

# Residence permit for EU/EEA/EFTA citizens

Rules for citizens from EU/EEA/EFTA countries and their family members who wish residence permit in Norway. The permit confers the right to take employment and run a business activity.

**Special rules apply for employees from Romania and Bulgaria. See separate information about this.**

**A permit is not required for citizens from EU/EEA/EFTA countries who stay in Norway for up to three months, work in Norway for up to three months, work in Norway but commute to another EU/EEA/EFTA country at least once a week or EU/EEA/EFTA citizens who are seeking employment in Norway may reside in Norway for six months.**

## Who may be granted a permit?

The following nationals of EU/EEA/EFTA countries who stay in Norway for more than three months may be granted a permit:

- Employees
- Self-employed business operators (a person operating his or her own company intending to undertake a permanent business activity in Norway)
- Service providers (for example a person employed by an employer abroad, and who is to carry out a service/assignment in Norway on behalf of the employer)
- Service recipients (a person buying a service during his or her stay in Norway)
- Students
- Persons who have permanent regular benefits or private means
- Persons who have terminated their working careers after having worked in Norway

The permit may only be granted to citizen of EU/EEA/EFTA countries. It is not sufficient that you have a work or residence permit in an EU/EEA/EFTA country.

Family members of citizens from EU/EEA/EFTA countries who have a permit in Norway may also be granted a residence permit. This also applies to family members from countries outside the EU/EEA/EFTA.

## Documentation

Anyone applying for a work permit must submit a passport or approved ID card in the original. A fully filled in application form with your signature and passport photograph must be submitted. You must also submit documentation as listed below.

- Employees must submit a filled-in certificate of employment (separate form) or a contract of employment showing pay, scope and duration of the work
- Self-employed business operators must submit a description of the activity. Further documentation may be required, depending on what type of activity is involved. Documentation of registration in the Brønnøysund Register Centre ([www.brreg.no](http://www.brreg.no)) should also be enclosed
- Service providers must submit a written description of the assignment's nature and duration, documentation of the assignment and payment for the assignment.
- Service recipients must submit a description/documentation of receipt of the service and documentation showing that the service has been paid for.
- Students must submit documentation of admission to an approved educational institution, documentation or declaration that subsistence is ensured and of health insurance, either private insurance, the E-form (an E-form can be obtained from the social security authorities in the country of origin) or European Health Insurance Card.
- Family members of citizens from EU/EEA/EFTA countries must submit documentation of the family relationship. The additional documentation to be submitted depends on the basis for the principal person's permit and the consanguinity relationship of the family members.
- Persons receiving permanent regular benefits or with private means must submit: Confirmation from the country of origin that they are receiving a pension/social security, or similar, and documentation of the duration of the benefits, or documentation of private means. You must also enclose documentation of health insurance, either private insurance, the E-form (an E-form can be obtained from the social security authorities in the

country of origin) or European Health Insurance Card.

All documentation must be originals or certified copies with translations into Norwegian or English.

### **How to apply for a permit**

If you are in Norway you apply to the police in the district you intend to reside in. If you are in your country of origin you apply to the Norwegian foreign service mission closest to you.

You must fill in the stipulated application form, sign it and submit it with a (passport) photograph and the required additional documentation. Persons 18 years of age and older must fill in a separate form.

The forms can be obtained from [www.udi.no](http://www.udi.no) or from the nearest Norwegian foreign service mission or the police in Norway.

The forms must be filled in completely. Your application may be rejected if you have not included all documentation.

### **Permits granted pursuant to EU/EEA/EFTA rules cannot constitute the basis for a settlement permit**

A settlement permit confers the right to reside in Norway indefinitely. One of the conditions for being granted such a permit is that the applicant must have resided in Norway during the three preceding years with a permit that constitutes the basis for a settlement permit. If you as a citizen of an EU/EEA/EFTA country wish to have a settlement permit in the future, you must apply for a permit that constitutes the basis for a settlement permit, such as family reunification or specialist permit, pursuant to the normal regulations (see separate information about settlement permits, [www.udi.no](http://www.udi.no)).

### **More information**

If you have questions about the rules you may contact the nearest Norwegian foreign service mission. You can also contact the UDI's applicant information service: telephone + 47 23 35 16 00, e-mail [ots@udi.no](mailto:ots@udi.no) in Norwegian or English, or see [www.udi.no](http://www.udi.no) for more information.

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **Where do I apply for a residence permit?**

If you are in Norway, you apply at the police station. If you are in your country of origin, you apply at the Norwegian foreign service mission closest to you.

### **Does it cost anything to apply?**

There is no fee for citizens of EU/EEA/EFTA countries. If you would like to apply for another permit, see information at [www.udi.no](http://www.udi.no).

### **How long does it take to process the application?**

It varies. See the Directorate of Immigration's website ([www.udi.no](http://www.udi.no)) or call the UDI's applicant information service for updated information in Norwegian and English.

### **Can I appeal the decision?**

Yes. If you appeal, your appeal will be processed by the UDI and then by the Immigration Appeals Board (UNE) if the UDI does not reverse its previous decision. The processing of the appeal does not cost anything.

### **Can I start working before the application has been processed?**

Yes. You do not need a permit until you have been in Norway for three months.

### **Can I enter Norway before I have received a residence permit?**

You may come to Norway and stay here without applying for a residence permit for up to three months. If you are a job seeker, you may stay in Norway for up to six months.

### **What happens after I have been in Norway for three months (or six months as a job seeker)?**

It is a requirement that you leave Norway after you have been here for three (or six) months. However, there is no requirement as to how long you must stay out of Norway. You may enter Norway again at will, and stay for another three or six months. However, it is important to realise that if you reside in Norway for more than six months you must apply for a residence permit and register with the Population Register.

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