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| Name of the instrument in English | Apprentice compensation |
| Country | Sweden |
| Type of instrument | Grants for individuals |

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| Level of operation | National |
| Part of the country where the instrument applies | nap |
| Region(s) in which the instrument applies | nap |
| Sector(s) in which the instrument applies | nap |
| Legal basis | Ordinance (2013:1121) on expense reimbursement to students in upper secondary apprenticeship education (Förordning (2013:1121) om kostnadsersättning till elever i gymnasial lärlingsutbildning) |
| Objective(s) and target(s) | The instrument is intended to reimburse meals and travel to and from the workplace during periods of workplace-based learning. The objective is to increase the attractiveness of apprenticeships and to ensure that economic reasons would not prohibit students from undertaking an apprenticeship. No quantitative or qualitative target has been set. |
| Year of introduction | 2014 |
| Year of termination | No foreseen end to the instrument (on-going) |
| Governance (management, operation, monitoring and evaluation) | Centrala Studiestödsnämnden (CSN) is responsible for the overall management, monitoring/evaluation of the instrument and day-to-day operation. Swedish National Agency for Education and Ministry of Education and Research are also involved in the management of the instrument. |
| Eligible group(s) | Full-time students in upper secondary apprenticeship (not e.g. adult education), aged below 20 years, having signed education contract, in an on-the-job-period, not receiving apprentice wages. |
| Education and training eligible | The instrument supports only apprenticeship. It applies to ISCED 3/EQF 4 level. |
| Source of financing and collection mechanism | State |

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| Financing formula and allocation mechanisms | <p>The maximum amount that an apprentice may receive per year is approx. EUR 938 (exchange rate SEK 1 = EUR 0.104273, 11 July 2017). The amount is the same regardless of the actual expenses incurred.</p> <p>The subsidy is paid monthly and payments are discontinued during in-school and holiday periods.</p> <p>Funds are disbursed to all eligible applicants on the basis of legal entitlement. Apprentices above 18 years of age receive the money on their own bank account. If the apprentice is under 18 years of age, the money is transferred to his/her parent(s) bank account.</p> |
| Eligible costs | Travel and meal expenses (but not accommodation). |
| Volumes of funding | <p>In 2016, public funding amounted to EUR 6,390,000 (estimate by CSN based on the development of previous years and the first half of 2016. Exchange rate SEK 1 = EUR 0.104273, 11 July 2017.)</p> <p>In 2015, public funding amounted to EUR 5,740,000 (actual amount paid in January-December).</p> <p>No EU funding involved.</p> |
| Beneficiaries/take up | <p>In 2016 (calendar year), some 10,700 apprentices benefited (estimate by CSN based on the development of previous years and the first half of 2016).</p> <p>In 2015, 7,779 apprentices benefited (the actual number of beneficiaries for the academic year 2015/2016), i.e. 84% of all students enrolled in apprenticeship programmes.</p> <p>The number of beneficiaries has increased annually since the introduction of the instrument in 2014. Some 62% of the beneficiaries were men and 38% women, which correlates with the larger number of men in apprenticeship education.</p> |
| Monitoring/evaluation reports available | <p>CSN, Kostnadsersättning till lärlingar 2013/14-2015/16. Kommenterad statistik. Rapport 2016:6, Diarienummer 2015-100-9484.</p> <p>http://www.csn.se/polopoly_fs/1.17701!/Rapport%20L%C3%A4rlingsers%C3%A4r...</p> |
| Monitoring/evaluation results | The number of apprentices increased notably the year the instrument was introduced, which might indicate an effect of the instrument on the attractiveness of the education. |
| Sources | <p>Centrala Studiestödsnämnden (CSN), http://www.csn.se/</p> <p>CSN, Kostnadsersättning till lärlingar 2013/14-2015/16. Kommenterad statistik. Rapport 2016:6, Diarienummer 2015-100-9484.</p> <p>http://www.csn.se/polopoly_fs/1.17701!/Rapport%20L%C3%A4rlingsers%C3%A4r...</p> |

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