

Retention of Norwegian Citizenship

Step-by-Step Guide

Applying for Retention of Norwegian citizenship is accomplished by following these steps:

1. You start by applying online through the UDI website:
 - a. <https://www.udi.no/en/want-to-renew/keeping-your-norwegian-citizenship-retention-of-citizenship/>
 - 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.
 - c. Once the application is submitted, you will get an email from UDI with two PDF documents: The application and the signature letter. Both must be printed out and brought to your appointment.
2. Once the above step is complete, 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 (including the last page which is your personalized checklist) and the signature form.
 - 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.
 - iv. We recommend you take good color copies.

Notes:

- You do not need a personal number in order to apply for retention of citizenship.
- You can apply before age 22, as long as you still fulfil the requirements to apply, such as minimum 6 months spent in Norway.
- If your application is approved, you do not have to apply again at a later time.
- The application is free.