

## Multiple entry visas with maximum 90 days validity:

A Schengen visa is generally issued for a single entry. If the applicant plans to travel outside the Schengen area and return within the period of the visa, the box for "Two entries" or "Multiple entries" must be ticked off in the visa application form. The Embassy with then assess whether there is a genuine need to be issued a multiple entry visa.

The application must be accompanied by an explanation of why two or more entries are required, as well as a flight booking showing that he/she also plans to visit countries outside the Schengen area; i.e. United Kingdoms/Ireland, Switzerland, Russia or any of the countries that are members of the Schengen Agreement.

If the need arises for an extra entry after arrival in Norway, this must be applied for via the police in the same way as an application to extend a visa. The applicant must be able to document his/her need for an extra entry (e.g. for a business meeting, or to visit family outside the Schengen area).

## Multiple entry visas with up to one year validity:

A multiple entry visa with a validity of up to one year may in certain cases be granted by the Embassy. For the Embassy to grant such a multiple entry visa all the general requirements for a regular Schengen visa must be fulfilled (valid passport, flight booking, documentation of sufficient funds, travel/ health insurance etc.).

The applicant must also:

- Document previous frequent trips to Norway
- Have previously complied with the visa regulations by leaving the Schengen area within the expiry of the visa
- Document a genuine future need for multiple entries to Norway during a one year period

Categories of applicants who may be granted multiple entry visas are:

- Bona fide business partners of Norwegian companies that frequently visit Norway.
- Spouses, co-habitants and children of Norwegian citizens living in Thailand.
- Spouses, co-habitants and children of persons with a valid work/- residence permit in Norway
- Foreign officials who are to attend meetings in Norway (official meetings).
- Persons who are to participate in scientific, cultural or sports-related official programs.

The requirement in these cases is that the applicant submits a travel/health insurance which is valid for at least one year. Please be advised that even with a one-year multiple-entry visa, the applicant cannot stay in the Schengen area more than 90 days within any 6-month period.

An applicant who has been granted a multiple entry visa with a validity of up to 12 months and has complied with the visa regulations, may then apply for a multiple entry visa for two or three years, provided that the need for such a visa is documented.