

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo and has the honour to refer to a recent news update from the Ministry of Justice and Public Security concerning travel to Norway.

The news update from the Ministry of Justice and Public Security concerning travelling to Norway in general, is available at this link: <a href="https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/koronavirus-covid-19/travel-to-norway/id2791503/">https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/koronavirus-covid-19/travel-to-norway/id2791503/</a>

The information is available in several languages.

In order to limit import infection, foreigners' access to Norway has been tightened sharply. From 29 March, all persons, including Norwegian citizens and foreigners residing in Norway, who travel on an unnecessary trip abroad, must spend the entry quarantine at quarantine hotels. Only those non-Norwegian citizens who are residents of Norway are permitted to enter the country. This also applies to citizens of the EEA. There are still exemptions in place for some groups.

Measures including mandatory testing, entry registration, entry quarantine and quarantine hotels continue to apply to those persons who are exempt from the restrictions on entering Norway.

Diplomatic and consular personnel accredited to Norway and their accompanying family are still exempt from the restrictions on entering Norway and the said measures, including mandatory testing (*Covid Regulations Section 4a*) second paragraph, letter i, and Section 4d) third paragraph, letter g); entry registration (*Covid Regulations 5b*) second paragraph letter d); the requirement of carrying out entry quarantine at a designated quarantine hotel (*Covid Regulations Section 5 second paragraph letter h*).

It is, however, strongly urged and expected that personnel with diplomatic immunity and their accompanying family, on a voluntary basis, comply with the Covid-19 Regulations and carry out entry quarantine at a suitable place, as well as comply with the other measures of the Covid 19 regulations, as well as measures set out in any local regulations enacted by the municipalities, (cf. the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations art. 41 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations art. 55).

We also advise you to consult the following webpage in which useful Coronavirus information for Diplomatic and Consular Missions may be found:

https://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/ud/about\_mfa/diplomatic\_relations/covid19\_notes/id2693823/

The Coronavirus regulations change frequently and often on short notice, and Missions are recommended to consult this page for questions (please note the date for when last updated in order to ensure that the last changes have been reflected).

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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