



Control Guide for Norwegian Passports

General information on the Norwegian passports



The passport is issued after an identity check of the applicant. All the information in the passport is gathered from public records. On politiet.no/idkontroll you will find a service that can query the validity of the passport, along with additional information regarding the passports.

There are seven different types of Norwegian passports:

- Ordinary passport (red) with document numbers starting with the letters C.
- Emergency passport (white) with document numbers starting with the letter K.

For these two types the following two characters can be letters or digits, depending on version and batch.

- Diplomatic passport (turquoise) with document numbers starting with the letters FG.
- Service passport (turquoise) with document numbers starting with the letters FH.
- Special passport (turquoise) with document numbers starting with the letters FJ.
- Passport for foreigners (grey) with document numbers starting with the letters FL.

- Travel document (blue) with document numbers starting with the letters FK.
- For these five types the following character can be a letter or a digit, depending on version and batch.

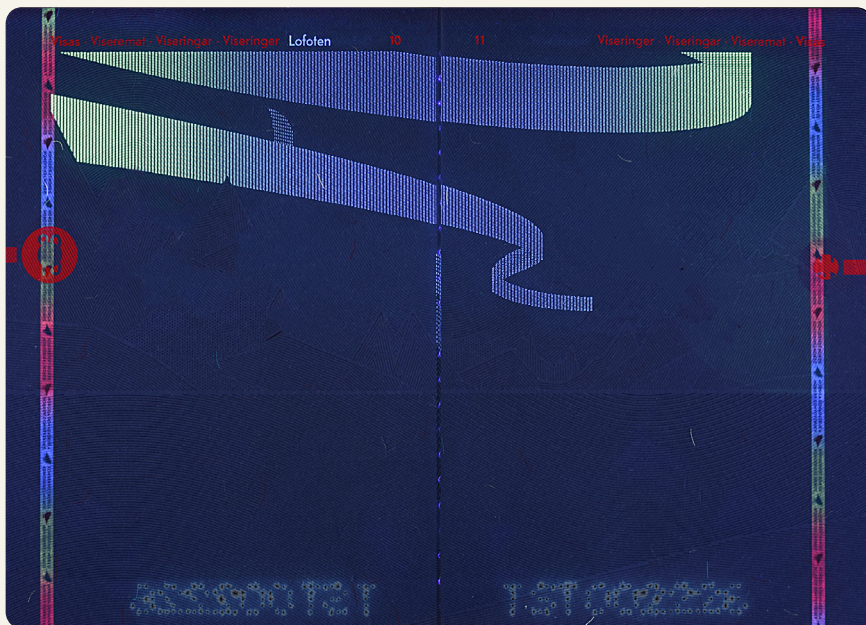
All the passport types apart from the Emergency passport are document-technically identical. Although this guide is based on the ordinary passport, there is a description of the visual differences on page ten. Cover included, all passport types except the Emergency passport have 34 pages. In the ordinary passport the data field captions, the overprint and parts of the micro text is written in Norwegian Bokmål, Norwegian Nynorsk, North Sami and English. In this guide these will henceforth be described as "four ways".

Apart from the Emergency passport, all the passport types have a chip. The chip contains a lot of the information printed in the passport. It should always be examined, and its content compared to the printed content in the passport.

