 2020 is assessed by the Swedish Tax Agency. However, the tax payer needs to calculate the standard deduction (normally 25 percent of the base for social security contributions) through two separate computations. A deduction of 10 percent will be allowed for the first SEK 100,000, and 25 percent will be allowed for the exceeding amount.

Practicalities

The reduction of social security contributions entered into effect on 6 April 2020 but has retroactive effect from 1 March 2020 for employers and from 1 January 2020 for sole proprietors and partners in partnerships.

If maximum relief is obtained for 30 employees, the cost reduction is equal to SEK 636,000 for the entire

four-month period.

Tax relief for sole proprietors and partners in partnerships will be up to SEK 18,760 for 2020.

For sole proprietors and partners in partnerships, the social security contributions are included in the monthly preliminary tax. This means that the temporary reduction of the social security contributions may also lead to lower preliminary tax, provided that a new preliminary income tax return is submitted. This is possible up until 30 June 2021.

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Employment support: New rules on short-time work with state support (page 1 of 2)

New rules on financial support provided to employers and employees have been put in place. The state covers a proportion of salary costs where employers and employees agree to reduce the number of working hours as an alternative to termination of employment.

Who is eligible?

Criteria for the employer

The rules apply to employers who are legal or natural persons who conduct business activities. Public sector employers and employers who are mainly financed with public funds are excluded.

Support may be granted if:

- ▶ The employer is having temporary and serious financial difficulties
- ▶ The financial difficulties have been caused by events that are beyond the employer's control, and
- ▶ The employer has used other available measures to reduce labor costs

For support paid out in accordance with the new regulations (applicable from 1 Dec 2020), it is explicitly prohibited for the company receiving support, and its parent company, to decide or carry out value transfers such as dividends during the support period, two months before or six months after. However, group contributions do not impact the right to support.

Support will not be approved if the employer (i) is insolvent; (ii) is required to prepare a balance sheet for liquidation purposes in accordance with the Companies Act; (iii) is subject to

corporate restructuring; (iv) is prohibited from carrying out business or (v) has overdue tax liabilities.

In order for employers who are bound by a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) to be eligible for support, there must also be an applicable central CBA on short-term work. There should also be a local CBA in which the detailed conditions for the application of short-term work have been established.

Employers who are not bound by any CBA can apply for support provided that there is a written agreement between the employer and each of the employees affected by the short-term work. At least 70 percent of the employees at the operating unit are required to participate in the short-term work during the period covered by the support.

Criteria for the employee

The rules apply to both permanent employees and employees with fixed-term employment contracts.

Those who are eligible for support must have been employed by the employer during all or part of what is called the "comparative month" with the same or higher employment rate than during what is called the "support month". In this context, the comparative month is defined as the calendar month that falls three months before the calendar month

In which the decision of the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth is made. The support month is the calendar month for which the employer requests preliminary support.

What does it cover?

The rules allow for the employers' salary costs and employee working hours to be reduced significantly, while the employee salary is reduced marginally. The rest of the cost is covered by the state. Support is granted up to a salary cap of SEK 44,000.

There are four levels for reduction of working time depending on support month (see next page). It is not possible to deviate from these levels.

The qualifying period previously applied is no longer in effect, meaning that employers that have already received maximum support in accordance with the previous regulations can now receive support until 30 June 2021.

How is it accessed?

An application for support is submitted to the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth.

Once the application is approved, the support is paid cash to the employer from the Agency.

Employment support: New rules on short-time work with state support (page 2 of 2)

New rules on financial support provided to employers and employees have been put in place. The state covers a proportion of salary costs where employers and employees agree to reduce the number of working hours as an alternative to termination of employment.

Practicalities

The application must have been submitted to the Agency within four calendar months from the end of the support month. Otherwise, support may not be provided for the support month.

Together with the application, employers must submit documentation showing that all criteria have been met. In case the employer's salary costs during the comparative month exceed SEK 400,000, the employer must also submit an auditor's statement certifying the same.

