



Control Guide for Norwegian Passports

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With the exception of the emergency passport only the 2026 version will be issued from 20.01.2026.

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.

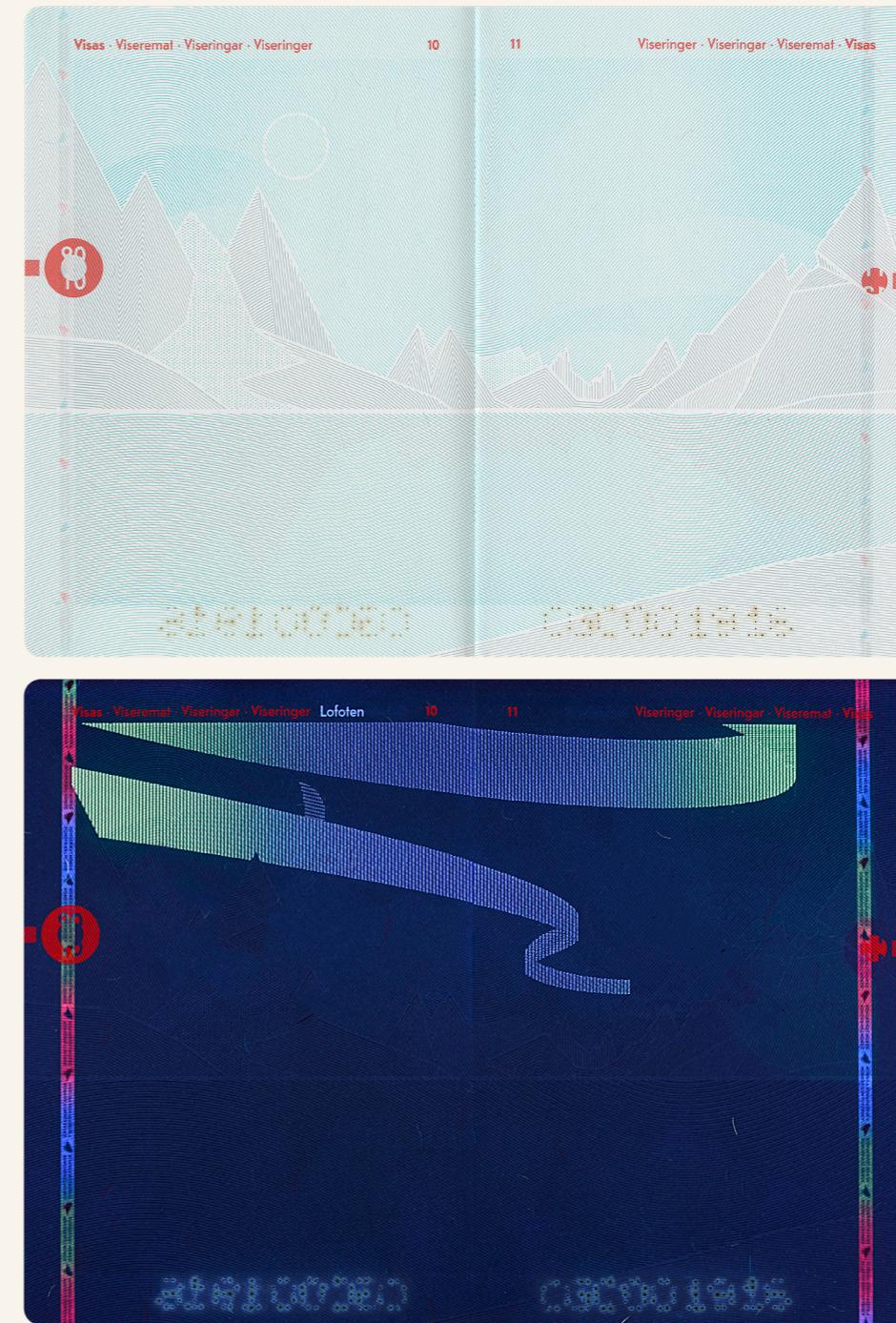
- Diplomatic passport (turquoise) with document numbers starting with the letters FG.
- Service passport (turquoise) with document numbers starting with the letters FH.
- Special passport (turquoise) with document numbers starting with the letters FJ.
- Passport for foreigners (grey) with document numbers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

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. For more information on examining the chip see the last page of this guide.



