



Licence for postal services

The legal definition of Postal services is *regular delivery of letters for a charge* (article 3, postal services act SFS 1993:1684). Letters refer to addressed mail items enclosed in envelopes or other kind of wrapping weighing less than 2 kg. Postcards are considered as letters and by virtue of article 4 of the same act, a licence is required in order to provide postal services on a commercial basis. Postal services falling outside the legal scope do not require licensing and may thus be provided without regulatory supervision in Sweden.

- **Scope of the licence**

The licence applies for the whole territory and is valid until renounced by operator or revoked by regulator in case of infringement of the regulatory framework. As a part of the regulatory framework, a set of terms and conditions are linked to the licence, making the postal operator subject to the supervision of the regulator.

- **Licensing authority**

The authority in charge of issuing licences to postal operators in Sweden is the National Post and Telecom Agency (PTS).

- **Supervision**

The National Post and Telecom Agency (PTS) is the public authority in charge of supervising the postal market in Sweden. Its task is to control that the regulations for the e.g. integrity and security of mail are observed by licensed postal operators.

- **Application and licensing procedure**

The application form can be downloaded and completed directly on your computer. The application procedure is free of charge but a licensed operator must pay an annual fee to the regulator based on the number of letters distributed.

A copy of a registration certificate or of a licence for providing postal services issued in the country of origin with a translation in English shall be attached to the application. On the basis of the information received, PTS decides if the application lies within the legal scope. In the next move, PTS makes an assessment of the applicant's prerequisites to comply with the regulatory framework.

The application should be sent to the following e-mail address: pts@pts.se.

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