

## **Regulations relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health**

Adopted by Ministry of Justice and Public Security 29 June 2020 under sections 2, 3 and 6 of the Interim Act of 19 June 2020 No. 83 relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health; see decision of 19 June 2020 No. 1244 delegating authority.

### *Section 1 Exemptions from entry restrictions for foreign nationals covered by the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Convention etc.*

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. an EEA national who is a cross-border worker or engaged as an employee; see section 112, first paragraph (a) of the Immigration Act;
- b. an EEA national who is self-employed; see section 112, first paragraph (a) of the Immigration Act;
- c. a service provider in an EEA country; see section 110, fourth paragraph, or section 112, first paragraph (b), of the Immigration Act;
- d. an EEA national who is enrolled at an approved educational institution; see section 112, first paragraph (d) of the Immigration Act;
- e. a family member of an EEA national (see section 110 of the Immigration Act), or an EEA national with corresponding family ties to a Norwegian national, who is to establish residence in Norway;
- f. an EEA national with family ties as specified in section 1 e, who is to visit a family member residing in Norway or travel with a Norwegian family member.  
Exemption is to be granted from the provision in section 110, third paragraph (c), of the Immigration Act stating that a relative in direct line of descent must be under the age of 21;
- g. an EEA national who owns real property in Norway and the owner's household members, who are to visit the property;
- h. an EEA national or a national of Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican City State and his or her family members, who needs to travel through Norway to get home.

The provisions of these Regulations pertaining to EEA nationals apply correspondingly to nationals of Switzerland.

### *Section 2 Exemptions from entry restrictions on entering from certain countries and areas*

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national residing in a country or area specified in section 5a of the COVID-19 Regulations, and who fulfils the conditions for exemption from the duty of quarantine;
- b. a foreign national who, in connection with work or a work assignment, crosses the border from a country or area specified in section 6, first paragraph, of the COVID-19 Regulations or is covered by the exemption described in section 6, eighth paragraph;
- c. a foreign national who has a need to travel through the Norwegian mainland on the way to or from work or residence in Svalbard;
- d. a foreign national who is resident in Svalbard.

### Section 3 *Exemptions from entry restrictions in other cases*

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national who is to carry out agreed or formalised parent-child contact or divided residence for children;
- b. a foreign national who will only be staying in airport transit before departing Norway;
- c. members of the Sami community in the exercise of reindeer herding;
- d. a foreign national who performs commercial transport of goods and passengers for payment, or is en route to or from such an assignment;
- e. journalists and other personnel on assignment for a foreign media institution;
- f. a foreign national as specified in sections 1-4 and 1-5 of the Immigration Regulations, and who can present a diplomatic or service passport, or possibly a national passport in combination with a Norwegian ID card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or in combination with a Schengen residence card for embassy personnel; the same applies to dual-accredited diplomats and diplomatic couriers;
- g. military personnel as specified in section 1-7, second or third paragraphs, of the Immigration Regulations and their spouse, cohabitant or children who have been reported to and accepted by the Ministry of Defence, as well as members of a civilian component and civilian personnel working for military staffs or headquarters in Norway (including NATO departments in Norway) and their spouse, cohabitant or children;
- h. a foreign national who works on mobile or fixed installations; see sections 1-10 or 1-11 of the Immigration Regulations;
- i. a holder of a valid aviation personnel licence (see section 2-9 of the Immigration Regulations) en route to or from active service;
- j. seamen, en route to or from active service, with an identity card as specified in section 2-8 of the Immigration Regulations or a Philippine Seafarer's Identification and Record Book or a Philippine national passport as specified in section 3-1 (j) of the Immigration Regulations;

- k. a spouse, cohabitant or child of a posted foreign service officer at a Norwegian foreign service mission;
- l. employees of international organisations or employees in organisations that perform international humanitarian efforts, and who are on assignment or en route to or from such assignment;
- m. a foreign national invited by the Norwegian authorities to participate in international negotiations and similar activities, and a foreign national who is part of delegations coming to Norway in accordance with Norway's international commitments;
- n. passengers and crew on approved coastal cruises; see section 10b of the Regulations of 27 March 2020 No. 470 relating to infection control measures etc. in connection with the coronavirus outbreak;
- o. researchers and crew members participating in marine research expeditions with a Norwegian port of call;
- p. foreign nationals with technical qualifications who are exempt from the requirement of a residence permit under section 1-1, first paragraph (b), of the Immigration Regulations.

#### *Section 4 Exemptions from entry restrictions for foreign nationals with a residence permit in Norway*

The following foreign nationals may not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national with a residence permit in Norway granted under the Immigration Act's provisions on family immigration, and for whom the sponsor is a Norwegian national or a foreign national resident in Norway or is otherwise entitled to entry under the Act or under these Regulations;
- b. a foreign national with a residence permit in connection with work; see sections 23, 24 or 25 of the Immigration Act;
- c. a foreign national with a residence permit for students etc.; see section 6-19 of the Immigration Regulations;
- d. a foreign national with an entry permit granted under section 35 of the Immigration Act.

#### *Section 5 Further rules on administrative procedures*

The Directorate of Immigration may establish guidelines on administrative procedures for the police and other public authorities, including any foreign service mission, that perform tasks under these Regulations; see section 20-3 of the Immigration Regulations, which applies correspondingly.

#### *Section 6 Entry into force*

These Regulations enter into force on 1 July 2020.