Visa Info: Norway

Visit/ Tourist visa

Here you will find information on what a Schengen visa is and how you can apply. Further, you will find information about the different requirements that comes into consideration for the application itself and

What is a Schengen visa?

The short stay visa is a Schengen visa, which enables you to enter and travel in the following countries: Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Malta, Switzerland and Norway.

If you are planning a trip to Europe, and are likely to visit several countries in Europe in the Schengen area, you must submit your visa application in the Embassy or Consulate of the country in which you intend to stay the longest. In case of ambiguity on the period of stay in several countries, you must submit your visa application in the Embassy or the Consulate of the country where you would be entering first.

Important information to visa applicants:

Due to Norways international obligations a decision cannot be taken on the spot. Applicants are kindly requested to apply at least one month before they plan to travel.

A decision made by the Embassy will normally take 3-5 weeks. During the high-season (from approximately mid April to end September) the processing time might be a little longer. If the application has to be sent to the Directorate of Immigration (UDI), a decision can on average take 3 months.

If the application is rejected an appeal can be made and must be sent to the Embassy within 3 weeks from the date of receiving the Embassy's decision. The appeal must be in English, signed, be on A4 size paper and be delivered in duplicate with enclosures.

How to apply:

Please note that the Norwegian Embassy, from 20.07.2009 has changed the routines for applying for visas and other permits. Applications are from this date to be lodged at the offices of Gerry's FedEx. More information can be found.

Visa Fee: 60 Euro

The fee must be paid before the submission of visa application.

Conditions for visa:

- You must have a valid passport, which must be valid at least three months after expiry of visa. All
 applicants must agree to deposit their passport at the Embassy while their application is being
 processed.
- You must have enough money to cover both travel and stay in Schengen. If you cannot document that, you have enough money to cover your stay you might be stopped at the border even if you have a valid visa.
- You need an economic guarantee from the person inviting you if you cannot document that you
 have enough yourself. For more information, see below under "guarantee".
- You must have legal return permit to your country of origin, or to another country where you have valid residence permit.
- You must have the intention to leave Norway/Schengen when your visa is expiring. Your application
 will be rejected if the Norwegian Immigration authorities have reason to believe that you will stay in
 Norway/Schengen after the expiry of the visa.
- You must not be registered in the Schengen Information System (SIS) as unwanted by any Schengen countries.
- You must have a health insurance that fullfils the Schengen requirements for insurance. For more information regarding the requirements, see "Health Insurance".

Guarantee:

If the applicant himself/herself cannot document that, he/she has enough money to cover both travel and stay in Schengen, the person inviting from Norway can make a guarantee. This guarantee has to be made on a special form, and stamped by the police in Norway. The person guaranteeing must present documentation of identity, permit to stay in Norway and documentation that he/she has enough income to be a guarantor. The guarantee form can be found under: "Application Forms

Please note that the guarantee form is just a documentation that the person applying for visa will have enough money to cover travel and stay to Schengen. It is not a guarantee that the applicant will leave Schengen on the expiry of the visa.

Documentation of money to cover travel and stay is just one of several conditions for a visa. This means

that a visa application might be rejected even if the person inviting has presented an economic guarantee.

What kind of documents you need to bring:

Initial remark: It is the applicant's responsibility to present all the required documents and fill out the application form before the interview at the Embassy. If an applicant cannot read or write assistance will be provided for by the staff at the visa section.

Missing documents must be presented within 2 weeks after the application has been lodged.

If they are not submitted within the deadline, the Embassy will make a decision based on the documents at hand.

For all kind of visit visa applications:

- Application form, in duplicate, filled in block letters.
- Family tree form (see "Application Forms" "Family tree") for one self, parents and parents-inlaw.
- Three new photos not older than six months. The photos must have white background and be
 35-40 mm in width. For all details see: "Photo requirement".
- Original passport, which must be valid at least three months after expiry of visa. Old and expired passports must also be submitted.
- Two copies of passport from page 1-4.
- Two copies of ID-card, both sides.
- Original + one copy of bank statement for the last six months, if you have a bank account. In addition applicants are required to submit copy of bank statement for the previous year.
- Property documents, with two copies, if you have any. English translation of documents must be provided.
- Two copies of Nikah Nama with English translation.
- Proof of employment which mentiones how long the applicant has been employed by his/hers employer. The employer must confirm that the applicant is granted leave of absence from his/hers work for the relevant number of days.
- If the applicant runs his own business, he/she must present proof of registration of the business with the relevant authorities and English translation of the documents
- Salary slips for the last 3 months
- Tax papers for the previous two years

Business visits (additional documentation required):

- Invitation from the business partner in Norway must be sent directly to the Embassy.
- Recommendation letter from the Chamber of Commerce.
- Recent correspondence between you and your Norwegian business partner.
- Bank statement for the last six months. In addition applicants are required to submit bank statement for the previous year.
- Tax papers for the previous two years. English translation must be provided.
- Proof of registration of the business with the relevant authorities. English translation must be provided.
- Family visits (additional documentation required):
- Official guarantee letter on stipulated form, obtainable from the Police in Norway, to be faxed or mailed to the Embassy.
- The reference should also attach a copy of his/her Norwegian passport or Pakistani passport with Norwegian residence permit.
- Tourist visits (additional documentation required):
- Confirmed hotel booking and financial guarantee according to length of stay.
- For all visa applicants:

Further documentation may be required.

All documents must be presented in original. In addition an English translation, in duplicate copies, must be presented.

