Free participation in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life for Adult Immigrants Programme

Your residence permit in Norway may entail a right to free participation in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life for Adult Immigrants Programme.

To apply for the programme, or if you wish to apply for exemption, you must contact the Adult Education Service (*Voksenopplæringen*) in the municipality where you are registered in the National Population Register.

The time limit for accessing free participation is counted from the date on which you were granted a residence permit, or from the date you entered Norway with a valid residence permit. The time limit is three years if you have not previously completed upper secondary training and 18 months if you have already completed upper secondary training.

Compulsory participation in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life for Adult Immigrants Programme
You may have a duty to complete participation in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life for Adult Immigrants Programme in order to be granted permanent residence and/or citizenship. You may apply for an exemption from compulsory participation if you can document adequate knowledge of the Norwegian language or Sámi language, or if you can document health reasons or other weighty reasons for granting an exemption.

Right and duty to participate in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life for Adult Immigrants Programme
The right and duty to participate is effective until you have achieved a minimum level in Norwegian Language. This level is determined by the municipality. Participation is free of charge until you have achieved the minimum level. If you are granted a leave of absence from participation, your time limit for participation will be extended.

Practical information
If you have questions or require information regarding time limits and rights, please contact the Adult Education Service. You can also find information at www.imdi.no and www.udi.no