

Reacquisition of Norwegian Citizenship

Step-by-Step Guide

Requiring 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. You can start your application with UDI while you are waiting for the information to be updated:
 - 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 to submit your application. However, you may hand in the documents at the consulate generals in Houston, New York or San Francisco, or the embassy in Washington D.C.
3. Once your information is correct in Folkeregisteret, you must apply for a criminal record certificate (politiattest). Please note that your citizenship status must be updated **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: Please submit proof that you are a former Norwegian citizen in order to get the police certificate (e.g. old Norwegian passport, birth/baptism certificate).
4. Once the above steps are done, you need to make an appointment with a consulate general (Houston, New York, San Francisco, or the embassy in Washington D.C.) to 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 general **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. Do not staple any pages together as the documents will 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.