

The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) has developed a dedicated application form for D-visas, following recommendations from the 2024 Schengen evaluation. This measure ensures compliance with Schengen standards and provides a more efficient and structured process for handling D-visa applications.

### **Who can apply for a D-visa?**

The D-visa is intended for applicants who:

- Are applying for a residence permit through family immigration, as a student, or as a skilled worker and wish to travel to Norway to submit their application in person to the police.
- Have already applied for a residence permit from abroad (family immigration or study permit) and wish to travel to Norway before receiving a decision on their application.
- Have received a job offer in Norway, and whose employer has obtained confirmation from the police that they may start working before the residence permit application is processed.
- Hold a valid residence permit in Norway but are abroad without their residence card (e.g., lost or stolen).
- Hold a residence permit that has expired while abroad, but have submitted an application to renew their permit or obtain permanent residence.
- Will be working at an Embassy or Consulate in Norway, or a family member of a diplomat moving to Norway.

The new electronic form will be implemented on **13 January 2026**. From this date, all applicants must use the D-visa form for new applications, found on the UDI's application portal. The previous practice of using the C-visa form and manually indicating a D-visa, or the printed application form for manual completion, will no longer apply.

However, to allow for a smooth transition, applications submitted on C-visa forms under the old procedure will be **accepted until 20 January 2026**. This grace period ensures that applicants who prepared their applications before the launch can still submit them without being rejected. For applicants who booked before 13 January but have appointments after 21 January, please offer them the option to register their application using the electronic form on one of the available computers.

Please note that there are no changes to the eligibility criteria for D-visas; the new form simply provides a more structured way of receiving these applications.

### **Biometric Requirements**

In accordance with the Immigration Regulations (§ 18-1), biometric data in the form of a facial photograph and fingerprints must be collected and stored for all foreign nationals applying for an entry visa.

Children under six years of age are exempt from fingerprint collection (cf. § 18-1, second paragraph).

When an applicant submits an entry visa application together with a residence permit application, it is sufficient to collect the facial photograph and fingerprints only once (cf. § 18-1, fifth paragraph).

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition.