



The Swedish Ship Officer's Association

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The Swedish Ship Officers' Association, SSOA, was founded in 1907. It was masters and chief officers who started the association, but in the forties the radio officers joined the association and in the end of the sixties the catering officers.

Today SSOA represents 2 700 members in the Swedish merchant fleet, the Swedish-owned foreign flag ships and other foreign ships. Plus 1 600 passive members; retired and others. The members are divided into four sections; international, inland, catering officers and the section for navigators employed by state-owned companies.

The Swedish Ship Officers' Association is not only a trade union, it is also a branch organization that takes care of the interests of the members, for example in questions of training and education, management, maritime safety and environmental protection, and has a direct influence on legislation and politics concerning shipping.

The Swedish Ship Officers' Association participates internationally in the Swedish delegation at the IMO, International Maritime Organization, and ILO, International Labour Organization.

SSOA is affiliated member of IFSMA, International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations, and ITF, International Transport Workers' Federation.

Within Scandinavia The Swedish Ship Officers' Association is represented in Nordic Transport Workers' Federation (NTF), Nordic Ship Officers' Congress (NFBK).

The Swedish Ship Officers' Association has a main office in Stockholm with a total number of seven employees. SSOA edits a periodical "Nautisk Tidskrift" with 8 editions a year.

Application for membership in SSOA

First name: _____ Family name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Permanent address: _____

Country: _____

Cell Phone Private: _____ Onboard: _____

E-mail private: _____ Onboard: _____

Ship: _____ Company: _____

Current License: _____ Employed as: _____

I assure you that all the information above is correct and I accept this data to be registered in SSOA's computersystem in order to be used for administration reasons when it benefits my legally interests.

I hereby apply for membership in SSOA - The Swedish Ship Officers Association from _____ (month) _____ (year)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

When you have a Swedish employment you can join a Swedish unemployment insurance fund. SSOA's members usually apply for membership in **AEA**- The Acknowledged Academic's Unemployment Insurance fund.

Unemployed in EU/EEA after working in Sweden

Periods of insurance and employment fulfilled in Sweden can be confirmed by **AEA** by certificate E 301. If you live in an EU/EEA country you can benefit financial support from your home country insurance system.

Always contact AEA when ending or beginning a Swedish employment to avoid misunderstandings about your insurance. e-mail utland@aea.se Telephone +46 8 56644510, <http://www.aea.se/>

Always send written membership application !

Even if you have kept your membership in a Swedish unemployment insurance fund while working in another EU/EEA country, you must make a new written membership application when you return to Sweden. Make sure to keep all documents you get from working in the other EU/EEA-country. This makes it easier to obtain the certificate.

To avoid double membership fee, submit a resignation to **AEA** when your Swedish employment ends.

And to become a member again, when you are working for a Swedish company again, don't forget to send in a **new application to AEA !!**