



The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo and has the honour to refer to amendments in the regulation on Covid-19 measures regarding testing upon arrival in Norway.

As of 18 January 2021 at 1700 hrs, the amendments to the Covid-19 Regulations mean that everyone who during the last 14 days before arrival in Norway has been in an area entailing an entry quarantine obligation when entering Norway as stipulated in [Annex A of the Covid-19 Regulations](#), must now be tested for SARS-CoV-2 at the border crossing point in Norway. The test must be PCR or antigen rapid test (cf. the Covid-19 Regulations Section 4d first paragraph). The test is free of charge.

Persons obliged to testing at the border crossing point who, without reasonable cause, refuses testing and do not leave Norway voluntarily, will be fined (cf. the Covid-19 Regulations Section 4d second paragraph), and must carry out the quarantine period in a quarantine hotel (cf. the Covid-19 Regulations Section 5 first and second paragraph).

When crossing the border at *Svinesund*, persons residing in Norway can be tested elsewhere other than at the border crossing point, as soon as possible, and no later than within 24 hours, provided that the waiting time for getting tested at the border crossing point exceeds one hour (cf. the Covid-19 Regulations Section 4d fifth paragraph).

It is also noted that all rules regarding persons arriving from the United Kingdom will now also apply to persons arriving from South Africa.

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The exemption from mandatory testing when arriving in Norway applicable to accredited members of diplomatic missions and family members forming part of their household is continued. The exemption also still applies to accredited but non-resident diplomats and diplomatic couriers (cf. the Covid-19 Regulations Section 4d third paragraph, letter g). Hence, this group is not obliged to get tested for SARS-CoV-2 at the border crossing point in Norway.

However, diplomatic and consular personnel accredited to Norway and their accompanying family members are strongly urged to comply with the current regulations and recommendations, both at the national and local level, as well as other regulations, including the new measures regarding testing upon arrival in Norway.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo the assurance of its highest consideration.



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