UV light

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

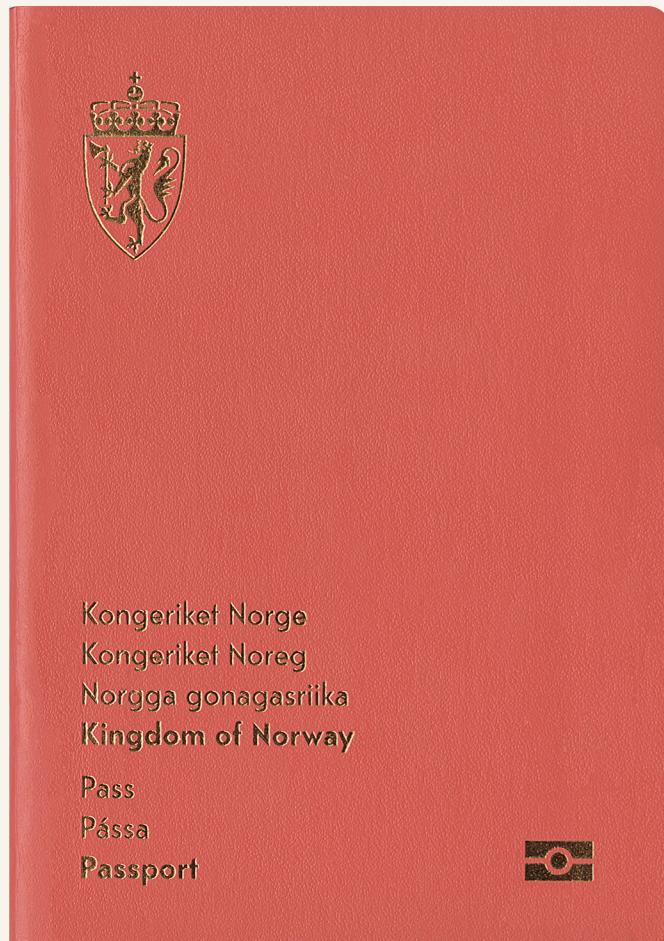
In addition, to Norwegians, nature is more than beautiful scenery. It supplies with rich fisheries, clean hydroelectric power, and various other industries. By using illustrations with motifs from a wide Norwegian panorama, from north to south, the passports show the contrasts in landscape

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.

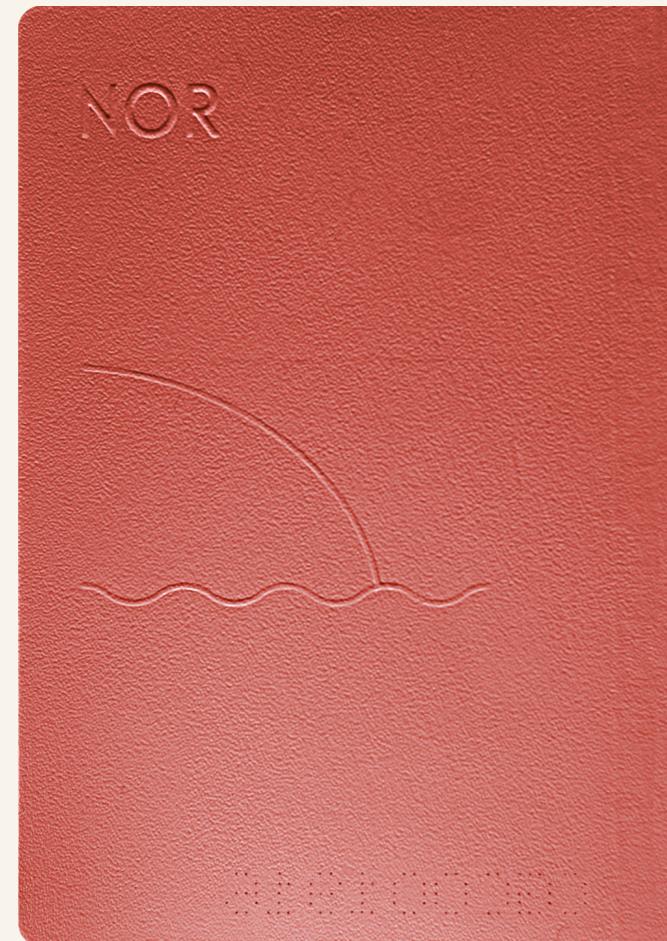
The cover

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Hotfoil stamping

All the passport types feature golden hotfoil stamping.

