

# **Regulations relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health**

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## **Section 1. Exemptions from entry restrictions for foreign nationals covered by the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Convention etc.**

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. an EEA national who is a cross-border worker or engaged as an employee; see section 112, first paragraph (a) of the Immigration Act;
- b. an EEA national who is self-employed; see section 112, first paragraph (a) of the Immigration Act;
- c. a service provider in an EEA country; see section 110, fourth paragraph, or section 112, first paragraph (b), of the Immigration Act;
- d. an EEA national who is enrolled at an approved educational institution; see section 112, first paragraph (d) of the Immigration Act;
- e. a family member of an EEA national (see section 110 of the Immigration Act), or an EEA national with corresponding family ties to a Norwegian national, who is to establish residence in Norway;
- f. an EEA national with family ties as specified in section 1 e, who is to visit a family member residing in Norway or travel with a Norwegian family member. Exemption is to be granted from the provision in section 110, third paragraph (c), of the Immigration Act stating that a relative in direct line of descent must be under the age of 21;
- g. an EEA national who owns real property in Norway and the owner's household members, who are to visit the property;
- h. an EEA national or a national of Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican City State and his or her family members, who needs to travel through Norway to get home;
- i. an EEA national who is resident in a third country, who can document a place of accommodation where entry quarantine is to be carried out in accordance with section 5, fourth paragraph, of the COVID-19 Regulations;
- j. a spouse, registered partner, cohabitant or minor or adult child or stepchild of an EEA national as specified in section 1i, when such person travels to Norway with the EEA national or is joining the EEA national in Norway, and can document a place of accommodation where entry quarantine is to be carried out in accordance with section 5, fourth paragraph, of the COVID-19 Regulations.

The provisions of these Regulations pertaining to EEA nationals apply correspondingly to nationals of Switzerland.

## **Section 2. Exemptions from entry restrictions on entering from certain countries and areas**

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national who resides in the EEA or Switzerland and who is exempt from entry quarantine under the COVID-19 Regulations or who can document a place of accommodation where quarantine is to be carried out; see § 5, fourth paragraph, of the COVID-19 Regulations;
- b. (repealed);
- c. a foreign national who has a need to travel through the Norwegian mainland on the way to or from work or residence in Svalbard;
- d. a foreign national who is resident in Svalbard.

## **Section 3. Exemptions from entry restrictions in other cases**

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national who is to carry out agreed or formalised parent-child contact or divided residence for children;
- b. a foreign national who will only be staying in airport transit before departing Norway;
- c. members of the Sami community in the exercise of reindeer herding;
- d. a foreign national who performs commercial transport of goods and passengers for payment, or is en route to or from such an assignment;
- e. journalists and other personnel on assignment for a foreign media institution;
- f. a foreign national as specified in sections 1-4 and 1-5 of the Immigration Regulations, and who can present a diplomatic or service passport, or possibly a national passport in combination with a Norwegian ID card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or in combination with a Schengen residence card for embassy personnel; the same applies to dual-accredited diplomats and diplomatic couriers;
- g. military personnel as specified in section 1-7, second or third paragraphs, of the Immigration Regulations and their spouse, cohabitant or children who have been reported to and accepted by the Ministry of Defence, as well as members of a civilian component and civilian personnel working for military staffs or headquarters in Norway (including NATO departments in Norway) and their spouse, cohabitant or children;

- h. a foreign national who works on mobile or fixed installations; see sections 1-10 or 1-11 of the Immigration Regulations;
- i. a holder of a valid aviation personnel licence (see section 2-9 of the Immigration Regulations) en route to or from active service;
- j. seamen, en route to or from active service, with an identity card as specified in section 2-8 of the Immigration Regulations or a Philippine Seafarer's Identification and Record Book or a Philippine national passport as specified in section 3-1 (j) of the Immigration Regulations;
- k. a spouse, cohabitant or child of a posted foreign service officer at a Norwegian foreign service mission;
- l. employees of international organisations or employees in organisations that perform international humanitarian efforts, and who are on assignment or en route to or from such assignment;
- m. a foreign national invited by the Norwegian authorities to participate in international negotiations and similar activities, and a foreign national who is part of delegations coming to Norway in accordance with Norway's international commitments;
- n. passengers and crew on approved coastal cruises; see section 11 of the COVID-19 Regulations;
- o. researchers and crew members participating in marine research expeditions with a Norwegian port of call;
- p. foreign nationals with technical qualifications who are exempt from the requirement of a residence permit under section 1-1, first paragraph (b), of the Immigration Regulations;
- q. a foreign national who can document a place of accommodation where entry quarantine is to be carried out in accordance with section 5, fourth paragraph, of the COVID-19 Regulations and who has a family relationship as follows to a person resident in Norway:
  - spouse, registered partner or cohabitant
  - minor or adult child or stepchild
  - parent or stepparent
  - minor or adult grandchild or stepgrandchild
  - grandparent or stepgrandparent
  - established relationship of romantic partners of at least nine months' duration in which the parties have met each other physically, as well as the minor child of a romantic partner;
- r. a foreign national who is to work with film or series production in Norway that has received a commitment by the Norwegian Film Institute of a grant from the incentive scheme; see the Regulations of 16 December 2015 No. 1684 relating to an incentive scheme for film and series productions.

- s. a foreign national who is to work as a researcher, and who is exempt from the requirement of a residence permit for an employment relationship of up to three months; see section 1-1, second paragraph, of the Immigration Regulations.
- t. players and support staff who arrive in Norway in connection with international football matches, and who are exempt from entry quarantine under section 6f of the COVID-19 Regulations;
- u. a spouse, registered partner, cohabitant or minor or adult child or stepchild of a Norwegian national who is resident abroad, when such person travels on a visit to Norway with the Norwegian national or is joining him or her in Norway and can document a place of accommodation where entry quarantine is to be carried out in accordance with section 5, fourth paragraph, of the COVID-19 Regulations.

#### **Section 4. Exemptions from entry restrictions for foreign nationals with a residence permit in Norway**

The following foreign nationals may not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national with a residence permit in Norway granted under the Immigration Act's provisions on family immigration, and for whom the sponsor is a Norwegian national or a foreign national resident in Norway or is otherwise entitled to entry under the Act or under these Regulations;
- b. a foreign national with a residence permit in connection with work; see sections 23, 24 or 25 of the Immigration Act;
- c. a foreign national with a residence permit for students etc.; see section 6-19 of the Immigration Regulations;
- d. a foreign national with an entry permit granted under section 35 of the Immigration Act;
- e. a foreign national with a residence permit for employees of non-profit, religious or humanitarian organisations; see section 6-23 of the Immigration Regulations.

#### **Section 5. Further rules on administrative procedures**

The Directorate of Immigration may establish guidelines on administrative procedures for the police and other public authorities, including any foreign service mission, that perform tasks under these Regulations; see section 20-3 of the Immigration Regulations, which applies correspondingly.

#### **Section 6. Entry into force**

These Regulations enter into force on 1 July 2020.