The criteria for receiving support need to be carefully analyzed, since the decision on preliminary support may come a long time after a reduction in working hours has been made.

Upcoming changes

There is a proposal under way for the strengthened support to be prolonged for July-September 2021. The proposal for these months is for a maximum support level of 80 percent and a subvention rate of 75 percent.

For these months, the comparative month is proposed to be April 2021. This would be an adjustment from the current situation, to ensure that employees hired during the pandemic are also covered by the support. The

plan is for the new regulations to come into effect on 29 June 2021.

Month	Support levels possible	Subvention rate
January-June 2021	20, 40, 60, 80 percent	75%
July-September 2021*	20, 40, 60, 80 percent*	75%*

*Still at the proposal stage

Impact at a subvention rate of 75%

Reduction in working time	20%	40%	60%	80%
Salary reduction for employee	4%	6%	7,5%	12%
Cost reduction for employer	19%	36%	52,5%	72%

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A number of measures have been put in place in order to ease the consequences of sickness absence, reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and reward employees during challenging times.

Sick pay from the first day

Employees do not normally receive sick pay during their first day of absence. However, at the moment, employees can claim a sickness benefit of SEK 810 from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency for this first day of sickness. Sickness benefit can be claimed again after 5 days from the first day of sickness, if a new sickness period starts. This is in effect until 30 June 2021 but there is a proposal to have it prolonged until 30 September 2021.

Doctor's certificate

Currently, employees do not need to present a doctor's certificate during the first 14 days (normally 7 days) of sickness in order to receive sickness pay from the employer. This is in effect until 30 June 2021 but there is a proposal to have it prolonged until 30 September 2021.

From the 15th day of sickness absence, employees can claim sickness benefits from the Government. The Swedish Social Insurance Agency currently do not request a doctor's certificate for the first 21 days (normally 14 days) of sickness absence in order for the employee to receive sickness benefits.

The state covers the sick pay

During the period April to July 2020, the Government covered the full cost for employees' sick pay for days 2-14. From August and onwards, the Government covers sick pay that exceeds what is considered to be normal. Employers can claim compensation from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency.

Self-employed individuals will also be compensated by receiving a standardized calculated sick pay for the first 14 days of sickness.

These measures are in effect until 30 June 2021 but there are proposals to have them prolonged until 30 September 2021.

Practical payroll considerations

Employers should continue to handle their payroll according to their normal procedure. Employees will therefore not receive any pay from their employer for their first day of sickness but will instead claim the benefit from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency.

Compensation for day 2-14 will be paid to the employees according to the normal payroll procedure.

Tax-exemption for free parking and small gifts to employees

Free parking at the workplace is temporarily exempted from income tax for the employee and social security contributions for the employer until 31 December 2021. This measure is put in place to reduce the cost for commuting by car. That way, less people have to use public transport and risk attracting and/or spreading COVID-19.

Gifts to employees are also temporarily exempted from income tax for the employee and social security contributions for the employer during 2021, up to a worth of SEK 2,000 per employee. This is in addition to the already existing rules on tax-exempt gifts to employees (e.g. Christmas gifts and gifts to long-term employees). However, the gifts may not be in the form of cash.

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Other cash flow support: Repayment of paid preliminary income tax

Changes have been made to the rules on tax allocation reserves for 2019. This may result in reduced tax liability, and refund of already paid preliminary income tax, for 2019.

Who is eligible?

The new rules on tax allocation reserves apply to sole proprietors and individuals who are partners in partnerships (not to limited companies).

What does it cover?

The rules on tax allocation reserves for sole proprietors and partners in partnerships have been changed temporarily such that the taxable profit for 2019, up to a maximum of SEK 1,000,000, may be allocated to tax reserves.

The taxpayer may alternatively choose to allocate a maximum amount corresponding to 30 percent of an adjusted positive result (i.e. not the same as taxable income) to tax reserves.