The Norwegian landscape – the concept and spreads



White light



UV light

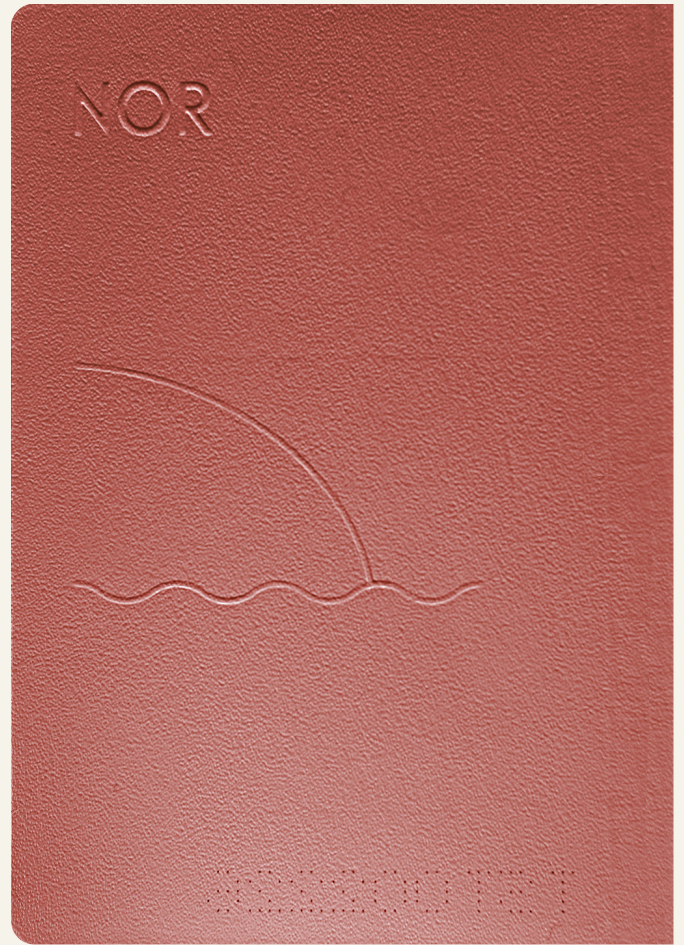
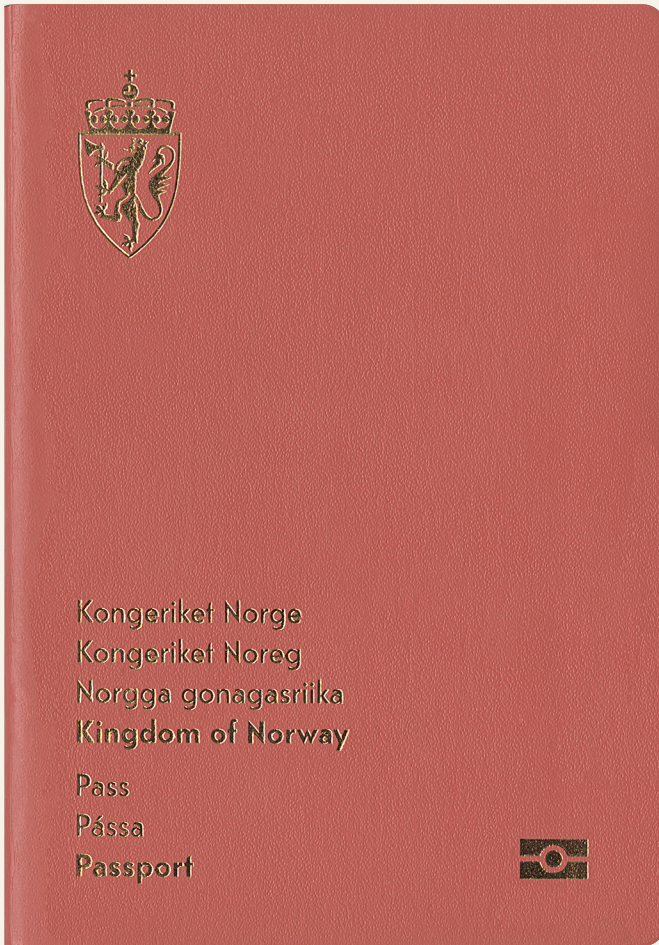
Few countries have a more varied and unspoiled scenery than Norway. The surrounding landscapes gives the people of Norway a sense of belonging and pride, and fill a symbolic function for the entire nation.

In addition, to Norwegians, nature is more than beautiful scenery. It supplies with rich fisheries, clean hydroelectric power, and various other industries. By using illustrations with motifs from a wide Norwegian panorama, from north to south,

the passports show the contrasts in landscape and climate that have shaped an entire nation over centuries, offered opportunities and resources, places for recreation and the scenes of important historical events.

Throughout the document you will be able to experience a wide range of landscape changing from summer and polar night (white light and UV light), through all four seasons, and with a typical nordic climate.

The cover



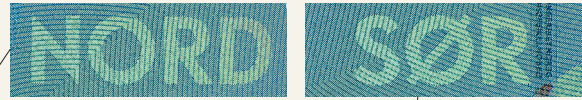
Hotfoil stamping

All the passport types feature golden hotfoil stamping.

