

Blocket guide

Blocket is a commercial Swedish website used to trade second-hand goods which might range from small items such as clothes and bicycles up to larger items such as cars. Far more importantly for you, it is used to advertise rooms and property to let, and that is a service that many students at Malmö University have used to secure accommodation.

Unfortunately, the platform is only available in Swedish; so, along with Google translate, you might find this guide useful to help navigate the site.

General tips

Even though the adverts are written in Swedish, it should not be a problem to communicate in English when making inquiries about the property.

The beginning of the autumn semester is when a lot of students are trying to find a place to live. It is worth checking the site often as new lettings appear frequently, and you should contact the proprietor as soon as you find something suitable.

You should include a short description of your circumstances when contacting the proprietor; for example, when you are looking to move in, and anything you think that might be relevant for them to know.

If you contact the proprietor by telephone from another country, please allow for the time difference. Sweden uses GMT+1 time and the country dialling code is 00 46.

When renting a room or a sublet apartment, furniture will often not be included — don't let this put you off too much. Furniture can be found cheaply second-hand.

In Sweden, an apartment with 'two rooms' means one bedroom and one living room; 'three rooms' means two bedrooms, 'four rooms' means three bedrooms and so on.

Check out [this article](#), which has some great tips on finding housing from two international students.

Key words to look out for

Types of housing	
Uthyses	For rent
Hyra	Rent
Lägenhet	Apartment
Rum	Room
Del i lägenhet	Part of apartment*
Delad lägenhet	Shared apartment*
Rum i lägenhet	Room in an apartment*
Hus	House
Villa	Villa
Torp/Stuga	Cottage
Andrahand/i andra hand	Sublet
Inneboende	Lodger

*With these three options, you'll be a lodger and won't have the apartment to yourself.

Duration of stay	
Mån/Månad	Month*
Vecka	Week**
Pendlare/veckopendlare	Weekly commuter***
Övernattningsrum	Overnight room
Korttid	Short term
Tillfälligt	Temporary housing
Tillsvidare	Until further notice (unlimited contract)

*Rent is always paid per month in Sweden.

** Some accommodation is rented out per week which means it is temporary housing and not a suitable long-term solution.

***This means the accommodation is only available between Sunday nights and Friday morning/afternoon.

Description of accommodation	
Möblerad	Furnished
Omöblerad	Unfurnished
Kvm/Kvadratmeter	Square metres
Kök	Kitchen
Rök	Room and kitchen*

*Listings will specify the number of rooms. The amount of rooms includes a living room, so a three-room apartment means two bedrooms and one living room. All apartments and houses in Sweden include a bathroom with shower and/or a bathtub, so don't worry if this is not mentioned in an ad.

How to filter the Blocket search settings

The image shows the Blocket search interface with several annotations explaining the filtering options:

- Filter your search by type of housing (room, apartment, etc.):** Points to the 'Hitta' dropdown menu.
- Filter your search by city. 'Malmö stad' is the city of Malmö:** Points to the city selection dropdown.
- Choose 'Skåne' from the drop-down list:** Points to the region selection dropdown.
- Choose a price range:** Points to the 'BOAREA' dropdown menu.
- Number of rooms:** Points to the 'RUM' dropdown menu.
- Type in your maximum monthly rent:** Points to the 'HYRA' dropdown menu.
- Narrow your search through keywords such as 'balcony', 'pets', etc.:** Points to the 'NYCKELORD' dropdown menu.

The search interface includes the following elements:

- Blocket bostad logo
- Navigation: SÄLJES, SÄLJES PRIVAT, UTHYRES, HITTA HYRESGÄST, HITTA KÖPARE, BYTES
- Search bar: Hitta, alla typer av obj..., i Stockholm, Välj plats, [Search]
- Filters: BOAREA (Alla), RUM (Alla), BÄDDAR (Alla), HYRA (Alla), NYCKELORD (T ex: balkong)