

Swedavia – Passenger Increase Bonus¹

All airlines operating scheduled traffic at the Swedavia airports qualify for the Passenger Increase Bonus (PIB) if the number of departing passengers in the current year exceeds the number of departing passengers in the comparison period (see below).

The PIB for Intercontinental destinations as well as European and domestic destinations are calculated per Swedavia airport.

Large growth commitments and sustained growth are rewarded with additional PIB in order to encourage long term commitments. If the number of departing passengers increase with more than 20 000 passengers for European traffic or 10 000 passengers for intercontinental traffic, the airline is qualified for two additional years of discounts.

PIB – Intercontinental destinations

Departing Airport	Charge	Interval dep. passengers	Year 1		
ARN & GOT	Passenger	501 – 10 000	90%		
		10 001 -	90%	40%	10%

PIB – European destinations

Departing Airport	Charge	Interval dep. passengers	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Swedavia	Passenger	501 - 20 000	70%		
		20 001 -	70%	50%	20%

Examples are given in appendix.

¹ Valid from January 1st, 2026

Application procedure

Airlines currently operating at any Swedavia airport need to register in writing before January 31st 2026 for the PIB scheme 2026. Airlines not currently operating at any Swedavia airport need to apply in writing before they start operating to qualify for PIB.

For further information about the application procedure please reach out to your contact person or send an e-mail to aviationbusiness@swedavia.se.

Rules and regulations

The bonus for the increase will be credited in Q1 the following year, i.e. in Q1 2027 for the PIB scheme 2026.

PIB is calculated on airline group level. An ownership threshold of 51 per cent is applied to determine whether a particular airline belongs to a group or not.

A shift in passengers from one airline to another within an airline group will not qualify for PIB. Passenger increase due to mergers, acquisitions and similar transactions, do not qualify for PIB. Passenger volumes of an airline which has undergone reconstruction will be compared to that airlines' passenger volumes prior to the reconstruction for the applicable period.

PIB is offered for scheduled services at Swedavia's 10 airports. Services are not included in this incentive program if a tour operator has bought 70 per cent or more of the available seat capacity on a scheduled flight.

The calculation of PIB will be based on passenger numbers provided by Swedavia.

If an airline is qualified for the multiyear discount, the airline gets 50 respectively 20 per cent discounts in year 2 and 3 for the passenger count increase above 30 000 maintained from year 1 compared to year 0.

The volume of departing passengers will be compared to the volume from the previous year.

Traffic to destinations running on New Destination Discount (NDD) will be excluded in the calculation of PIB, i.e. it is not possible to receive both PIB and NDD. Due to administrative reasons, PIB is only granted for a net increase above 500 departing passengers.

A route operated under public service obligations will not qualify for PIB.

An intercontinental destination is a destination outside Continental Europe or further than 4000km from Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN). Swedavia uses standard geographic definitions for the borders of Europe with the addition that Turkey, Cyprus and islands that belong to countries in Europe (i.e. the Canaries and Madeira) will be considered as being part of Europe.

In cases where Swedavia suspects that an airline is manipulating its flight program either independently or together with another airline in order to qualify for PIB, the airline/-s will be disqualified from receiving any incentive or bonus from Swedavia.

Nor will any incentives or bonus be paid if the airline has not fulfilled its obligations to Swedavia or has declared bankruptcy or been placed under reconstruction.

If an airline increases its passenger numbers on one or more routes as a result of cessation of all scheduled flights of another airline (due to e.g. bankruptcy or market exit), such passenger increases are excluded from the calculation of passenger growth described above, unless Swedavia considers that inclusion of such passenger growth in the calculation is necessary in order to maintain capacity on one or more affected routes.

Swedavia reserves the right to develop additional regulations to ensure that the overall purpose of the Swedavia Incentive Program is achieved. Swedavia reserves the right to change the PIB system in case of a decision or resolution of any Swedish, or international, Authority or Tribunal changing the conditions and/or possibilities for Swedavia to pay the above described PIB. Any dispute arising in connection with the Swedavia Incentive Program shall be settled in a Swedish court under Swedish law.

For more information about the Swedavia Incentive Program, please reach out to your contact person or send an e-mail to aviationbusiness@swedavia.se.

Appendix – Calculation examples (Europe)

If an airline or airline group increase its passenger count to non-NDD destinations within Europe with more than 20 000 passengers during a calendar year it is qualified for passenger increase bonus for year 2 and 3, traffic assumed from one of Swedavia's airports

Example A

If airline X has 200 000 departing passengers and increase with 100 000 departing passengers year 1 and then are at stable levels year 2 and 3, at a specific airport.

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Departing passengers (non-NDD)	200 000	300 000	300 000	300 000
Net increase		100 000		
Passengers available for PIB year 1		100 000		
Passengers available for PIB year 2			80 000	
Passengers available for PIB year 3				80 000
Total number of passengers available for PIB (various rates)		100 000	80 000	80 000

Example B

If airline X has 200 000 departing passengers and increase with 100 000 departing passengers for each year, at a specific airport.

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Departing passengers (non-NDD)	200 000	300 000	400 000	500 000
Net increase		100 000	100 000	100 000
Passengers available for PIB year 1		100 000	100 000	100 000
Passengers available for PIB year 2			80 000	80 000
Passengers available for PIB year 3				80 000
Total number of passengers available for PIB (various rates)		100 000	180 000	260 000

Example C

If airline X has 200 000 departing passengers and increase with 20 000 departing passengers year 1, at a specific airport.

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Departing passengers (non-NDD)	200 000	220 000	220 000	220 000
Net increase		20 000		
Passengers available for PIB year 1		20 000		
Passengers available for PIB year 2				
Passengers available for PIB year 3				
Total number of passengers available for PIB (various rates)		20 000	0	0