

# Reclaiming Norwegian Citizenship

## Step-by-Step Guide

*Note: This guide is intended only for former Norwegian citizens who became U.S. citizens before 1 January 2020, thereby losing their Norwegian citizenship.*

Reclaiming Norwegian citizenship is accomplished by following these steps:

1. *Note: If you are not registered in the Norwegian Population Registry, you may skip this step.*

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 (gjenervern).

You may submit this information via mail or online.

- a. *Via mail to*  
Skatteetaten  
Postboks 9200 Grønland  
0134 Oslo  
NORWAY
- b. *Online:* <https://www.skatteetaten.no/>

2. While you wait for this to be updated, you can start your application with 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 will submit your application, even if this will actually be done in San Francisco 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 your current citizenship needs to be updated in Folkeregisteret **before** you apply 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/english/police-certificate-of-conduct/>
- b. If you are not registered in the Norwegian Population Registry, you will need to submit proof (e.g. an expired Norwegian passport, birth/baptismal certificate) that you are a former Norwegian citizen in order to get the police certificate.

4. Once the above steps are complete, you need to make an appointment with a consulate (New York, San Francisco or the 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 make 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, as the documents need to be scanned.