

ENIL Personal Assistance Template

Country: Sweden

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Background of the legislation on PA services	During the latter part of the 1980s STIL – the Stockholm cooperative for personal assistance was able to obtain funding for a pilot project to test direct payments for about 20 users of personal assistance. The pilot project was copied by GIL – the Gothenburg cooperative. Both projects were successful and influenced the Swedish reform of 1994 through which the legislation LSS and LASS were adopted. These were legislations covering among other individual rights personal assistance. It was a right government who supported the reform with Bengt Westerberg as the social minister. The legislation passed in spite the financial crisis at the time.
Type of legislation	National legislation with personal assistance being an individual right for those eligible.
Administrator of PA services	The person acquiring personal assistance can choose between the municipality, a company, a cooperative or to start a private company for the administration of the service.
Funder of service	The funding is shared between the state and the local authorities. The local authority funds the first 20 hours per week and those hours above the 20-hour limit are funded by the national government. This if the person is eligible for the service from the national government. The criteria for eligibility at the national level is to have the need of more than 20 hours per week of what is considered basic needs (assistance to eat, dress, personal hygiene and communication).
Disabilities covered	There are three categories of disability making someone eligible for personal assistance: 1/ intellectual disability, autism or the likes 2/ Adults with intellectual impairment caused by brain damage 3/ other major and permanent physical or mental impairments not due to normal ageing causing considerable difficulties in daily life
Possible amount of hours per day/week of PA	One can acquire up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and even receive double assistance if needed.
Assessment of needs: tool	An assessment is done every two years with the aid of a

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and how often	questionnaire that was established in 2011.
Hourly rate funded	The amount funded for 2013 is SEK 275 per hour.
Age requirement	The age requirement is from 0 to 65: a person over 65 has a right to personal assistance only if the assistance was acquired before the age of 65.
Total number of registered users in the country	There are about 17.000 persons having personal assistance in 2012.