

To mitigate the effects of the spread of the coronavirus and reduce the outbreak of COVID-19, there is a temporary entry ban to the EU via Sweden. The temporary entry ban took effect on 19 March 2020. Since then, it has been extended on several occasions following recommendations from the EU Commission.

Against this background, the Swedish Migration Agency has decided that visa applications to Sweden should, as a rule, be rejected. This means that the possibilities of obtaining a visa for travel to Sweden have been limited. The decision applies to people who are citizens of a country outside the EU.

The visa fee and service fee will not be refunded if an application is refused.

Certain people are not affected by the Government's temporary entry ban and are therefore exempted and can be granted visas to Sweden. The people who are exempted are stated in the ordinance on a temporary entry ban to Sweden. Information on this is also available on the Police Authority's and the Government's websites.

Even if you are granted a visa, there is a risk that the Swedish border police will do a different assessment regarding whether you are exempted from the current entry ban than the Embassy and deny you entry. A visa is never a guarantee that you will be able to enter Sweden or the Schengen area. It is the Swedish Border Police that will determine whether you meet the conditions for entering Sweden, this assessment will be made at the border control point.

There is also a risk that you will be denied boarding by the airline in India although you have a visa and a booked ticket. This may happen if the airline is uncertain if a passenger will be allowed to enter a country.

The applicant accepts that he/she is aware of the current notification shared by VFS during submission.

Date: _____

VFS: _____

Applicant: _____