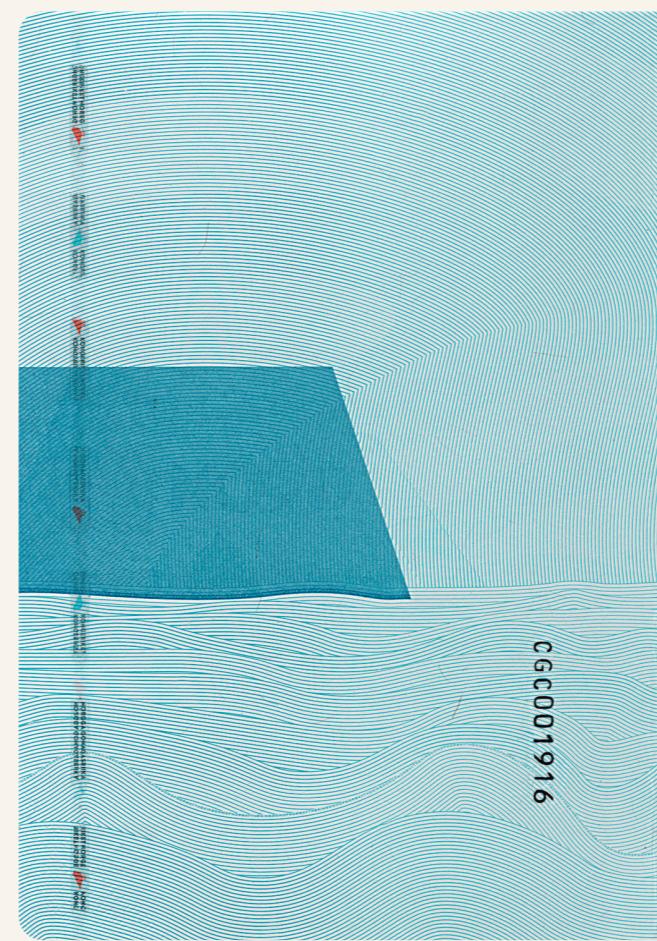


Blind embossing

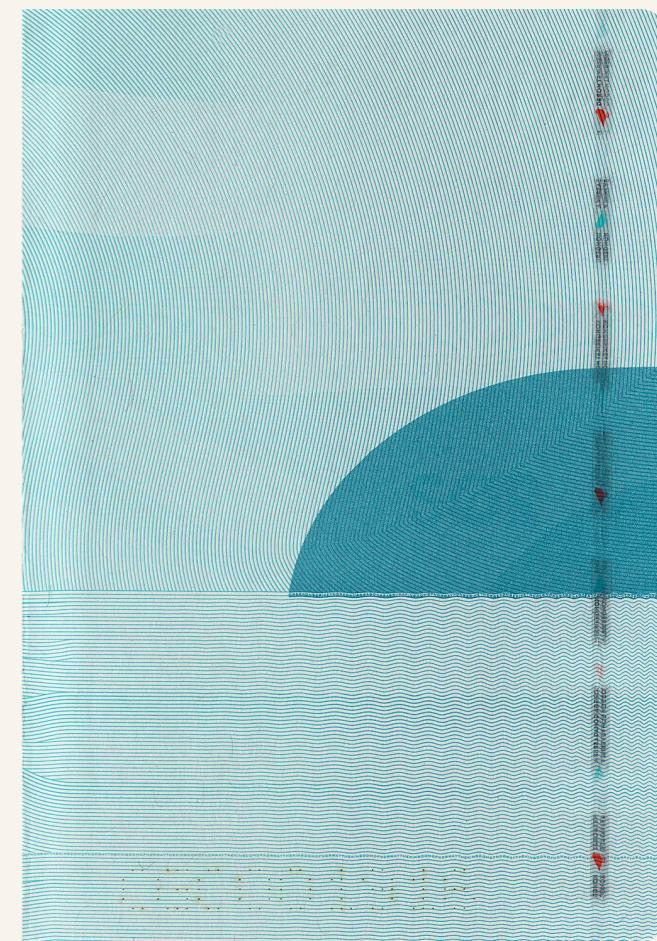
The rear of all passport types features identical blind embossing.