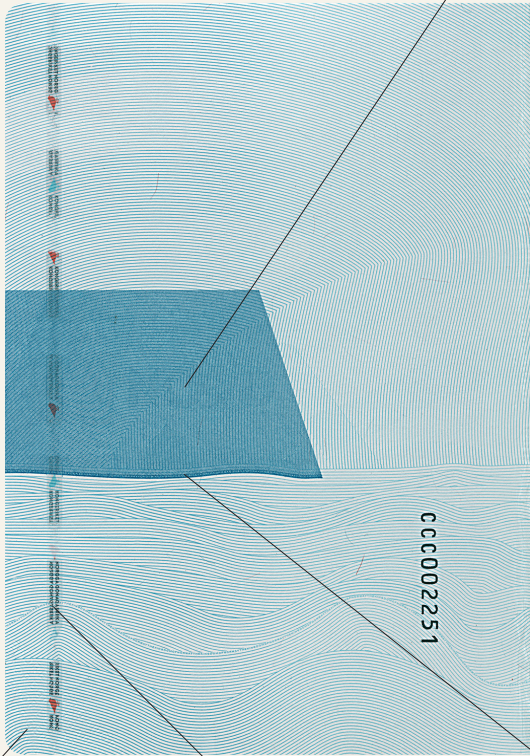
Blind embossing

The rear of all passport types feature identical blind embossing.

The endpapers



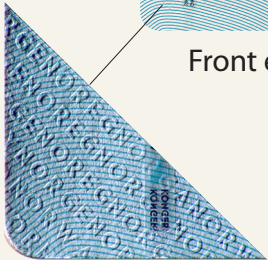
Latent images in intaglio



Front endpaper



Rear endpaper



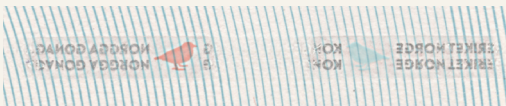
Blind embossing

Bottom left corner of the front endpaper. Kongeriket Norge in "four ways".



Microtext

Inverted and positive microtext in intaglio. Kongeriket Norge in "four ways".



White light



UV light

Security thread

Turquoise and orange images of Norway's national bird the Dipper and Kongeriket Norge in "four ways". The thread fluoresces in a rainbow print of cyan, magenta and yellow.



Document number

Produced with letterpress. Fluorescent under UV light.

The bio pages on polycarbonate leaf and the adjoining page in UV.



UV portrait

A portrait of the holder with country code on page three, only visible under UV light.

Hinge

The polycarbonate's hinge fluoresces under UV light.

OVI

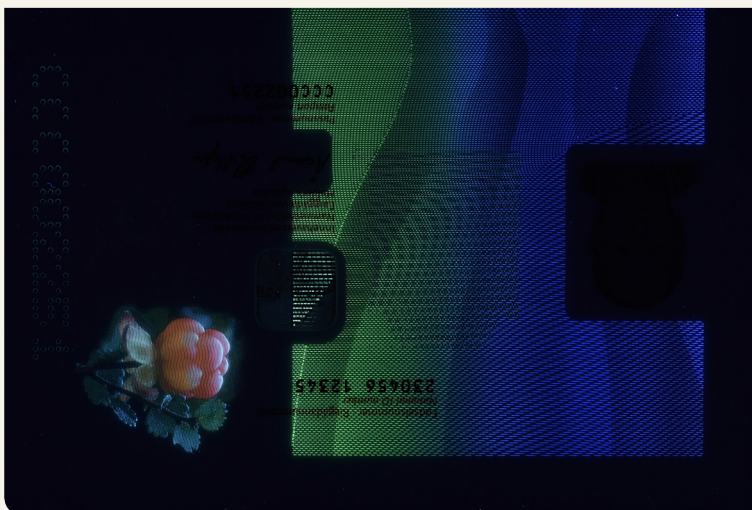
The OVI fluoresces in green under UV light.

UV map

The bio page has a map of Norway with geographical markings for the location of each spread.

