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The Purpose Of This Ebook

The purpose of this ebook is to help you understand about the official tests available for the Norwegian language. This collection of information is unique because it comes from someone who has gathered information about these tests.

Even if you live in Norway you could struggle getting information about how to prepare and apply for these tests.

It's my goal with this ebook to provide you the reader with enough information so that it helps you when you are ready to get certified for your knowledge of the Norwegian language.

Hope you find this useful,

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Why You Should Take The Tests?

There are some benefits if you take the Norwegian tests.

- 1) You get certified as someone who understands Norwegian.
- 2) The lessons will help you with reading/writing Norwegian.
- 3) The certificate helps you when applying for jobs in Norway.
- 4) The certificate helps you when applying for Norwegian citizenship.

The Norwegian Course

The best way to learn Norwegian is to attend a Norwegian course. Some of the courses are private while some of them are provided by the community (in Norway).

The community courses are for immigrants and you need to check with your kommune where you can attend these courses. If you qualify for these courses, then you can attend the classes for free. You also get the training materials for free. You also get a free attempt to the Norwegian tests.

So if this is possible, you should definitely register for such courses in your municipality. ([Click here](#) for some more information. You can also check the [website for the Oslo kommune.](#))

You can find some private courses online and offline. You can also find some private teachers who teach Norwegian. However these can be quite expensive and you should be willing to pay some money for the tutions as well as for the Norwegian tests.

Whether you attend a community course or a private course, learning at a class is the best because you interact with other people who are learning Norwegian. Listening and speaking are one of the fastest ways to learn the Norwegian language.

The Norwegian Tests

There are basically three levels of the Norwegian tests.

- 1) Norsk Prøve 1
- 2) Norsk Prøve 2
- 3) Norsk Prøve 3

You do not need to appear for all the tests in a sequence. So, for example, if you pass Norsk Prøve 3, you do not need to appear for the Norsk Prøve 2 test.

Note that these tests are held only in Norway. ([Click here](#) to find more information about the Norsk Prøve 2 and Norsk Prove 3 tests). You can appear for the tests either through a community course or privately.

If you appear through a community course the tests are free (for the first attempt). If you appear privately, the fee is 500 NOK per test. Note that the written and oral tests are separate which means 500 NOK for the written test and 500 NOK for the oral test.

The Norsk Prøve 2 and 3 exams take place three times a year. Tentatively at the end of January, May and October. Registration ends around 1 month prior to the exam dates. ([Click here](#) to get the latest dates for the tests).

Norsk Prøve 1

The Norsk Prøve 1 is the beginners level test. It is only available to students who are studying in a community course.

This is a test that is locally held in the class and on passing the test you get a local certificate.

Usually there is a written test and an oral test. You need to score around 65 percent in the written test and 90 percent in the oral test

to pass.

The test is based on your understanding of basic Norwegian vocabulary and phrases.

Norsk Prøve 2

The Norsk Prøve 2 is the intermediate level test. It can be appeared through a community course or privately. This is a test that is nationally held and on passing the test you get a recognized certificate.

Norsk Prøve 2 will test your ability to use Norwegian on a basic level, i.e. that you can understand and use common words and expressions in familiar everyday situations. This means that you should be able to read short, simple texts and messages. You should also be able to talk about yourself and your family, your job, your education, your living situation and other familiar everyday topics using simple phrases and sentences.

You will get your admission letter a few weeks before the tests are held.

There is a written test and an oral test. Usually the written and oral tests are not held on the same day.

Written Test

The written test is divided into three parts: a comprehension test, a listening test and an essay test. The written test lasts for around 3 hours.

Comprehension Test

In the comprehension test, you are given a few paragraphs about advertisements, brochures, personal and public letters, brochures, announcements, menus, user manuals, announcements, newspaper articles, timetables or other simple written material.

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You need to answer the questions after reading the paragraphs. The questions can be multiple choice or writing a few words.

Listening Test

In the listening test, you are given a sheet with the questions. Then an audio is played with some short sentences on topics such as personal relationships, work, shopping, transport, home, the immediate environment etc. You need to answer the questions after listening to the audio.

