

# Reclaiming Norwegian Citizenship

## Step-by-Step Guide

Reclaiming Norwegian citizenship is accomplished by following these steps\*:

1. Your current U.S. citizenship needs to be registered in the Norwegian Population Registry (Folkeregisteret). If it is not already registered, send a copy of your Certificate of Naturalization, a copy of your U.S. passport, and a short letter stating that you want to update your citizenship status in Folkeregisteret. You may also mention that this is because you intend to apply to reclaim your Norwegian citizenship (gjenerverv).
  - a. Send this to:  
Skatteetaten  
Postboks 9200 Grønland  
0134 Oslo  
NORWAY
  - b. <https://www.skatteetaten.no/>
  - c. If you are not registered in the Norwegian Population Registry, you may skip this step.
2. While you wait on this to be updated, you can start your application with the UDI:
  - a. <https://www.udi.no/en/want-to-apply/citizenship/?stb-for=y&c=usa>
  - b. Please note that you must select "**New York**" as the place you hand in your application, even if this is actually done in San Francisco, Houston, or the embassy in D.C.
3. Once your information is correct in Folkeregisteret, you need to apply for a criminal record certificate (politiattest). Please note that you have to be updated in Folkeregisteret with your current citizenship **before** applying for a criminal record certificate. You can apply for the certificate digitally or through post, depending on which is the better option for you.
  - a. <https://www.politiet.no/en/services/criminal-record-certificate/>
  - b. If you are not registered in the Norwegian Population Registry, you will need to submit proof that you are a former Norwegian citizen in order to get the police certificate (e.g. old Norwegian passport, birth/baptismal certificate).
4. Once the above steps are done, you need to make an appointment with a consulate (San Francisco, Houston, New York, or Embassy in D.C.) to submit your paperwork in person. When you submit your paperwork in person please remember to bring:
  - a. A copy of your application and the signature form (including the checklist).
  - b. **Copies** and **originals** of all the documents listed on the checklist; the consulate **cannot** make copies on your behalf.
    - i. Please note that some checklists ask for passports from the last **10 years** and all the **stamped pages**.
    - ii. Make sure you take copies on same **sized paper** (e.g. letter sized or A4). Paper that is clipped or otherwise not same sized may be rejected.
    - iii. Do not staple any pages together as the documents need to be scanned.

\*Note: This guide is specifically created for former Norwegian citizens that became U.S. citizens before 01.01.2020 and thus lost their Norwegian citizenship.