UV microtext

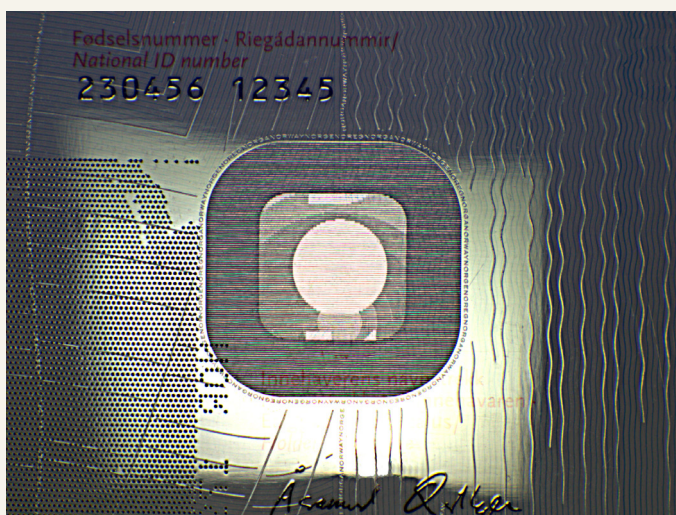
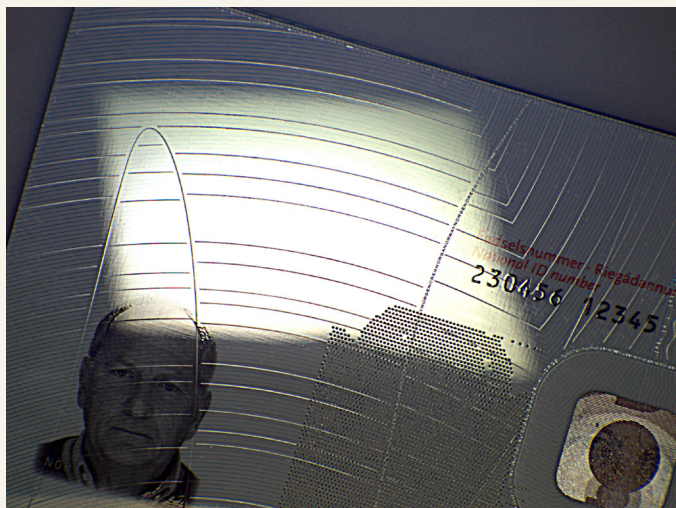
Norway in "four ways" in UV rainbow print.



Four colour UV print

The rear of the bio page has a four colour UV image of a cloudberry.

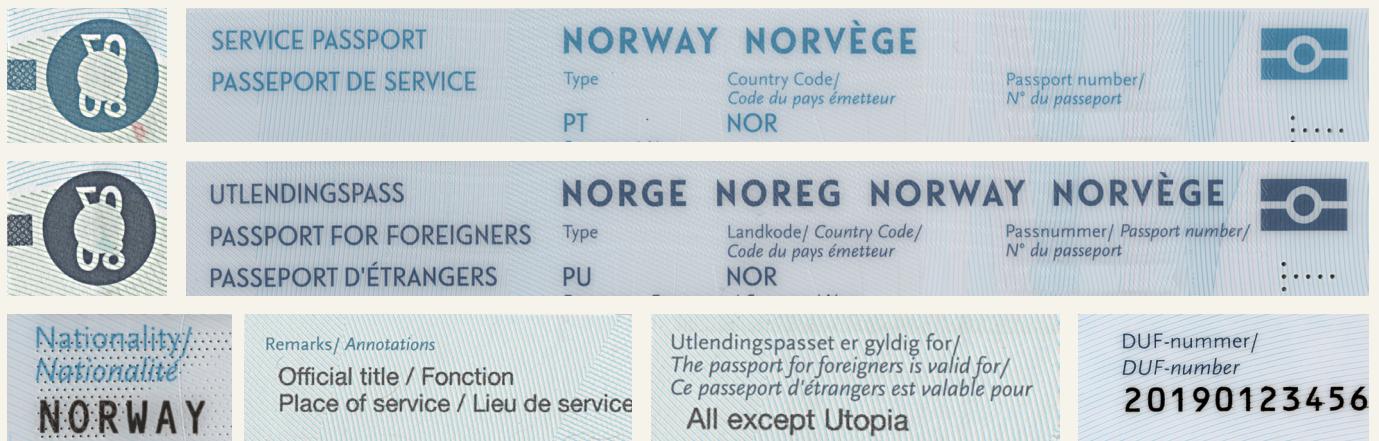
Bio pages – relief



Relief

Both surfaces of the polycarbonate have intricate embossed patterns, that also feature the microtext Norway in "four ways".

Differences in the passports



Differences in the types of passports

Diplomatic, Service and Special passports all have datafield captions and overprint in turquoise. The captions are in English and French. The Travel Document and the Passport for foreigners have datafield captions and overprint in dark blue. Captions are in Norwegian, English and French. Upon issuance, the document holder's nationality is laser engraved onto the bio page. These passports

have an additional data field bottom left on page three. This field should never be vacant, and the information there should also be found on the chip. In addition, the Travel Document and the Passport for foreigners have a DUF no. laser engraved upper left on the rear side of the bio page.