The endpapers

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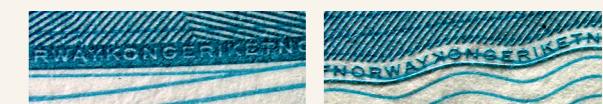
Front endpaper



Rear endpaper

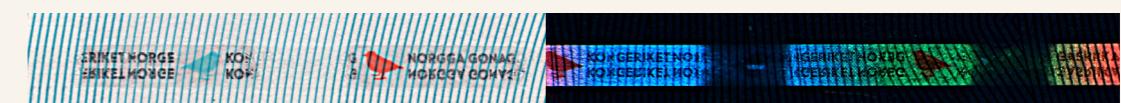


Latent images in intaglio



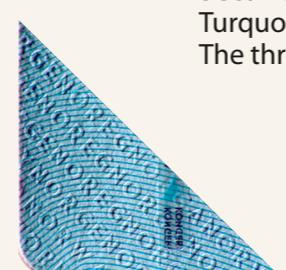
Microtext

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



Security thread

Turquoise and orange Dipper birds and Kongeriket Norge in "four ways". The thread fluoresces in a rainbow print of cyan, magenta and yellow.



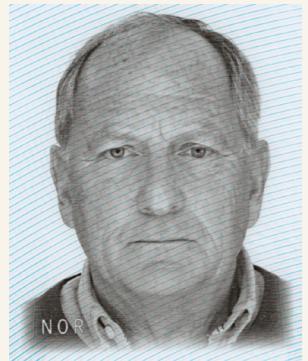
Blind embossing

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



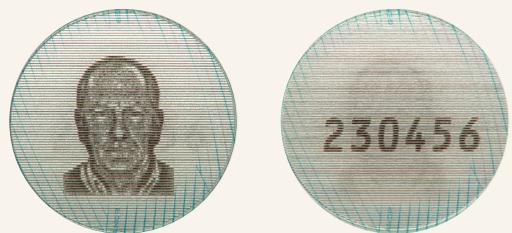
Document number

Produced with letterpress. Fluorescent under UV light.



Laser engraved portraits and personalization

Both sides of the polycarbonate leaf have laser engraved portraits. The rear portrait protects the main front portrait against attacks. The personalized text is laser engraved. The expiry date is tactile.



Multiple laser image (MLI)

Laser engraved, alternates portrait and date of birth.



