

New system from 2005

The Government is planning to introduce a new system for language training from 1 January 2005. An important part of the proposal is that 300 hours of language training will be compulsory for all adult immigrants and refugees. In order to obtain a settlement permit and Norwegian citizenship, you will have to have completed 300 hours of Norwegian lessons. For those who want and need more language training, the municipalities will be obliged to offer up to 3,000 hours of free lessons.

More information?

If you have more questions, please contact your local municipality. The municipalities often have their own adult education centres, but some have organised the training differently.

The Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (KRD) has the national responsibility for Norwegian language training. You may find more information on language training at the home page of the Ministry: www.innvandring.no

More brochures?

This brochure is available in Standard Norwegian (bokmål H-2144 b), New Norwegian (nynorsk H-2144 n) and English (H-2144 engelsk). Public institutions can order from:

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**NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING
FOR IMMIGRANTS IN 2004**



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If you are 16 years of age or older and speak poor Norwegian, you may be entitled to free language training in Norwegian from your local municipality.

Who can get free language training?

From 1 January 2004 new rules apply as to who can get free language training. In order to qualify, you have to be 16 years of age or older. You also need a residence permit valid for more than three months.

You are not entitled to free language training if you have come to Norway to study, or if you are an asylum seeker. However, asylum seekers under the age of 18 and people with a residence permit living in reception centres while waiting for settlement, can get free language training.

People holding an EEA-/EFTA-permit (European Economic Area and European Free Trade Association)

and Nordic citizens will no longer be entitled to free language training. The same applies to migrant workers and their families who arrived in Norway after 1 January 2003.

Norwegian citizens, who do not speak Norwegian well enough, will still be offered free language training. But the authorities plan to abolish the offer in six year's time.

Those who do not qualify for free language training, will have to pay for it themselves. Both municipal and private centres of adult education offer Norwegian courses for a fee.

The training

Your local municipality offers language training for adult immigrants. The training will provide a basic knowledge of the Norwegian language. How many hours of free Norwegian language training you can receive, depends on your education from your home country.

If you have an educational background equivalent to that of Norwegian primary and lower secondary school or more, you can get up to a maximum of 850 hours of free Norwegian lessons (A-løp). If you have less prior education than the basic Norwegian primary schooling, you may be entitled to a maximum of 3,000 hours of Norwegian lessons (B-løp).

There is a standardised, national test that measures your Norwegian language skills. The test is called "Språkprøven på mellomnivå".