The taxable profit allocated to tax reserves can be offset against possible future loss but, regardless, needs to be reversed after no later than six years, in accordance with the already existing rules on tax allocation reserves.

The allocation should not result in a loss.

How is it accessed?

A greater deduction than what is normally granted can be made in box R34 of the NE form or box 19 of the N3A form of the income tax return for 2019.

Practicalities

The possibility to receive repayment of paid preliminary income tax by submitting a new preliminary income tax return is no longer available after 30 June 2020.

However, where the regular income tax return for 2019 has been submitted without the extra deduction, a new one may be filled out and submitted to the Swedish Tax Agency.

The option to allocate a maximum amount corresponding to 30 percent of an adjusted positive result for tax reserves, instead of SEK 1,000,000, would be favorable where the adjusted result exceeds SEK 3,330,000.

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Other cost reduction measures: Temporary discount for rental costs

The Government covers 50 percent of rental reductions, for January-March 2021.

Who are eligible?

Landlords who reduce the fixed rents for tenants in especially vulnerable sectors are able to apply for support to compensate part of the rental reduction.

Sectors considered vulnerable are durable consumer goods, hotels and restaurants and certain other industries, but various types of businesses are included in this. Please check [this list](#) of which SNI codes are eligible (Swedish Standard Industrial Classification).

To be granted support, the following conditions has to be met:

- ▶ The landlord has to have entered into a rental agreement with a tenant in an eligible sector on 31 December 2020 at the latest. The rent has to be completely or partly set to a fixed amount in SEK.
- ▶ The tenant has to have rented the premises during the period 1 January-31 March 2021.
- ▶ The landlord and the tenant have to have entered into a discount agreement on 31 May 2021 at the latest, and the discount has to apply to the period 1 January through to 31 March 2021.
- ▶ The new rent in the agreement

had to be below the fixed amount that should have been due during the same period according to the rental agreement applicable on 31 December 2020. The rest of the provisions could not have been altered.

What does it cover?

The state covers 50 percent of reduction in fixed rent payment for the period between 1 January and 31 March 2021.

Maximum amount per tenant is EUR 800,000.

How is it accessed?

Applications must be submitted digitally through the webpage of the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning before 1 July 2021.

The application process for rentals between 1 April and 30 June 2020 closed last year.

Practicalities

The Government is looking into prolonging this measure to also cover April-June 2021.

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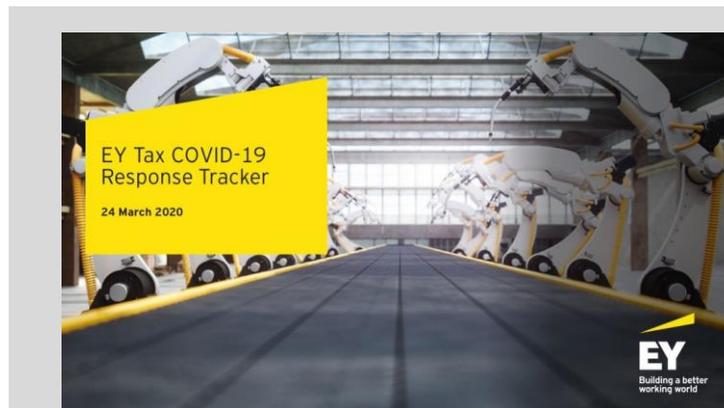
Our tracker provides a snapshot of the policy changes that have been announced in jurisdictions around the world in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Policy changes across the globe are being proposed and implemented on a daily basis.

The document will be updated on an ongoing basis but not all entries will necessarily be up to date as the process moves forward.

Key jurisdictions covered by the Response Tracker include:

- ▶ Australia
- ▶ Austria
- ▶ Belgium
- ▶ Brazil
- ▶ Canada
- ▶ China Mainland
- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Cyprus
- ▶ Czech Republic
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