

## Unemployment insurance funds A-Z

### A-kassan för service och kommunikation (SEKO)

We organize workers in a wide range of fields reaching from state agencies and production facilities to road and railroad constructions:

- Civil servants working within Swedish state agencies.
- Employees working in power plants and production facilities.
- Employees working in the defence industry.
- Employees working in postal services.
- Employees working within the seafarer trade.
- Employees working within the telecommunication sector.
- Employees working mainly within public train transportation.
- Employees working in the Prison and Probation Service and the National Board of Institutional Care.
- Employees working in road and railroad construction

### A-kassan Vision

Arbetslöshetskassan Vision is an unemployment fund for people employed in Sweden doing administrative work in a local authority, county council, company or trust in the area of a local authority. It also provides unemployment insurance for employees working in companies in the area of education, health care, Church of Sweden, other religious bodies or ecumenical organizations. Companies in the area of education and health care can be privately owned.

### Akademikernas a-kassa

The unemployment insurance fund for university graduates. Our members have either 180 university credits or are students planning to achieve 150 university credits; foreign educations with corresponding points do also qualify for membership. We insure both employees and self- employees.

We insure managers, specialists or qualified administrators which positions are normally held by someone with an academic education, and naval officers, employed military personnel, foreign Ministry staff, dental hygienists, flight technicians, principals, qualified teachers, pilot (boats), church musicians, officials in transport operations and senior officials at PostNord.

## Alfa-kassan

Alfa-kassan is currently the only unemployment insurance fund that is not tied to a particular organization or trades union or is specifically aimed at a certain profession or industry. Alfa-kassan welcomes everybody equally, be they unemployed, employed, or self-employed.

By being a complement to those unemployment insurance funds with organizational interests, Alfa-kassan works hard to ensure that everyone in the employment market has access to income-related unemployment insurance.

Alfa-kassan administers both the general basic insurance and the voluntary income-based insurance schemes. In addition to this, Alfa-kassan offers payment of the basic unemployment benefit, on behalf of the government, to those who are not members of any unemployment insurance fund.

## Byggnads a-kassa

We organize workers in the construction industry and paint profession:

- Employees working in civil engineering.
- Employees working with concrete construction.
- Employees in the glass working industry.
- Machine operators.
- Bricklayers and stonemasons.
- Employees in the paint profession.
- Tinsmiths.
- Carpenters.
- HVAC workers.

## Elektrikernas a-kassa

The unemployment insurance fund for electricians' area of business: Workers in Sweden employed within the electronics industry, such as the high and low voltage sector, the elevator sector, the electronics service sector, the alarm sector and the energy sector.

## Fastighets a-kassa

Maintenance workers and cleaners employed by private, public or cooperative housing companies, cleaning companies, window cleaning companies or by contractors.

## Finans- och försäkringsbranschens a-kassa

The unemployment fund for the finance and insurance sector insures those who have an employment, has had an employment or who are entrepreneurs in the finance and insurance sector.

## GS a-kassa

You who are working in the forestry and wood industry and the graphic industry are welcome to join with us.

## Handelsanställdas a-kassa

Handels unemployment insurance fund enroll people who are or have been employed – in their latest employment – in retail and wholesale businesses (workers as well as officials), as hairdressers, as leaders of study circles or in non-governmental organizations. We also enroll people who are or have been employed or self-employed as musicians, as workers in the film, television or performing arts industry or as fishermen.

## Hotell- och restauranganställdas a-kassa (HRAK)

If you are an employee in Sweden in areas such as hotels, restaurants, casinos, cafes, pastry shops, tourist facilities, bowling alleys, catering, bingo businesses, spa and other entertainment companies, HRAK is the unemployment insurance fund for you.

## IF Metalls a-kassa

Our members work in the engineering and plastics industries, the pharmaceutical industry, the textile industry, steel works, laundries, the building materials industry, in mines, car workshops.

