EUROPE · NORWAY · NON-EU/EEA PHARMACY DEGREE ROUTE

NO How to register as a pharmacist in Norway

The licence is autorisasjon (authorisation) from Helsedirektoratet. A master's-level pharmacist is a provisorfarmasøyt; a bachelor's-level pharmacist is a reseptarfarmasøyt. Degrees from outside the EU/EEA are assessed one by one, and extra requirements follow. Licence or registration: **Autorisasjon som provisorfarmasøyt**. Regulator: **Helsedirektoratet (Norwegian Directorate of Health)**. Every fact was checked against official sources on **20 November 2026**.

WAIT UP TO 23 MONTHS Helsedirektoratet's published processing time for applicants educated outside the EU/EEA is 23 months, and this also applies to applications already received. After a positive assessment you then have 3 years to meet the extra requirements: Norwegian at B2, the national subjects course and the medication handling test.

Who decides what	
Helsedirektoratet	Assesses your education and decides authorisation and any exemptions.
Folkeuniversitetet	The only approved provider of the national subjects course with the medication handling test.
HK-dir	Runs Norskprøven, the Norwegian language test, at venues in Norway.
UDI and Norwegian Embassy	Decide residence permits. Separate from authorisation.
Employer	Decides hiring. Authorisation is not a job offer.

Who can apply

- A completed pharmacy degree. Helsedirektoratet compares its level, content and scope with the Norwegian degree, case by case.
- A master's is assessed for provisorfarmasøyt. If refused, a reseptarfarmasøyt authorisation may be the outcome; ask Helsedirektoratet.
- Proof from your home authority that you may practise, where such a scheme exists.
- Work experience alone does not replace the extra requirements.
- Norwegian at B2 is required. Helsedirektoratet gives no exemption from the language requirement.
- All extra requirements must be met within 3 years of the decision, or you must apply again.

The steps, with approximate time and cost

1. **Learn Norwegian to B2**
   B2 on all parts of an approved test, such as Norskprøven. There is no exemption, and you must meet it before you can join the other courses.
   Time: 12–24 months (est.) · Cost: set by test venue
2. **Apply for autorisasjon**
   Apply online to Helsedirektoratet as a provisorfarmasøyt (master's) or reseptarfarmasøyt (bachelor's), with full documents of your education.
   Time: up to 23 months · Cost: NOK 1 665
3. **Get the assessment decision**
   Your education is judged equivalent (jevngod) or you are judged competent (kyndig). The decision lists the extra requirements you must complete.
   Time: 3-year window
4. **National subjects and medication course**
   Course by Folkeuniversitetet on Norwegian health services, health law and culture, with a medication handling and calculation test for pharmacists.
   Time: 13 weeks · Cost: NOK 16 500
5. **Send all proof to Helsedirektoratet**
   Send your language result and course results together, with your case number. You do not submit a new application.
   Time: up to 3 months
6. **Receive your autorisasjon**
   Authorisation to work as a pharmacist in Norway. It is not a visa and not a job offer.
   Time: after approval

Typical total: About 3–5 years (est.)

Language requirements

- Norskprøven at B2 on all parts, or Test i norsk, høyere nivå (Bergenstesten).
- Also accepted: some schooling, exams or 60 study points in Norwegian, as listed by Helsedirektoratet.
- Results from different test parts cannot be combined. There is no exemption.
- The language requirement is separate. Passing the national subjects course does not prove it.

Read this before you plan

- Licence ≠ visa ≠ job. Autorisasjon gives no right to enter or stay in Norway, and does not mean an employer will hire you.
- UDI says health personnel need authorisation from Helsedirektoratet for a skilled worker permit. A job offer from one employer is also needed.
- You may not work as a pharmacist before authorisation. Nothing in this process is guaranteed.

Exams, costs and documents

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Exam pattern and mode: online, test centre or onsite

Norskprøven B2 (Norwegian test)

TEST CENTRE

- Reading, listening and writing on a PC
- Separate oral (speaking) part
- B2 needed on all parts
- Parts from different sittings cannot be combined
- Up to 3 attempts within the 3-year window

On a computer at an approved test venue in Norway only. HK-dir says it cannot be taken abroad, so not in Pakistan.

Nasjonale fag exam

ONSITE

- Written exam, 4 hours
- Health services, health law, culture
- 5 individual and 2 group tasks first
- Up to 3 attempts

Course sessions are held in person in Norwegian cities, such as Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim. No exam abroad is mentioned.