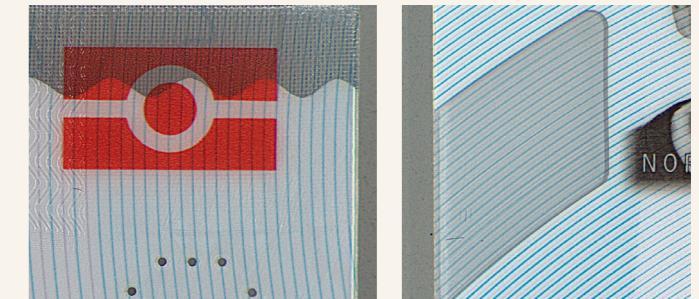
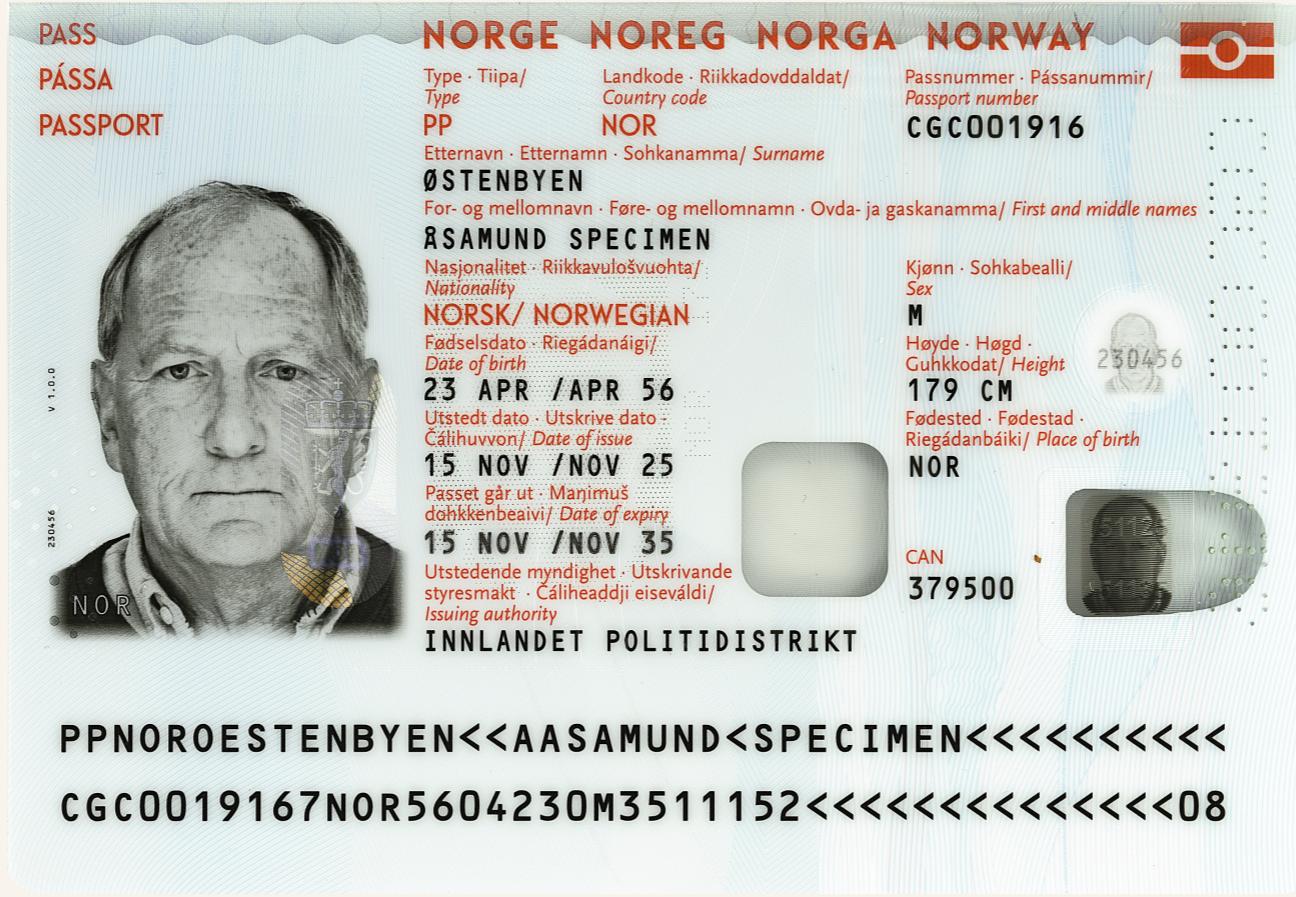
Invisible personal information (IPI)

Encoded inkjet portrait on page three. The last five digits of the national ID number become visible when using the polycarbonate's window filter.



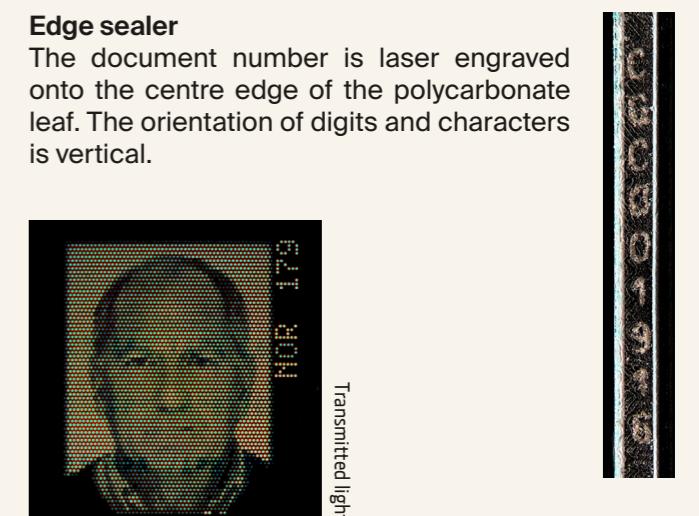
Optically variable device (DOVID)

