

Important notice:

From 2nd March 2020 applications will be sent to New York, USA.

New regional hub system for immigration cases:

Starting 2nd of March 2020, VFS Global will forward all applications to the Norwegian Consulate General in New York, US. The Norwegian Embassy in Brasilia and The Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro will no longer handle applications for visitor's visa or residence permit to Norway submitted in Brazil. Furthermore, VFS Global will only operate a visa application center for Norway in Rio de Janeiro.

What is new?

Although your application will be sent to another consulate, you will still be able to submit the application and collect your decision documents and passport from the VFS application center located in Rio de Janeiro.

If you are applying for a short stay visitor's visa, your passport and application documents will be sent to New York with a secure courier service.

If you are applying for a residence permit, you need to hand in your passport for control purposes. You will have your passport back once the document control has been carried out, usually within a couple of working days after you submitted your application to VFS. If your application for residence permit is granted and you need a visa to go to Norway, you will have to resubmit your passport to VFS in order to send your passport to New York for the issuance of the visa.

Fees

There will be no changes in the application procedures or application fees, but please be aware that some applicants may be subject to a *courier fee* to cover transportation of the passport between the VFS application center and New York. The courier fee will only be charged if you need a visa to go to Norway as your passport must be sent to the hub mission in New York for the issuance of a visa.

Not sure if you need a visa? See [List of third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders.](#)