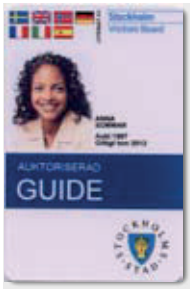


## Certified guides



Stockholm has offered certified guides for more than 50 years.

Today the city has approximately 350 certified guides who between them master about 30 languages. They work as freelancers covering a wide variety of assignments, such as district walks, museum visits, tour buses and boats and group arrangements.

Stockholm Visitors Board AB organises the certification programme together with Acade Media AB. Each applicant is assessed by examiners regarding general education, language skills and aptitude.

The programme conveys knowledge about Swedish society such as finances and community characteristics, as well as Swedish history, cultural geography and so on. In addition, district walks, showings at some 20 museums and practical training in guide techniques are offered.

The programme comprises a total of 120 hours. Students also undertake self-tuition and compulsory individual study visits.

Following the conclusion of the programme with passed exams, participation in study visits and at least an 85 percent attendance record, a final certification test (guiding a bus tour) is taken.

Stockholm Visitors Board AB, issues the guide certificate. The certification test is undertaken in the student's preferred language as stated on his or her application.

The certificate is valid for five years and may be prolonged in accordance with special regulations and in the guide's approved language.

The prolongation of a certificate is assessed by Stockholm Visitors Board AB every five years following a special test. To obtain authorisation for guide assignments in several languages a supplemental certification test may be taken organised by AcadeMedia AB.

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