



The Student Welfare Organisation of Southeast Norway

Documentation of financing for students applying for a student visa or a student residence permit to Norway – applies only to non-EU/EAA citizens.

One of the requirements for obtaining a student visa or a student residence permit in Norway is that the applicant must document access to NOK 137 907 for the first academic year (10 months), are you only going to study for one semester then you need to transfer NOK 62 685 for the fall semester or NOK 75 222 for the spring semester. Check UDI webpage to control that the amount is correct.

As a main rule, this money must be kept in a Norwegian bank account. In some cases, a bank statement / payment guarantee from a bank in the student's home country is accepted, but this is seldom recommended as the Norwegian Immigration Authorities are fairly strict about the financial guarantee for studies in Norway. For the same reason, guarantees from relatives or others (except a bank or a university) are not recommended. Usually, the lack of approved financial documentation makes the processing of the application for a student residence permit / visa take longer than usual, which might result in students not obtaining their residence permit / visa in time to start their studies.

It has proven difficult for students to open bank account in Norway on their own prior to receiving their personal number, which is provided after the residence permit is granted. Therefore, the Student Welfare Organisation of Southeast-Norway (SSN) has opened a residence permit account in the bank "Sparebank 1 Sørøst-Norge" for international USN students, where students can transfer the needed amount of money from their home country.

Conditions for transfer money to SSN's residence permit account

Please read the following carefully

1. Only students accepted to studies at USN may transfer money to this account.
2. According to Norwegian law, there is no interest on this money.
3. Please note that a banking fee may be deducted from the transferred money.
4. The student must notify SSN of his/her address in Norway after arrival.
5. Notify SSN about your Norwegian bank account as soon as possible after arriving in Norway.
6. Letter of admission received from USN must be attached together with the reply slip.
7. For more secure proses we ask you to register as a user at ssn.no my page

Instructions for transfer of money to SSN's residence permit account

1. After sending the reply slip, please transfer the money in your own name to the following account in the bank "Sparebank 1 Sørøst-Norge" as soon as possible:

Name of Bank: Sparebank 1
Account number: 24802791131
Iban number: NO8524802791131

Swiftcode: SPTRNO22
Account owner: Studentsamskipnaden i Sorost-Norge
Owners address: Raveien 189 B, 3184 Borre, Norway
Account title: Account foreign students

2. When transferring the money to our account, remember to add an amount on approximately NOK 200. This is a fee the bank takes to transfer the money to an international bank.

What happens after you have transferred money to SSN?

1. SSN will send you a statement confirming that you have transferred the actual amount of money to the student residence permit account.
2. Please enclose the statement from SSN to the embassy when applying for a student residence permit to Norway.
3. SSN will send a list of students who have transferred money to SSN's account to USN.
4. In addition to the transfer, you need to bring enough money for at least a week or more and preferably also a credit card / ATM card valid in Norway (check with your bank), since it takes a couple of days from arrival until you'll get your BankAxept card (see below).
5. The Bankaxept card can only be used at bank terminals with the mark "BankAxept" and to withdraw cash in ATM's.
You cannot use the card online or pay invoices.
6. We recommend that you apply for a Norwegian personal number as soon as possible after registering at the local Police Station (within 7 days after arrival). The personal number is vital for opening a bank account in Norway. Processing of the application for a personal number may take up to 5 weeks.
7. Open a bank account in a Norwegian bank of your choice as soon as possible after receiving your personal number. This will make your funds easier available for you. After receiving your new bank account number, please notify SSN as soon as possible.
8. If you have transferred money to the residence permit account but change your plans about studying at USN in Norway after transferring the money to SSN, send an email to okonomi@ssn.no.
9. If you have signed a housing contract, the money you owe according to the terms of the contract will be withdrawn from your account by SSN before returning the deposit back to you.

Residence permit account for international students – Reply Slip

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have read and understood the conditions as stated in the letter above. I agree to the terms of the residence permit account for international students provided by The Student Welfare Organisation of Southeast Norway, in order for international students at The University of South-Eastern Norway to obtain a residence permit in Norway.

Please write all the information with capital letters, except your signature.

Last name: First name:

Date of birth (ddmmyy) Citizenship:

Address in your home country:

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Application number.....

Campus.....

E-mail:

This person is transferring the amount on my behalf:

Date: Signature:

Please scan this reply slip together with the letter of admission, and send it to: okonomi@ssn.no