



# NORDIC RELOCATION GROUP

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2018

## Winter is over – does your car have the right tyres?

Yes, it's official! Several media published the great news that Spring finally has come to Sweden – at least to most parts of the country. If you haven't changed to summer or allround tyres yet, you might want to read this:

From 1 December until 31 March and when there are wintry conditions on the road, all light and heavy vehicles are required to have suitable tyres. This also applies to vehicles that are registered abroad. If your car has studded tyres, these can only be used between 1 October and 15 April. Of course, if there still are wintry conditions or if wintry conditions are expected after that date, it is allowed to have studded tyres on the car. Please make sure that you are driving around with the right set of tyres; The Swedish police tends to carry out extra checks after 15 April. And whilst you're at it, you also might want to check the tyre pressure and pattern depth.



Photo: Andreas Johansson © Transportstyrelsen

Check out all the applicable rules on *Transportstyrelsen's* website: [www.transportstyrelsen.se](http://www.transportstyrelsen.se).

## 2018: Election year

Every four years, general elections are held in Sweden, and the next general election will be held on 9 September 2018. Currently eight parties are represented in the Swedish parliament, but for the coming general election 39 parties have been registered and will be hunting for votes. Hot topics are immigration and integration, school, welfare, foreign and security policy and environment. These topics have been discussed vividly in different media the last couple of years, but you can expect to hear a lot more about them in the next couple of months. Who will be governing Sweden for the next four years? We should know the answer after 9 September.

## New routines for Swedish ID card



Photo: Ivan Arvsäter

Previously, it was possible to drop in at a Tax Office and apply for a Swedish ID card. *Skatteverket* has changed their routines, and now, you need to make an appointment in advance if you want to apply for this card.

Please note that you need to have a Swedish personal identity number ('personnummer') and be registered on the Swedish Population Register. If you have a so-called 'samordningsnummer' (tax coordination number), you cannot apply for a Swedish ID card.

Full details about the requirements and information on how to book an appointment can be found [here](#).

## Public holidays and opening hours

April, May and June are generally known for having many public holidays. Please note that Nordic Relocation Group will have other business hours on and before the following public holidays:

<b>Monday 30 April (Walpurgis Night):</b>	Offices open from 9.00-13.00
<b>Tuesday 1 May (May Day):</b>	Offices closed
<b>Wednesday 9 May (Eve of Ascension Day):</b>	Offices open from 9.00-13.00
<b>Thursday 10 May (Ascension Day):</b>	Offices closed
<b>Wednesday 6 June (National Day):</b>	Offices closed
<b>Friday 22 June (Midsummer's Eve):</b>	Offices closed

Normal business hours from 9.00-17.00 apply for all other weekdays.

**Your team at Nordic Relocation Group**