

## **Validate your skills and knowledge in the hotel and restaurant industry and get a competency certificate**

You can validate your skills **if you have work experience** in the profession you want to validate.

You can validate yourself in the following professions

- Chef
- Serving

A validation leads to a competency certificate that presents your knowledge and skills that you have according to the competency requirement for the current profession. If it turns out that you need supplements, you will receive a documentation that shows which supplements you are considered to need.

It could be some theoretical education or practice with supervision or perhaps professional Swedish. You always receive a competency certificate if you undergo a full validation. You can use this while applying for jobs. But you can only, with the support of the competency certificate, apply for a job as a CHEF or SERVENT- if you get a competency certificate where you have reached all competency requirements.



### **Start with:**

Fill in a self-assessment form in the current profession. This is so that you can prepare for a conversation with the Swedish Public Employment Service where you explain why you want to validate your skills. Through the self-assessment form, you get an idea of which competencies that are important.

<https://arbetsformedlingen.se/for-arbetssookande/yrken-och-framtid/sjalvskattning>

If the Swedish Public Employment Service decides that you can be validated, you need to choose a supplier

[https://www.arbetsformedlingen.se/for-arbetssookande/extra-stod/stod-a-o/sok-validering.html?pk\\_vid=197f5e748b0d6ccd160588178578f7ea](https://www.arbetsformedlingen.se/for-arbetssookande/extra-stod/stod-a-o/sok-validering.html?pk_vid=197f5e748b0d6ccd160588178578f7ea)

If a supplier is not located in the place where you live, you can choose a supplier as close as possible.



### **The process of a validation**

PHASE 1: You and your professional assessor (a certified professional in the chosen profession for validation) will have a dialogue based on certain criteria's. This phase takes about 2-4 hours. When you have finished, the professional assessor will decide whether you can move on to the next phase.

If you do not proceed to the next phase, the professional assessor will provide suggestions for supplementation.

PHASE 2: During this phase you will present your practical skills at a workplace together with a professional assessor for 10 days. This is the time for you to show what you can do practically. The professional assessor will assess your skills and knowledge based on assessment criteria.

### **The validation process takes 11 days**

A validation is not an education. Validation is a way for you to show your skills by working as a chef or waiter/waitress.

The validation will show if you master all the tasks that are necessary in the profession, or if you need to complete something. If you need to complete something, you can, for example, complete through theoretical training or do an internship. When this is completed, you can redo phase 2 again to reach **a professional title**.

### **You can do a validation in a language other than Swedish:**

**PHASE 1** can be done in a language other than Swedish with a professional assessor - if there is one for the actual language. PHASE 1 can also be done with a professional assessor and an interpreter.

**PHASE 2** can be done in a language other than Swedish if there is a professional assessor who speaks the language requested. Ask the current supplier if they can validate in the language you would like.