

A visa is a document showing that you have leave to enter Norway and other Schengen countries for a limited period of up to 90 days.

You can be granted a visitor's visa if you intend to travel to Norway as a tourist, on a family visit, on public business or a business trip, a study visit or other business which does not require a work or residence permit.

A visa for Norway and the rest of the Schengen countries has a maximum duration of 90 days. The visa cannot be extended once the holder has entered the Schengen area. Exceptions may be made if unforeseen circumstances arise after your arrival in the Schengen area and your original visa was issued for less than 90 days. However, the total duration of your stay in the Schengen area cannot exceed 90 days in the course of the last six months. The visa you are granted for Norway is valid for all countries in Europe that are party to the Schengen agreement.

Who must apply for a visa to visit Norway?

In principle, everyone needs a visa to visit Norway. Exemptions are made for nationals from countries with an agreement with Norway waiving the visa requirement. A list of visa-waiver countries is available at www.udi.no or from your nearest Norwegian foreign service mission.

The visa requirement is waived, for example, for

- Citizens of Nordic countries
- Foreign nationals with a valid passport from countries with which Norway has entered into an agreement waiving the visa requirement
- Persons with a valid Norwegian immigrant's passport
- Persons with a valid Norwegian travel document for refugees
- Persons with a residence or work permit in Norway and other Schengen countries

Where do I apply for a visa to Norway?

The application must be submitted in person at the nearest Norwegian foreign service mission. Most visa applications are processed by foreign service missions. In some cases, applications may be sent to

Norway for processing by the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration.

Fees

The fee must be paid when the application is submitted. See www.udi.no/fee, or contact the nearest Norwegian foreign service mission for fee rates.

How long does it take to process a visa application?

If your application is processed at a Norwegian foreign service mission, it normally takes around two weeks before you receive a reply to your application. This depends on the workload at the Norwegian foreign service mission in question. Ask about case processing times when applying. If your application is forwarded to Norway and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI), the processing time will be longer. See www.udi.no/caseprocessingtime for updated information on case processing times.

Documentation requirements

- An application form
- A photo that is approved for a visa sticker. Photo requirements are given at www.udi.no.
- A passport/valid travel document
- A written invitation from a Norwegian reference person
- Documentation of family relationship (if the reference person is a family member)
- Documentation of private means for the stay or a guarantee declaration from your reference person. See the UDI's website.
- Documentation requirements vary from country to country and are subject to change. Separate rules apply to foreign nationals for whom a visa is required and who come under the EEA agreement or the EFTA convention.

If you are granted a visa

You must have valid travel and sickness insurance that is valid in all the Schengen countries, and the minimum coverage must be EUR 30 000.

Documentation of the insurance must be presented when the visa is issued. For more information, contact your nearest Norwegian foreign service mission. If

you are in Norway, you can contact the police or the Directorate of Immigration (UDI).

If you wish to study, work or continue to reside in Norway with your spouse/family, you must apply for a residence permit or a work permit. Read more at www.udi.no.

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to apply for a visa when applying for a residence or work permit in Norway?

You cannot be granted a visa to Norway/the Schengen countries if you are going to settle in Norway. Some applicants may nevertheless be granted an entry visa (D-visa) before the application for a residence or work permit has been processed. This applies if you are intending to stay in Norway permanently and you satisfy the requirements for a residence or work permit. Contact the nearest Norwegian foreign service mission for more information or read the information on the [UDI's website](http://www.udi.no).

How do I apply if I am going to get married in Norway?

If you intend to enter into marriage and remain in Norway, you can apply for a residence permit for up to six months for the purpose of entering into marriage. You must apply for a residence permit at a Norwegian foreign service mission in your country of origin or the country where you have had legal residence during the last six months. If you intend to visit a girlfriend/boyfriend and return to your country of origin after the visit, you can apply for a visitor's visa for up to 90 days.

What do I need to obtain a visa?

You need to have a valid passport to enter Norway. Your passport must be valid for at least 90 days beyond the period of time for which a visa is granted. You must have sufficient funds to cover your journey to and stay in Norway. If you are without funds, you can be stopped at the border even though you have been granted a visa. In certain cases, a financial guarantee from the person or persons you intend to visit, covering your stay and your return, will suffice. A guarantee form must be filled in by the person in Norway you are to visit (the reference person), and it must be stamped by the police. The guarantee form is also available from the foreign service mission or from www.udi.no. The guarantee form must be submitted together with the visa application.

You must have a legal right to return to your country

of origin or other country where you have a residence permit.

It must be your intention to leave Norway when your visa expires. If the Norwegian authorities have reason to believe that you want to remain in Norway beyond the period for which you are applying for a visa, your application may be rejected.

You must not be registered in the Schengen Information System (SIS) as an undesirable alien in any of the Schengen countries.

Do I have to enter the country for which I am applying for a visa?

No. You may enter any one of the Schengen countries once you have been granted a visa, but if you intend to visit another country than Norway for the majority of the time, you must apply for a visa at that country's embassy.

Do I need more than one visa to visit more than one country in the Schengen area?

No. The visa you obtain from Norway is valid in the entire Schengen area.

Can I be granted a visa for more than 90 days if I visit several countries?

No. You can be granted a visa for 90 days or less. You must leave the Schengen area before your visa expires. If you do not leave when your visa expires, this may have consequences for any future entry.

Can I appeal if my application is rejected?

Yes. If you appeal a decision reached by a foreign service mission, your case will be sent to the UDI for consideration. If you appeal a decision reached by the UDI, the case will be sent to the Immigration Appeals Board (UNE). No fee is charged to process appeals.

Would you like to know more about a visa to Norway?

If you have any other questions about visas, contact your nearest Norwegian foreign service mission. If you are in Norway, you can contact the UDI's applicant information service, which answers questions in Norwegian, English and other languages by phone, 23 35 15 00, or e-mail ots@udi.no.

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