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Type of guidance service	Activities/Guidance provided by	Clients/Target groups	Responsibility and administrative control
Guidance in compulsory school, secondary school and adult education	Help the individual to obtain knowledge about own capacity and existing opportunities and to form personal goals	Pupils in compulsory and secondary school, students in municipal adult education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Ministry of Education and Research- The Swedish National Agency for Education- The Swedish School Inspectorate
Local Municipal Guidance and Information Centres	Guidance about studies as well working life	The public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local Municipal Authorities
Academic guidance services at universities and university colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guidance at a central level.- Guidance within the departments- Career centres.	University students and prospective students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Ministry of Education and Research- The Swedish Higher Education Authority
Guidance service within the Swedish Public Employment Service - 418 Employment offices around Sweden	Guidance to increase clients self-awareness and knowledge about the labour market	People in search of work; unemployed, clients in transition Special focus on vulnerable groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ministry of Employment- National Employment Service
Information through nationally funded web services	Information on Education and Working Life, tools for self guidance	The public	www.utbildningsinfo.se www.studera.nu www.arbetsformedlingen.se

Legislation and regulations

- **National School Law;**
Pupils should have access to guidance before making choices for the future
A school counsellor should have an education intended for such activities
 - **National curriculum for compulsory schools;**
The guidance counsellor should inform and guide the pupils with regard to further education and vocational orientation, with special focus on pupils with disabilities
 - **National curriculum for upper secondary schools;**
Guidance is important because of the rapid changes in working life
 - **Universities** bound by law to provide guidance
 - **The Public Employment offices** are to provide guidance to young people, newly arrived and those who are far from the labour market.
Guidance is included in the PES's basic mission and it is regulated in several ordinances
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- General guidelines for the work with guidance and counselling issued by the National Agency for Education
 - Ethical standards for guidance developed by The Swedish Association of Guidance Counsellors

Educational background of Swedish guidance counsellors

- Three year university programme, 180 ECTS, leading to a professional degree in careers counselling, offered at 3 universities in Sweden; Malmö University, Stockholm University, Umeå University
- Master's Programme in Career Development and Career Counselling, 120 ECTS
- In-service training for guidance counsellors working at universities and university colleges
- In-service training for the personnel at Employment Offices
- Regular information meetings and further training days in some municipalities
- Further training courses at the University

Development during the last years

- 2007** Sweden joined the ELGPN - National forum for cooperation between stakeholders in the area of guidance (2011)
- 2009** General guidelines and comments on career education and guidance in schools – new guidelines **2013**
- 2011** Guidance becomes area for inspection by the Schools Inspectorate – first evaluation 2013
- 2013-** Investments in further training for guidance practitioners in schools
2016 and quality assurance of guidance provision in schools



To develop guidance

Courses

- Quality in guidance
- Multi cultural guidance
- Labour market
- Equality, gender

Conferences

- Quality
- Transfer from school to working life
- Learning disabilities

Webinars

- Support material, films
- Education packages together with the Employment services

Lectures/workshops

Regional competence platforms



Thank you!

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