

## **Free participation in the Norwegian Language and Social studies for Adult Immigrants**

### **The right to participate free of charge in the Norwegian Language and Social studies for Adult Immigrants**

Your residence permit in Norway gives you the right to a total of 600 hours of free training in

- the Norwegian language (550 hours), and
- Social studies (50 hours)

The programme is free of charge for a period of three years

- from the date you were granted a residence permit, or
- from the date of your arrival in Norway with a valid residence permit

You will be required to pay to participate in the programme if you have not started or completed the programme by the end of these three years.

### **Compulsory participation in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life for Adult Immigrants Programme**

You are required to complete 600 hours of compulsory participation in the Norwegian Language and Civic Life Programme to have an application granted for

- a permanent residence permit, and/or
- Norwegian citizenship

The programme is not compulsory if you are 55 years of age or older when you apply for a permanent residence permit or citizenship.

You can apply for exemption from the compulsory programme if

- you can document sufficient knowledge of the Norwegian language or Sami language, or
- you can show that you are unable to follow the programme for health reasons or for other weighty reasons.

### **Practical information**

In order 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 Population Register. Please contact the Adult Education Service if you have any questions or need information about application deadlines or if you have any questions about your rights and obligations.

You can also find information online at [www.imdi.no](http://www.imdi.no) and [www.udi.no](http://www.udi.no)