



Norwegian University
of Life Sciences

Options for soon to be NMBU Graduates



For students who currently hold a student residence permit and who are considering work in Norway after completing studies at NMBU.



CONTACT US

If you have questions about work permits after studies, contact us at sit@nmbu.no.

If you would like to get in touch with a career counselor, send an email to karse@nmbu.no

Are you eligible for a Job Seeker or Work Permit?

Job Seeker Permit Requirements

- This permit is meant for new graduates who need time after graduation to look for employment as a skilled worker*. Permit length can be up to 12 months.
- The application for a job seeker permit must be submitted after completing your degree in Norway and no later than one month before your current study permit expires.
- Required financing: NOK 19 701/month or NOK 236 406/year
Funds can be documented by money in the bank or an employment contract (skilled worker qualifications not required) or a combination of the two.
- Permit fee is NOK 3 700

Work Permit Requirements

- Concrete offer of employment/employment contract.
Contracts may be temporary or permanent.
- Employment must be 100% (80% might be accepted in special cases)
- Position must require qualifications of a skilled worker*
- Salary requirements based on education level (subject to change June 2017)
Completed bachelor's degree: NOK 382 900 (pre-tax)
Completed master's degree: NOK 412 600 (pre-tax)
- Permit fee is NOK 3 700

* **Skilled worker** is defined as a person who has completed higher education, ie minimum of bachelor's degree.

Source: www.udi.no/en

Looking for work in Norway

You have acquired a valuable and important skill set while studying at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU). Below you will find some basic tips to assist in your job search.

- Norwegian is the most common work language in Norway. Even if you meet or exceed all of the other requirements, if Norwegian is also a requirement listed on the job announcement, a potential employer will not invite you for an interview. If you lack Norwegian skills, you might consider taking language classes while you study or while you have the job seeker permit.
- Consider taking a course to learn job seeking skills in Norway. It is important to learn about cultural differences in the job search process. There can be fundamental differences in CV format, interview questions and work attire. The Career Centre offers courses in English every semester. <https://www.nmbu.no/en/students/career-centre>
- Drop-in at the Student Information Centre (SiT) for basic career counseling and CV review on Wednesdays from 10:00—12:00 and Thursdays from 16:15—18:00.
- Register on <https://careergate.nmbu.no/>

