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# Professional recognition in Sweden

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- Around 50 (100) regulated professions
- 17 competent authorities
- Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC
- National legislation – big changes April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 (2013/55/EU)



# Agency tasks prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>

- Evaluation of foreign educational degrees for non – regulated professions (all countries)
- National Contact Point for the PQ Directive
- Competent authority for non-regulated professions (outgoing citizens)
- Recognition for regulated professions- competent authorities



# Agency tasks after April 15<sup>th</sup>

- Modernized PQ Directive- new law and ordinance on professional recognition passed by Swedish government April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016
- National coordinator for the PQ Directive
- Competent authority for mountain guides
- Evaluation of foreign educational degrees for regulated professions (EU/EEA and Switzerland)



## **Swedish ordinance 2016:157, 4th section, 6 §**

The competent authority shall, unless unnecessary, request the opinion of SCHE regarding foreign applicants' professional qualification, in the general system of recognition, before deciding the case.

The competent authority shall compensate SCHE for its expenses for submitting the opinion.



# Evaluation process

- Agreements – what, how, when, how much
- National requirements for each profession- substantial differences
- Staff – competence, from zero to hundreds of applications per year and profession
- Transparency, efficiency, legal certainty



# Calculations

- All submitted opinions 2016 without charge- build up process
- Expected total number of applications: 1500/ year
- Expected total of number of applications including non-EU countries: 3000/ year
- Staff: 2-3 full time employed (7 in total)
- Fees will not cover actual costs





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