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The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo and has the honour to inform about entry regulations that apply to accredited foreign mission personnel.

Foreign missions are advised to keep up to date on entry regulations and infection control measures. Currently no entry regulations are in force, and only general immigration regulations apply. Entry regulations may, however, change on short notice based on *inter alia* the current infection rates in different countries.

The infection control measures applicable upon entry into Norway are requirements for any traveler to:

- Complete the registration form prior to travelling.
- Provide documentation of a negative test result prior to entry.
- Undergo testing upon arrival in Norway.
- Enter a 10 days quarantine period if arriving from a red or dark red country or region, or a country or region outside of the EU/EEA. The travel quarantine may take place in the traveler's own home or another suitable place of residence, but if no suitable accommodation is available, a quarantine hotel has to be used.

Covid-19 certificates accepted by the Norwegian authorities as listed in the Covid-19 Regulations, appendix D, will entitle exemptions from the requirements of providing documentation of a negative test result prior to entry and travel quarantine.

Foreign mission personnel accredited to Norway and diplomatic couriers are in general exempt from the following infection control measures:

- the duty to register before arrival (*cf. the Covid Regulations, Section 5b, second subsection, paragraph d*)
- the requirement of presenting a negative Covid-19 test upon arrival (*cf. the Covid-19 Regulations, Section 4a, third subsection, paragraph g*)
- mandatory testing for Covid-19 upon arrival in Norway (*cf. the Covid-19 Regulations, Section 4d, fourth subsection, paragraph g*)

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Where travel quarantine applies, foreign mission personnel and family members forming part of their household arriving in Norway are strongly urged and expected to quarantine in their residence or in other suitable place of accommodation for ten days from the day of arrival in Norway (*cf. the Covid-19-Regulations Section 4, first subsection*). Travel quarantine can be ended with a negative PCR test taken at the earliest three days after arrival (*cf. the Covid-19-Regulations Section 4c*). During the travel quarantine the person may leave home if a social distancing of at least two meters to any other person may be kept at all times, but may not be at the work place, in school or kindergarten. Public transport may not be used (*cf. the Covid-19-Regulations, Section 5*). If developing symptoms of Covid-19 like a cold or a flu, coughing, fever or shortness of breath, the person must contact the health and care services for testing (*cf. the Covid-19-Regulations, Section 5, sixth subsection*).

From 27 November 2021 however, stricter measures have been introduced to slow down the spread of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus (*cf. the Covid-19 Regulations, Section 4b*). At present, these measures apply to any person arriving from South-Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Eswatini and Malawi, but this may change on short notice. Foreign mission personnel are strongly advised to keep up to date on which countries are affected and which regulations apply for foreign mission personnel in each case.

It should also be noted that new regulations have been enacted on 29 November 2021 setting out requirements regarding isolation if suspicion of infection by the Omicron variant, quarantine for close contacts when suspicion of infection by the Omicron variant and mandatory testing of close contacts of persons confirmed infected by the Omicron variant (*cf. the Covid-19 Regulations, Sections 4f, 4g and 4h*).

Missions should note that the final interpretation of the entry regulations lies with the border control authorities.

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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