

Norway's Integration Policy



The goal is to increase labour market participation by investing in formal education, skills and qualifications, and to foster participation in society in general. Formal skills and qualifications are key to acquiring and keeping a job.

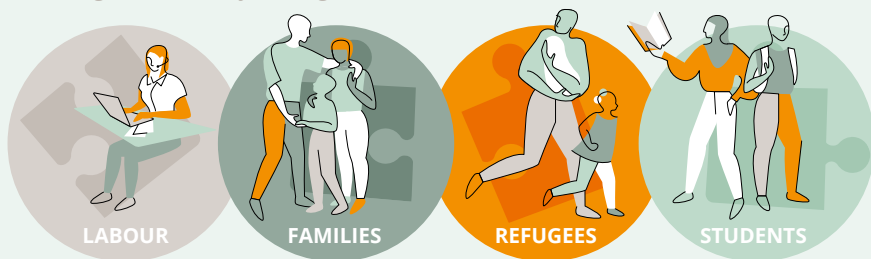
At the core of Norway's Integration Policy are two programmes regulated by the **Introduction Act**:

- **The Introduction Programme for Newly Arrived Refugees and their families** is an individually adapted full-time programme in the municipalities. It provides each participant with Norwegian language training and insight into Norwegian society. The overall goal is to prepare for employment or further education.
- **The Norwegian Language Training and Social Studies Programme** has a broader target group. Through the programme, the participants should sufficiently master Norwegian in the course of the first years in Norway, and acquire knowledge about Norwegian society. Having completed language training or demonstrated corresponding language skills through a test, is a requirement for a permanent residence permit and for Norwegian citizenship.

Cooperation and dialogue with civil society, immigrant organisations and other NGOs, as well as local and regional authorities, is essential for developing and implementing the integration policy. The Government supports various integration initiatives through grants.

Integration is mainstreamed in the Norwegian public sector, and authorities have a responsibility for adapting their services to the diverse needs of the users. At the same time, immigrants are expected to contribute and participate in their communities.

Norway's Integration Policy **targets** all immigrants, in particular refugees, labour immigrants, family immigrants, and their children.



Integration through knowledge



<https://www.regjeringen.no/en/dokumenter/integration-through-knowledge/id2617092/>

Further information

The Norwegian Government <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/integration>

The Norwegian Directorate of Integration and Diversity <https://www.imdi.no/en/>

The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration <https://www.udi.no/en/>

Skills Norway <https://www.kompetansenorge.no/English/>

The Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education <https://www.nokut.no/en/>

The Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training <https://www.udir.no/in-english/>

Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education <https://diku.no/en/about-diku>