



Judicial training structures in the EU

Sweden

Entity name: **Courts of Sweden Judicial Training Academy**

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Target group

Permanent judges, assistant judges, reporting clerks, law clerks

Initial / induction period training

Permanent judges

- Existence of initial/induction training period: **Yes**, although not compulsory.
- Length of such period: Varies, depending on the needs of the newly appointed judge.
- Existence of a curriculum and presentation of curriculum: **Yes**.
The newly appointed judge may choose from a range of courses that the Judicial Training Academy offers each semester. Courses exist on three different levels: basic, advanced and specialization. Which courses a newly appointed judge attends during the initial period of training is determined by the judge and the chief judge of the court where the judge is active on the basis of the newly appointed judge's particular needs.
- Language training: **No**.
- Internship periods: **No**.

Assistant judges

- Existence of initial/induction training period: **Yes**
- Length of such period: 42 days of training during the 4 year training period of being an assistant judge.
- Existence of a curriculum and presentation of curriculum: **Yes**.
The training consists mainly of a mixture of lectures, case-based studies and role play sessions. The training is mainly practically oriented. Both substantive law and procedural law are included.
- Language training: **No**.
- Internship periods: **No**.

Reporting clerks

- Existence of initial/induction training period: **Yes**, although not compulsory.
- Length of such period: There are introductory courses regarding things you need to know when you work at a court which inexperienced reporting clerks may choose to attend within a few months of starting their work at a court. At present the introductory course for reporting clerks within the administrative court system is six days and for reporting clerks within the general court system two days. In addition, for clerks within the administrative court system, there are basic courses in tax law, social law and migration law.
- Existence of a curriculum and presentation of curriculum: **Yes**. As indicated above.
- Language training: **No**.
- Internship periods: **No**.

Law clerks

- Existence of initial/induction training period: **Yes**.
- Length of such period: 8 days of training during the 2 year training period of being a law clerk at a general court. 11 days for law clerks in administrative courts.
- Existence of a curriculum and presentation of curriculum: **Yes**.
The training consists mainly of a mixture of lectures, case-based studies and role play sessions. Both substantive law and procedural law are included.
- Language training: **No**.
- Internship periods: **No**.

Continuous training

Permanent judges

- Compulsory: **No**.
- Existence of a yearly programme: **No**.
- Average number of persons trained each year: About 1 500.

Assistant judges

Continuous training: **N/A**

- Compulsory? As indicated above.
- Existence of a yearly programme: As indicated above.
- Average number of persons trained each year: About 850

Reporting clerks

- Compulsory: **No**.
- Existence of a yearly programme: **No**.
- Average number of persons trained each year: About 250

Law clerks

- Compulsory: As indicated above.
- Existence of a yearly programme: **No**
- Average number of persons trained each year: About 1500

International partnerships/agreements:

- Participation of foreign professionals in some training sessions possible: **Yes**

History and good practices

- Date of creation of judicial training entity: January 2009

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