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

NO Pharmacist registration 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. Facts 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.

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Norsk B2 start early	**Apply** Helsedirektoratet	**Vedtak** decision	**Nasjonale fag** with medication test	**Send proof** by email	**Autorisasjon** licence
12–24 months (est.)	up to 23 months	3-year window	13 weeks	up to 3 months	after approval

The route, step by step

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

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**

Exam pattern: online 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

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

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

Timelines

- 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.)

Keep these separate

- 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.

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