- Ironworks
- Steelworks
- Metalworks
- Casting
- Engineering industry
- Machinery

- Electronics
- Transportation industry
- Welding mechanical workshops
- Vehicle repair workshops
- Gold, silver and nickel-plated plants
- Mining
- Color factories
- Manufacturers of building materials
- Glass industry
- Rubber industry
- Chemical industry
- Clothing and textile industry
- Pharmaceutical
- Oil refineries
- Plastics industry
- The fur and leather goods industry
- Stone industry
- Laundry, private

## Journalisternas a-kassa

We are the unemployment fund for employees, freelancers and entrepreneurs working within the field of media. This includes:

- Reporters
- Photographers
- Authors
- Translators/ interpreters

## Kommunals a-kassa

Our unemployment insurance fund includes many different fields of work. Our members take care of the elderly, make lunches for school pupils, and take care of children at preschool and in after-school care. They drive buses, put out fires, sweep chimneys and drive ambulances. They also take care of the animals in the zoo, tend to the green on the golf course and drive combine harvesters on our country's fields.

If you are employed by a kommun (municipal), region (county council), the church or work with land management, you can become a member of our fund. You can also join if you are employed by a cooperative or private company and work with childcare and social assistance in the home or other care services.

## Ledarnas a-kassa

The leaders' unemployment insurance fund is an unemployment fund especially for people in managing positions, executives, managers, supervisors, team leaders and commanders or people who run their own businesses.

We are experts on rules and regulations regarding the unemployment insurance and how it relates to employments for people in managing positions, business owners and entrepreneurs.

You can apply for a membership if you work in a managing position or if you run your own business.

## Livs a-kassa

The food workers unemployment insurance fund.

## Lärarnas a-kassa

Sweden's largest unemployment insurance fund for teachers and educators. We specialize in teachers' conditions, which means that we provide high quality service for everyone working with education.

## Pappers a-kassa

The paper industry workers unemployment insurance fund is an asset for members who work or have their last employment in the paper or pulp industry.

## Småföretagarnas a-kassa

The fund's field of activity includes entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs' spouses and other family members who work in small and medium sized companies that operate in Sweden, as well as employed managers in the fuel trade.

Persons in executive positions in trade and industry organisations that collaborate with the unemployment insurance fund are also entitled to be members.

## STs a-kassa

The unemployment fund's field of activity is limited to persons employed by a state, municipality, county council, company or institution whose business constitutes social services and is fully or partly financed by taxes or fees. In addition, the business area comprises persons in activities carried out on behalf of the state as well as employees of support associations.

## Sveriges arbetares a-kassa (SAAK)

SAAK accepts and welcomes all workers as members regardless of industry and occupation, including unemployed and self-employed with no employees.

## Säljarnas a-kassa

The salesmen's unemployment insurance fund welcomes those who are employed or self-employed, or those who had their most recent work, within the field of sales and/or marketing in Sweden.

## Transports a-kassa

The unemployment insurance fund for transport workers in Sweden. Our members work in different fields such as:

- Road transport
- Taxi drivers
- Taxi service for the elderly and disabled
- Bus drivers
- Warehouse workers
- Surveillance and security (security guards, airport security personnel, parking attendants)
- Newspaper and advertisement distributors
- Airport personnel (loaders, mechanics)
- Tire shops workers
- Gas stations
- Waste management and recycling
- Automobile towing
- Dockyard workers

## Unionens a-kassa

The fund's field of activity is limited to:

- Persons employed in Sweden within the technology and knowledge-based sectors of the labour market, and civil servants who in Sweden are employed by enterprises and organizations within trade, transport, non-profit organizations and other service industries and associated fields.
- Civil servants and self-employees within the forestry, agricultural and environmental sectors.
- Persons employed within Swedish theatre, film, radio, television and related fields, and musicians and singers employed in Swedish symphony orchestras, chamber

ensembles, music theatres, theatre companies, national and regional music industries, radio and television.

- Artists, musicians and singers shall have completed studies at a national faculty of fine and performing arts or theatre or have comparable qualification or experience the board deems to be equivalent.
- Persons employed within the pharmacy and pharmaceutical industry such as sales - in pharmacy as well as other business activities, distribution, manufacturing, production and cleaning. Furthermore, persons employed in Sweden working within research at universities and drug manufacturers or related businesses.
- Entrepreneurs, business leaders, owners and partners in retail and wholesale as well as service, manufacturing, services, agriculture, forestry, hunting, mining and mineral extraction. The right to become a member also applies to the entrepreneur's spouse and other family members who participate in the business as well as employees in leading positions in industry or employer organizations within the sectors above.

Employed refers to employees as well as self-employees within the field of activity.