• Before endorsement:

If your application is granted, you are normally required to fulfil the following conditions before the visa can be endorsed:

- Your passport must be valid at least three months after expiry of visa.
- A booked and paid return ticket. The ticket must be presented in original.
- A health insurance, which fulfil the Schengen requirements for health insurance. The insurance
 has to be valid in accordance to the length and entries of the visa. For more information on
 health insurance see: "Health insurance".

Please note:

Supplying the requested documents does not guarantee that the visa will be granted.

The possession of a visa does not guarantee entry into the Schengen states. In case the Schengen immigration officials refuse entry, the Embassy who has issued the visa cannot be held liable.

A visa for Norway and the rest of the Schengen area has a maximum duration of 90 days. The visa cannot be extended once the holder has entered the Schengen area. Exemptions may be granted only if unforeseen circumstances occur after your arrival in the Schengen area, and your original visa was issued for less than 90 days. Nevertheless, the total time of stay in the Schengen area cannot exceed 90 days.

For further information please visit the website of the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration – www.udiregelverk.no/.

Application for a 7 days entry visa (D-visa)

As a general rule, a residence permit and work permit must have been granted prior to the foreign national's entry into Norway, cf. section 10-1 of the Immigration Regulations. Consequently, an application for family reunification must be submitted from abroad.

How long time it will take to get a decision:

No on the spot decisions will be taken. After receiving forms and conducting the interview, the Embassy will inform you in writing. The Embassy needs to contact UDI before making a decision. A decision can take 3-4 weeks.

Fee: There is no fee for an application for 7 days entry visa.

Who can apply for a 7 days entry visa:

If you have a valid work-, residence- or settlement permit in Norway but your sticker has expired you may apply for a 7 days entry visa for your re-entry.

1) Family reunification

Please note that almost all applications for 7 days entry visa are rejected since there is a general need to verify submitted documents. If an entry visa is not given, the applicant has to apply for a work/residence

permit from Pakistan.

You may apply for a 7 days entry visa if you:

- are the spouse of a Norwegian citizen residing in or intending to take up residence in Norway; or
- are the spouse of a Nordic citizen that has resided in the realm for the last three years, and the parties have been married for at least three years; or
- are the spouse of a foreign national residing in Norway with a settlement permit or an individual permit to work in a group, and the parties have been married for at least three years. It must be documented that the spouse lives in Norway. If the applicant is married to a foreign national having a settlement permit stamp in his or her travel document, a visa shall not be issued if the Foreign Service mission possesses information indicating that the applicant's spouse has stayed outside Norway for more than two years. We refer to the fact that a settlement permit lapses when the holder has had his or her abode, or has in fact been resident, outside the realm for a continuous period of more than two years; or
- are a joint child of the spouses, cf. section 23 first paragraph (c) of the Immigration Regulations, who is going to travel with the applicant. Children of one of the spouses only do **not** come under this arrangement.
- are living in Norway but left the country before applying for renewal or before decision on application for renewal
- have a valid settlement permit in Norway, but have an expired visa sticker.

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In addition, all of the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Both parties must have been above the age of 18 at the time the marriage was entered into.
- The spouses shall live together in Norway.
- The marriage must not have been performed by proxy or through telephone.
- For applicants married to Norwegian citizens the subsistence requirement must be fulfilled, cf. section 25 of the Immigration Regulations. The subsistence requirement equals pay grade 1 for civil service employees.
- A visa shall not be granted if the applicant has been registered in the Schengen Information System (SIS).

- The applicant must not have been expelled from Norway with prohibition of entry. It is
 necessary to contact the Directorate of Immigration to verify this by consulting national
 registers.
- The information in the Central Person Register in Norway must be in agreement with the
 documentation presented in the case. It is necessary to contact the Directorate of Immigration
 to verify this.

What kind of documents you need to bring:

The applicant must submit:

- Original passport, which must be valid at least three months after expiry of visa.
- Two new photos.
- One set of application forms filled in block letters Two copies of passport.
- Two copies of ID-card.
- Original + one copy of birth certificate (both Matric and Primary),
- Original + one copy id-card,
- Original + one copy B-form,
- Original + one copy school certificate
- Original + one copy of properly registered Nikah Nama. '
- If any of the parties have been married before, original + one copy of divorce/death certificate must be submitted.
- If the reference is still in Pakistan, he/she must show entry stamp in his/her passport, and have a brief interview with the Embassy.
- If the reference has gone back to Norway, he/she must send entry/exit stamps of his/her
 passport and an invitation to the applicant, confirming that he/she wants the applicant to come
 to Norway.

2) NORAD Fellowship program:

If you have been accepted to the NORAD Fellowship Program you may apply for a 7 days entry visa at the Embassy, in order to apply for a study permit in Norway.

What kind of documents you need to bring:

The applicant must submit:

Original passport, which must be valid at least three months after expiry of visa.

• Two new photos.

• One set of application forms filled in block letters

Two copies of passport.

Two copies of ID-card.

• Copy of acceptance letter from the NORAD fellowship program

Please note:

The Embassy decides in each and every case if this Special Regulation may be used, depending on the documents submitted and other relevant facts.

After arriving in Norway, the applicant cannot travel to other Schengen countries until a residence permit has been granted.

If the applicant leaves Norway while the application for a residence permit is still under consideration, a new entry visa will only be granted in exceptional cases.

While the residence permit is under consideration, the applicant does not have the right to attend school or Norwegian language classes or get social security benefit.

Nor will the Norwegian authorities cover the travel expenses to Norway.

For further information please refer the following link:

http://www.norway.org.pk/Embassy/visa/VISA2/visit/

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