

Right and obligation to learn Norwegian

Adult immigrants with a residence permit that forms the basis for permanent residency have the right and/or obligation to attend 300 hours of classes in the Norwegian language and social studies. The municipality is responsible for organising these classes.

To obtain permanent residency or Norwegian citizenship, immigrants must complete 300 hours of classes or be able to document sufficient knowledge of Norwegian or Sámi. This applies to persons who have been granted permanent residency after 1 September 2005. The right and obligation to learn Norwegian does not apply to all immigrants. Contact your local municipal council for information about your rights and obligations.

For persons with permanent residency granted before 1 September 2005, a transition scheme applies. Persons covered by the transition scheme have the right to free Norwegian classes until 1 September 2010, after which they must pay for Norwegian classes themselves. Free classes are given to those who have not yet exercised their right to classes.