Optically variable device(OVD)



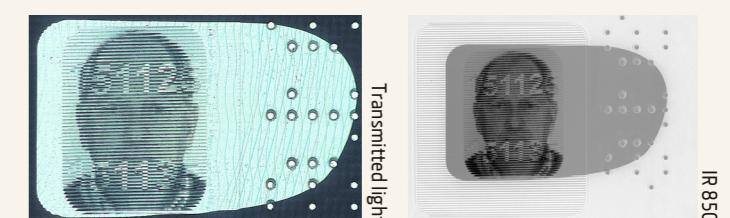
Layer structure

There are translucent and transparent areas in the polycarbonate leaf.



Laser perforated portrait

Laser perforated portrait
Document holder's image, height and country code produced by laser perforation through the polycarbonate leaf. The capital letter O is perforated at a different angle than the other characters. This can be observed by tilting the document.



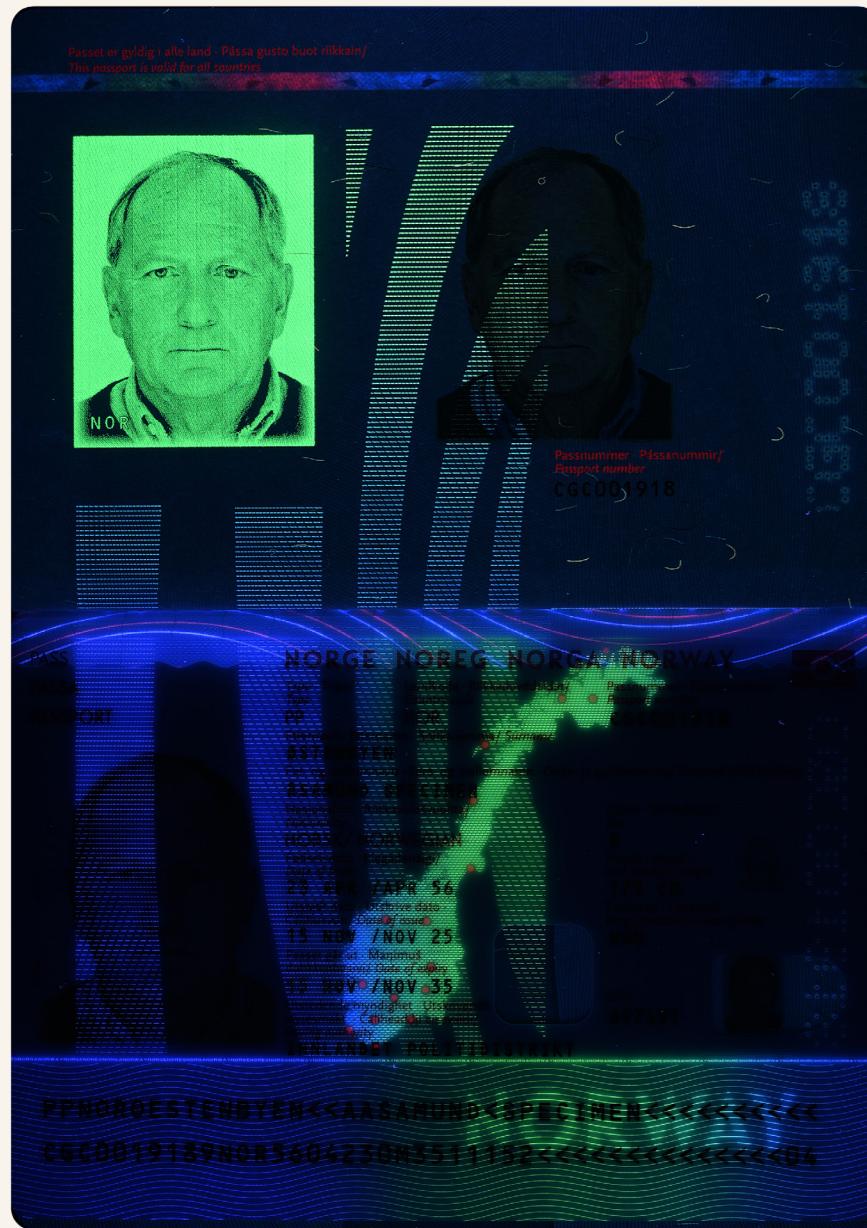
Reveal+

Portrait coded with issue and expiry date in an optically variable laser engraved image on a transparent background. An integrated filter reveals the dates.



