



TEACHING IN NORWAY

Information to European pre-school and school teachers looking for a job in Norway

All you need to know about the [Norwegian education system](https://www.nokut.no/en/norwegian-education/general-information-about-education-in-norway/), from pre-school to higher education and life long learning. <https://www.nokut.no/en/norwegian-education/general-information-about-education-in-norway/>

Terminology in Norwegian:

- barnehage = kindergarten (pre-school), from 0 to 6 years
- barnehagelærer / førskolelærer = pre-school teacher
- barneskole = primary school, from 6 to 13 years
- ungdomskole = lower secondary school, from 13 to 16 years
- grunnskole = the obligatory 10 years school education, from 6 to 16 years (primary school + lower secondary school)
- videregående skole = upper secondary school (from 16 to 19 years) where the students prepare for the equivalent of the “baccalaureate”
- fagskole = vocational / technical college – 1-3 years tertiary vocational programs
- universitet = university (higher education)
- høyskole = University college (higher education)
- folkehøyskole = Scandinavian type of school, a one-year boarding school.
- lærer = teacher
- engelsklærer = english teacher
- yrkesfaglærer = vocational (education) teacher

The jobs in education are listed on the EURES job portal www.eures.europa.eu. There is a particularly high demand for kindergarten teachers, and for teachers in primary and lower secondary school.

Requirements for working in education

Working in the Norwegian education system requires a good knowledge of the Norwegian language. In the Sami (Lapland) region in northern-Norway, a good knowledge of the Sami language (samisk) is required to work in some schools. Note that there are some English speaking programs and tuitions at university and university college level. Se www.studyinnorway.no for study programs in English.

Important!

- *Teacher, Primary/Lower and Upper Secondary School, and/or Native Language Teacher* is a regulated profession in Norway and [you must obtain a recognition](#) from Norwegian authorities in order to obtain a permanent teaching position in Norwegian primary and secondary school.
- To work as *head of kindergarten or educational supervisor in kindergarten*, you need to have kindergarten teacher's education or similar education within kindergarten/pre-school pedagogy and management in kindergarten. If your education is from outside of Norway, you [need a recognition](#) as head of kindergarten/educational supervisor to obtain a permanent position.

Language teachers are mostly needed in the lower and upper secondary school, and in Universities. The jobs are often part-time in lower and upper secondary schools and can be down to only a 20% position. So you might consider having to take jobs in several schools to get a full time job. And quite often, a (language) teacher in lower or upper secondary school might be required to teach other disciplines as well (sports, maths, etc).

Other relevant information

[Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills | HK-dir \(hkdir.no\)](#) official website for those who work with Higher education and research; Tertiary vocational education; Working life and skills; Adult learning; Career guidance; Kindergarten, primary and secondary education and training.

[Foreign education | HK-dir \(hkdir.no\)](#) the Directorate of Higher Education and Skills (HK-Dir) is the Norwegian authority to contact for the recognition of foreign qualifications in Norway. It is the Norwegian member organisation of the European ENIC-NARIC network. E-mail enic-naric@hkdir.no

<https://www.vofo.no/en/> The Norwegian Association for Adult Learning

UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

[Universities and University Colleges - regjeringen.no](#)

www.studyinnorway.no The official education portal for foreign students.

“FOLK HIGH SCHOOLS”

A Nordic type of school, a folk high school is a non-formal residential school offering learning opportunities in almost any subject.

<https://www.folkehogskole.no/en/about> The portal to the Norwegian Folk High Schools.

PRIVATE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

To find private language schools, use the Yellow Pages www.gulesider.no and search with the key word “språkskole”.

Please note that a knowledge of Norwegian might be a pre-requisite to get a job as a language teacher.

International schools and pre-schools

See Norway county map [here](#)

Agder county

www.aischool.no International school in Arendal

<https://www.minskole.no/kis> Kristiansand International School

Akershus county

www.askeris.no Asker International School

www.internationalmontessori.no International Montessori Preschool, Sandvika

<https://romerikeis.no/> Romerike International School in Hvam

<https://cisschools.no/> Children's International Schools in Fredrikstad, Moss, Sarpsborg and Ullensaker

<https://www.discoveryschool.no/> Discovery International School in Jevnaker

Buskerud county

www.kischool.org Kongsberg international School

<https://www.internationalmontessori.no/> International Montessori Pre-school in Sandvika

Innlandet county

www.gjovikis.no Gjøvikregionen International School in Gjøvik

Møre & Romsdal county

<https://aais.no/en/> Aalesund International School in Ålesund

Oslo region

<https://www.oslointernationalschool.no/> Oslo international School, school and preschool

<https://internationalschool-oslo.no/> Norlights International School Oslo

www.minbarnehage.no/frogner Frogner International Pre-School in Oslo

<https://www.deutscheschule.no/> Deutsch-Norwegischen Schule in Oslo

<https://lfo.no/> Lycée français d'Oslo

Rogaland county

www.isstavanger.no The international School in Stavanger

www.biss.no British International Schools of Stavanger

<http://www.sdis.no/> Sandnes International School

<https://www.hischool.no> Haugesund International School

<http://tchnorway.no> The Children's House, international Pre-school in Sola (Stavanger)

Telemark county

<http://istelemark.no/> International school Telemark in Porsgrunn

Troms county

<https://www.trint.org/> Tromsø International School

Trøndelag county

<https://this.no> Trondheim international School

www.birralee.no Birralee international School in Trondheim

<https://fagerhauginternational.no/> Fagerhaug International School in Stjørdal

<http://www.tipmusikkbarnehage.no/> Trondheim International Playground

<https://birraleekindergarten.no/> Birralee International Kindergarten Trondheim

<https://laringsverkstedet.no/barnehage/by%C3%A5sen-stavne> Stavne bilingual kindergarten in Trondheim

Vestfold county

<https://skagerak.org> Skagerak International School in Sandefjord

Vestland county

<https://www.isbergen.no/> International school of Bergen, and pre-school

<https://uwcrn.no/> Red Cross Nordic United World College in Flekke