Note that you are given time to read through the questions before the test begins. You should use this to familiarise yourself with the questions. This makes it easier to find the answers in the audio. Note that the audio for each question is repeated just twice before moving on to the next question. The questions can be multiple choice or writing a few words.

Essay Test

In the essay test, there are two questions. One is to write a short summary (for example, an advertisement to sell your bicycle). The other is to write a larger essay or around 200 words (for example, how you celebrate Christmas).

Passing

You need to score at least 65 percent in each of the three parts of the written test. If you fail in any one of the parts (comprehension, listening, essay), then you fail the entire written test.

Oral Test

The oral test lasts for around 15 minutes. Usually it is held a day before (or after) the written tests.

In the oral test, you are paired with another student taking the test. There is a teacher who will ask the questions and an observer who will be assessing you.

There are three questions asked in the oral test.

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- 1) Tell something about yourself.
- 2) The teacher gives a topic which the two students need to discuss (e.g. How do you stay in shape?).
- 3) The teacher gives a topic which each student has to tell something about (e.g. What did you do in your vacation?) .

Norsk Prøve 3

The Norsk Prøve 3 is the advanced intermediate level test. It can be appeared through a community course or privately. This is a test that is nationally held and on passing the test you get a recognized certificate.

Norsk Prøve 3 will test your ability to use Norwegian independently, i.e. that you understand clear text and speech and are able to make yourself understood both when speaking and writing. This means that you must be able to understand the main points of a conversation in Norwegian. You should be able to deal with most everyday situations without any major problems and be able to understand the main points in radio and TV programs, for example the news. Additionally, you should be able to write a short, connected text on a topic of interest, or describing personal experiences and impressions.

You will get your admission letter a few weeks before the tests are held.

There is a written test and an oral test. Usually the written and oral tests are not held on the same day.

Written Test

The written test is divided into three parts: a comprehension test, a listening test and an essay test. The written test lasts for around 3 hours.

Comprehension Test

In the comprehension test, you are given a few paragraphs about advertisements, brochures, personal and public letters, brochures, announcements, menus, user manuals, announcements, newspaper articles, timetables or other simple written material.

You need to answer the questions after reading the paragraphs. The questions can be multiple choice or writing a few words.

Listening Test

In the listening test, you are given a sheet with the questions. Then an audio is played with some short sentences on topics such as personal relationships, work, shopping, transport, home, the immediate environment etc. You need to answer the questions after listening to the audio.

Note that you are given time to read through the questions before the test begins. You should use this to familiarise yourself with the questions. This makes it easier to find the answers in the audio. Note that the audio for each question is repeated just twice before moving on to the next question. The questions can be multiple choice or writing a few words.

Essay Test

In the essay test, there are two questions. One is to write a short summary (for example, an advertisement to sell your bicycle). The other is to write a larger essay or around 200 words (for example, how you celebrate Christmas).

Passing

You need to score at least 65 percent in each of the three parts of the written test. If you fail in any one of the parts (comprehension, listening, essay), then you fail the entire written test.

Oral Test

The oral test lasts for around 15 minutes. Usually it is held a day before (or after) the written tests.

In the oral test, you are paired with another student taking the test. There is a teacher who will ask the questions and an observer who will be assessing you.

There are three questions asked in the oral test.

- 4) Tell something about yourself.
- 5) The teacher gives a topic which the two students need to discuss (e.g. How do you stay in shape?).

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- 6) The teacher gives a topic which each student has to tell something about (e.g. What did you do in your vacation?) .

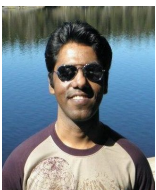
About Learn Norwegian

Because Norwegian is not a common language in the world, it's a bit difficult to find good resources and training materials on the Internet.

Learn Norwegian is an attempt to provide resources that will help you learn the Norwegian language as much as to help me further my education.

It gives you lessons, tips and resources that took me some time to gather so that you can save up on your time for learning the Norwegian language.

You can get free lessons in your email by subscribing to Learn Norwegian.



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