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IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF YOU INTEND TO APPLY FOR SETTLEMENT PERMIT IN NORWAY

What is IMDi?

IMDi is the Directorate of Integration and Diversity, and is responsible for settlement of refugees and other questions and issues related to integration and education in the Norwegian language for refugees and immigrants. IMDi runs a National Introduction Register (NIR) which provides information about those who are eligible for Norwegian classes according to the Introduction Act.

Why have you received a letter from IMDi?

IMDi sends you this letter to inform you that the Introduction Act applies to you. In order to apply for settlement in Norway, you must have completed your Norwegian classes. If you have started attending classes in Norwegian without informing IMDi, please disregard this request.

For those of you who are entitled to receive education in the Norwegian language free of charge, it is vital that you commence as soon as possible. According to the law, you have to **complete 300 lessons in Norwegian within 3 years** to get this education for free. As from 1st September 2008, the completion of 300 lessons will be a prerequisite for being granted settlement permit and subsequent Norwegian citizenship if you intend to apply for this.

What to do?

When you receive this letter, please contact your municipality of residence. Bring the letter to the relevant municipal office as soon as possible to obtain information about how to proceed. The municipality has also received a letter from IMDi informing about you and your situation. If you have difficulties understanding the contents of the letter, the municipality will provide an interpreter.

Who to contact?

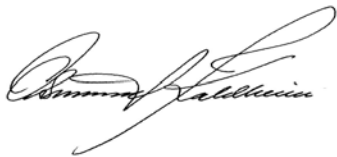
In your municipality, you can contact the Adult Education Office, the Town Hall Service Centre or the Refugee Service.

It is vital that you do not discard this letter or delay contacting the municipality. You must contact the municipality immediately in order to be enrolled in a Norwegian class. Some municipalities have waiting lists, and consequently they need to know about your situation as soon as possible.

Good luck!

For residents in Oslo, please contact the Oslo Adult Education Service Centre at Helsefyr; Karoline Kristiansens vei 8, 0661 Oslo, tel: 23 47 00 00, fax: 23 47 00 99.

Yours faithfully,
for the Directorate of Integration and Diversity

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Osmund Kaldheim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Osmund Kaldheim
Director General

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Cooper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa Cooper
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