Legemiddelhåndtering test

ONSITE

- Exam, 4 hours
- Medicines rules, handling, calculation
- 1 assignment and 2 multiple-choice tests first
- Up to 3 attempts

Part of the same Folkeuniversitetet course in Norway. No exam abroad is mentioned.

Official fees	Amount
Authorisation application Helsedirektoratet fee for applicants educated outside the EU/EEA	**NOK 1 665**
National subjects course Folkeuniversitetet, per participant, as listed for 2027 course starts	**NOK 16 500**
Work residence permit (UDI) Applicants over 18, also renewals	**NOK 6 300**
Study permit (UDI) Applicants over 18, also renewals	**NOK 5 400**

NOK = Norwegian krone. Language tests, courses, travel to Norway and living costs are extra and paid by you.

Documents usually required

- Proof of identity
- Pharmacy degree certificate
- Transcript with course list
- Detailed course plan with content and hours
- Proof that you may practise in your home country
- Proof of work experience, if any
- Documents for primary source verification, if requested
- Later: B2 result and course results

Expected time

- Helsedirektoratet's published processing time for applications from outside the EU/EEA is 23 months. The EU/EEA time is 3 months.
- After a positive decision you have 3 years to complete all extra requirements, with up to 3 attempts at each.
- Once you send all proof of the extra requirements, Helsedirektoratet expects to finish within 3 months.

Typical total: About 3–5 years (est.)

If you are not approved as provisor

- The University of Oslo (UiO) has a special entry route for non-EU/EEA master's pharmacists refused provisorfarmasøyt but authorised as reseptarfarmasøyt.
- Students join the 7th semester of the pharmacy programme. All teaching is in Norwegian.
- UiO says there is no such intake in 2026. Check the page each year; non-EU/EEA students pay tuition.
- You can ask Helsedirektoratet for exemption from extra requirements if you have completed equivalent measures.

Visas, pay and next steps

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Immigration route (separate from registration)	What official sources say	Status
Skilled worker permit	Needs a degree, a concrete job offer from one Norwegian employer, at least 80% of full time, and normal Norwegian pay and conditions. Health personnel must enclose authorisation or a licence from Helsedirektoratet.	Open
Study permit, missing courses	UDI may grant a study permit only for courses you lack to get authorisation. Proof of funds is NOK 170 368 for the year. Confirm with UDI whether the national subjects course qualifies.	Confirm
Study permit, UiO pharmacy	For the UiO entry route at the 7th semester. A study place, proof of funds and tuition are needed. UiO runs no such intake in 2026.	Changes yearly

If you are applying from Pakistan

- Residence permit applications are handed in at VFS Global/Gerry's centres in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi, by appointment.
- Biometrics must be given in person at the application centre.
- The Norwegian Embassy in Abu Dhabi processes the applications; passports are sent to the embassy in Islamabad for inspection.
- Visa operations in Pakistan resumed on 24 March 2026 after a temporary closure.
- Norskprøven cannot be taken in Pakistan. It is offered only in Norway.

Pay and funding

- No official pay figure for pharmacists was verified for this guide. Statistics Norway (SSB) publishes pay by occupation in its statbank.
- Actual pay depends on employer, sector and any collective agreement. UDI requires pay no worse than normal in Norway.

Avoid these common mistakes

- Waiting for the decision before learning Norwegian. The 3-year window is short.
- Planning to take Norskprøven from Pakistan. It is offered only in Norway.
- Assuming the national subjects course proves your Norwegian.
- Expecting a quick answer. The published wait is 23 months.
- Assuming authorisation brings a visa or a job.

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- International Career Mapping: consult, assess, roadmap, prepare
- Documentation and registration guidance
- English test preparation: IELTS, PTE and OET
- 1-on-1 mentorship, CV and interview support
- Webinars, CPD sessions and a lifetime community

ASGHCA offers education and guidance. Regulated immigration advice is referred to authorised professionals.

Official sources, all checked 20 November 2026: helsedirektoratet.no (Tilleggskrav for søkere utdannet utenfor EU/EØS; Gebyr og saksbehandlingstid; Gebyr, saksbehandlingstid, vedtak og klage) · lovdata.no (forskrift 2016-12-19-1732) · kurs.folkeuniversitetet.no (Kurs i nasjonale fag) · prove.hkdir.no (Norskprøven) · uio.no (innpassingsopptak farmasi) · udi.no (skilled workers, study permit, fees) · norway.no/pakistan.

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