

## ATTACHMENT: GUIDELINES FOR NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE PLAN FOR PERSONS WITH COLLECTIVE PROTECTION

### **Information concerning the Norwegian language plan, for those who are to participate in language training – persons with collective protection**

Persons with collective residency in Norway have the right - but not an obligation – to participate in Norwegian language training<sup>1</sup>.

The municipality, at the same time that a decision is made to offer education in Norwegian language, shall draw up a language training plan. The language training plan shall specify the participant's language goals, the scope of the training and details of the right of appeal.

#### **About your Norwegian language training plan**

- You and the municipality shall in cooperation draw up a specific plan for your participation in language training. The training will help to give you a good knowledge of Norwegian language.
- The Norwegian language training plan is an individual decision and the municipality must justify the content of the training. Your competencies and language training goals form the basis for the initiatives included in the training.

#### **Norwegian language goals**

- Participants in language training must achieve a minimum standard in Norwegian. The municipality and the County Authority must provide for training so that the participant can achieve the minimum standard. The minimum standard represents the participant's Norwegian language goal.

#### **Deadlines and scope of training**

- Persons with a residence permit that grants the right to participate in Norwegian language training retain the right until the participant has reached a minimum standard in Norwegian language, i.e. the participant's Norwegian language goal.
- The right to Norwegian language training applies for one year from the date the training commences.

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<sup>1</sup> You do not have the right or obligation to participate in social studies education.

- A participant that has a previous education corresponding to secondary level, or higher education, has the right to language training for no longer than 18 months with the addition of authorised leave of absence.

### **Absences and leave of absence**

You can apply to the municipality for permission to be absent from Norwegian language training. The municipality shall arrange the language training for the individual when circumstances arise that do not allow the participant to follow the training schedule. Leave of absence can be granted if individual adaptation is not possible.

An application must be submitted in writing, and the reason for the requested leave of absence must be documented. The period of absence shall be evaluated individually.

(Separate rules are determined in laws and regulations. See imdi.no).

### **Termination of language training**

- In the event of extensive absence from the Norwegian language training programme, the municipality can terminate the language training.

### **Examinations**

- Persons with collective protection who participate in Norwegian language training should reach a minimum standard. There is no obligation to take examinations. The municipality shall however ensure that participants are given the opportunity to take a final examination in Norwegian language, free of charge.

### **Do you wish to submit a complaint concerning your Norwegian language plan?**

- You can submit a complaint about both the training and the content in your Norwegian language plan.

*If you wish to submit a complaint, you must:*

- Submit a complaint within three weeks after you have received a decision regarding the content of your language training plan
- Submit the complaint to the agency in the municipality that has made the decision regarding your language training plan
- Give details of the nature of your complaint
- You must sign your complaint letter

Someone to whom you delegate authority (a proxy) can complain on your behalf. For someone to act as your proxy and submit a complaint for you, you must give that person written power of attorney. The power of attorney must specify what your proxy can do on your behalf. If you have a lawyer, you do not need to give them power of attorney.

**Where can I find further information about Norwegian language training plans?**

Further information concerning language training plans can be found in the [Integration Act](#) and the [regulations to the Act](#).

See also information at: [www.imdi.no](http://www.imdi.no) and The Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills ([hkdir.no](http://hkdir.no)).

*Good luck with your education and training!*