

Notification of a Trial Receipt Scheme

In 2022, the Oslo Police District was commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security to initiate a pilot receipt scheme project:

"In 2022, the Oslo Police District will launch a pilot project for testing of a technical solution that will offer and issue confirmations of completed personal checks. The initiative should be viewed in the context of other measures aimed at boosting trust in the police and in any personal checks performed by the police. It is the Municipality of Oslo, various organisations and other relevant stakeholders that will be involved in the work. The pilot project will be subject to an evaluation." (Justis- og beredskapsdepartementet, 2022)"

THE TRIAL SCHEME

The Oslo Police District has initiated a trial scheme involving issue of receipts to people who are stopped and checked by the police. The scheme will be tested for a period of nine months, from 05/12/2022 to 03/09/2023.

The Police District has had a long-standing focus on improving the way officers meet people and perform checks. Whatever the particular assignment, people should experience their encounters with the police in the best way possible.

The police district has introduced a number of measures, and the police force have gone through a training programme.

The trial scheme involving issue of receipts for checking people is one of the measures that will be tested in order to improve the general public's trust in the police.

Purpose

The purpose with the trial scheme is to gather knowledge as to how a receipt scheme would work in practice, how the scheme would impact trust in the police and how it may affect police work methods.

Personal checks are an important instrument in police work. Even if such checks are necessary and legal, some of the people checked may come to regard them as an undue burden.

The trial scheme is supposed to provide the department with greater knowledge about personal checks and with a basis for decision-making for a potential receipt scheme going forward.

Organisations involved in the work include the Municipality of Oslo, the Norwegian Organisation Against Institutional Discrimination (OMOD), the Minotenk think tank as well as other relevant stakeholders.

The trial scheme will be evaluated.

Who gets a receipt?

During the trial period, any people who are be stopped and checked by the police within a vast, confined area in the Oslo city centre (see map) will be issued receipts.

The officers to participate in the trial scheme include service personnel at the Immigration Unit of the Oslo City Centre Police Station as well as Emergency Response Teams (UEH). Other personnel assigned to the area will not issue receipts.

What is a personal check?

A personal check is an encounter of the general public with the police that occurs in public and requires legal, regulatory or instructional authority.

Arrest and search pursuant to Section 7 of the Norwegian Police Act
<https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/1995-08-04-53>

Search for weapons pursuant to Section 7a of the Norwegian Police Act
<https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/1995-08-04-53>

Security search pursuant to Section 10 of the Norwegian Police Act
<https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/1995-08-04-53>

Traffic control pursuant to Section 10 of the Norwegian Road Traffic
<https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/1965-06-18-4>

Personal data check pursuant to Section 162 of the Norwegian Penal Code
https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/2005-05-20-28/*

Immigration control pursuant to Section 21 of the Norwegian Immigration Act
<https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/2008-05-15-35>

Encounters with the police that do not lead to the issue of receipts

- Optional conversations and other meetings with the general public
- Pre-planned traffic control
- Collective action in accordance with the Norwegian Police Act (for example, crowd control)

- Border control
- In connection with incidents that involve evacuation, e.g., fire

What happens when I get a receipt?

Accepting a receipt is completely voluntary, but the police will note down your name and date of birth. This is data that you are obligated to provide to the police, cf. Section 162 of the Norwegian Penal Code. The details are recorded in a register that will only be used in the trial scheme to indicate that you have passed a check. A receipt in itself has no consequences.

The receipt you get will comprise data such as name, date of birth, time, place + legal basis for the check. Moreover, it will provide information about the officer (service number) who has performed the check.

The receipt will also contain concise information about the scheme and indicate how the person checked should behave in order to obtain more information about the check, avenues of appeal, etc.

Where do I get a receipt?

During the trial period, receipts will be issued within the following area in the Oslo City Centre:

The pilot project is implemented in the area between E6 and RV150, RV150 to RV4, RV4 to Ring 2, from Ring 2 down Sognsveien, Thereses gate and Pilestredet to RV162 and from RV162 to E6. (See map)

Contact with the police

If you would like to get more detailed information about the trial scheme, have general queries to the police regarding the checks, the grounds for them or anything else, do not hesitate to contact the police at:

Post.oslo@politiet.no, or call us at 02800.

If you would like to lodge a complaint with the police, please use the

following email: post.oslo@politiet.no

