Welcome to Denmark

A practical guide to the Danish tax system

Welcome to Denmark. We hope that you will enjoy your stay. To help you get off to a good start, we have made this short practical guide. Read about the most important things you need to know about the Danish tax system when you move to Denmark and when you leave Denmark.

Moving to a new country raises many questions. To help you get an overview of the practical matters you must attend to, we have prepared four simple steps for you to follow.

1. Apply for a civil registration number or personal tax number

If you are in Denmark for more than three months

If you plan to stay in Denmark for more than three months*, you need a civil registration number (CPR number).

You can apply for a CPR number and get registered with the Danish National Register (folkeregistret) at your local Citizen Service Centre (Borgerservice) or by contacting one of the International Citizen Service Centres (www.icitizen.dk)

When you move to Denmark

*Citizens from the EU and EEA countries or Switzerland only need it after six months.
If you are in Denmark for three months or less
You need a personal tax number if you plan to work in Denmark for three months or less*.

To get a personal tax number, please go to www.skat.dk/moving and fill in form 04.063.

Get a tax card
If you take up work in Denmark, you must pay income tax. Apply for a tax card by completing form 04.063 at www.skat.dk/moving.

When your tax card is ready, your employer will be able to download it from E-income and tax will be deducted automatically from your salary.

Get a bank account and a NemKonto
To receive your salary and payments from the public sector, you need a NemKonto (Easy account). This can be a Danish bank account or a foreign bank account registered as your NemKonto. You can contact a Danish bank to set up a Danish account and ask them to register it as your NemKonto.

For further information, please visit www.nemkonto.dk

Get a NemID
NemID (Easy ID) is your digital signature and the key to digital Denmark. It is a single login for Danish Internet banks and government websites. You can also use your NemID to register your foreign bank account as a NemKonto at www.nemkonto.dk.

Get your NemID at your local Citizen Service Centre (Borgerservice)
Documents you need in the process

1. Photo ID such as passport or ID card
2. Marriage certificate if you are married
   (family certificate if you are a Swedish citizen)
3. Work permit if you are a citizen from outside
   the EU, Switzerland or the Nordic countries
4. Employment contract (signed by your employer)
5. Preliminary income assessment (forskudsopgørelse)

Contact SKAT

Online
If you have NemID/E-tax password, you can use the contact form after having logged on to E-tax at www.skat.dk/english.

If you do not have a CPR number or a NemID/E-tax password, you can use the English contact form at www.skat.dk/contact.

Telephone
SKAT’s main telephone number is: + 45 72 22 18 18.
You can choose English in the menu and get assistance from an English-speaking employee.

Useful websites
SKAT: www.skat.dk/english
Borger.dk: www.lifeindenmark.dk
International Citizen Service: www.icitizen.dk
The Danish Immigration Service: www.nyidanmark.dk
The Danish Ministry of Employment: www.workindenmark.dk

Many public libraries have computers available for you to use.