The background printing



Background printing

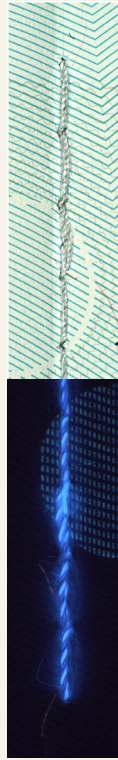
Every spread has an illustration of a unique Norwegian scenery. Location name on top of page is only visible in UV light. Under white light all pages have a unique microtext from the lyrics of the Norwegian national anthem. Every spread also has microtext only visible in UV light. All spreads have UV-reactive rainbow print. On some spreads the location name is also printed in North Sami on the adjoining page.

The paper, stitching, and pagination



Watermark

Multitone watermark depicting Norway's national bird the Dipper. On all pages the beak points toward the spine of the booklet.

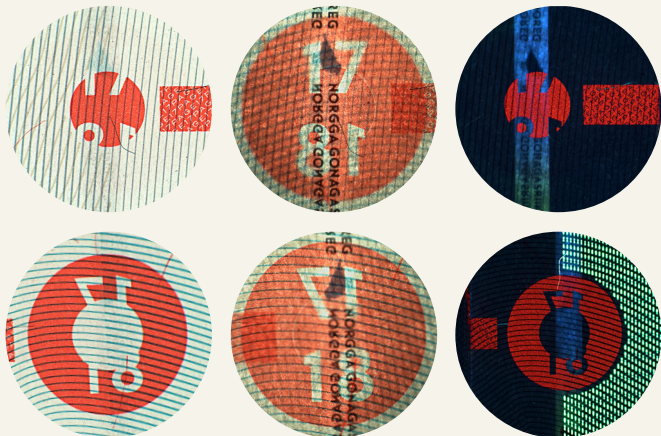


White light

UV light

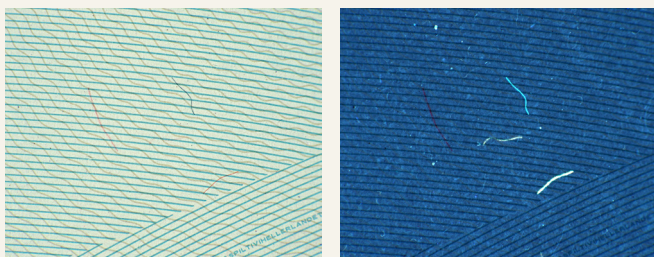
The seam

The thread has three strands. Two white and one grey. One of the strands has a bluish-white fluorescence under UV-light. At both ends of the seam there are three return stitches.



Pagination

Collated vertically "wandering" pagination with see-through register and page no. in inverted microtext. UV-reactive ink.



Security fibres

Visible fibres in red and blue/green.

Fluorescent fibres in yellow and green under UV light.



The chip

The chip is fully compliant with ICAO 9303, 7th. ed. All data groups mandatory in ICAO 9303 have information. The information on the chip may be accessed via the CAN number or the machine-readable zone (MRZ), both found on the bio page. The image of the document holder is a colour photo with the size 446 x 580 px. It is coded in JPEG 2000.

The following optional partitions are used:

Data group 11:

01: The document holder's full name is coded Surname<<Firstname<Middlename. In the name Norwegian letters are used in compliance with public records. These are coded in UTF-8. The name of the document holder is not truncated in the chip, although it may be so on the bio page. For more information on truncation see politiet.no/idkontroll

03: Birth- and personal number are listed as eleven continuous digits.

05: Place of birth. Country code.

Data group 12:

01: Issuing authority.

02: Date of issue *yyyymmdd*.

04: Depending on the type of passport:

- Ordinary passport – Not in use.
- In the Diplomatic-, Service-, and Special passports, you'll find the information also printed in the data field on page three. If necessary it may be truncated to 99 bytes.
- In Passport for foreigners and the Travel document the validity of the passport is stored in the chip, and also printed in the data field on page three. If necessary it may be truncated to 99 bytes.

08: Time of manufacturing *yyyymmddhhmmss*.

09: Identifier.

Examining the chip – check points

It is important to match the content of the chip with the information found elsewhere in the passport.

The portrait on the chip is a colour photo. Apart from that it should be identical to all the other portraits found in the passport.

If there is a lack of space on the bio page, the document holder's name may be truncated. On the chip however, the full name is always included.

The holder's National ID number is laser engraved on page one, and is also found on the chip.

In Passport for foreigners and the Travel document the type of validity is written on the chip, and printed on page three.



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