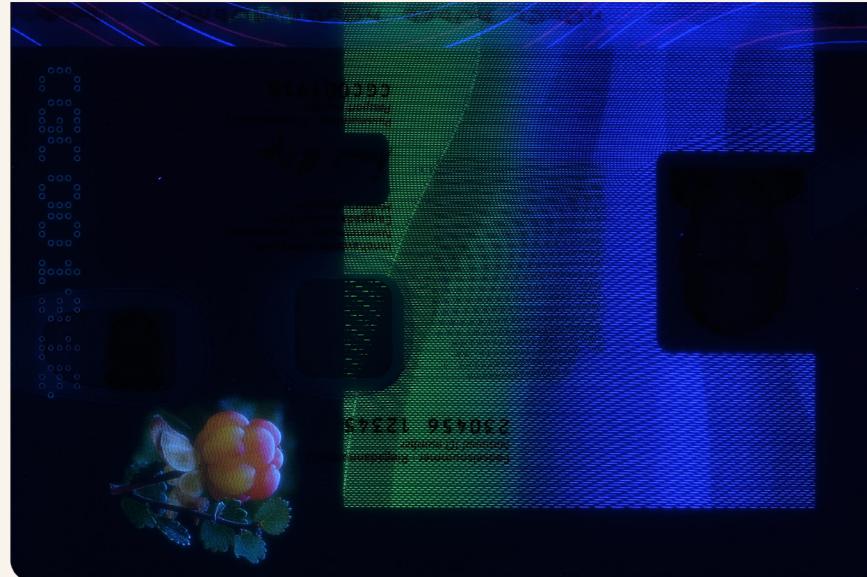
Laser perforation

Laser perforation
Apart from the front cover, the entire booklet has a conical laser perforation of the document number.



UV portrait

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



UV microtext

Norway in "four ways" in UV rainbow print.

UV map

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

Hinge

The polycarbonate's hinge fluoresces under UV light.

Four colour UV print

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



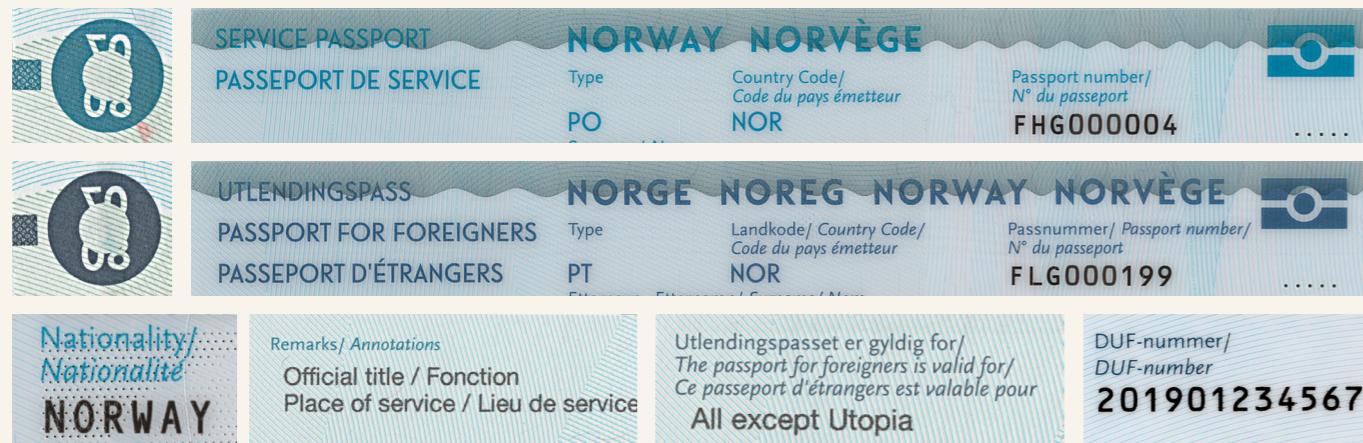
Relief

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

Images 1-4 in coaxial light

Differences in the passports

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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.

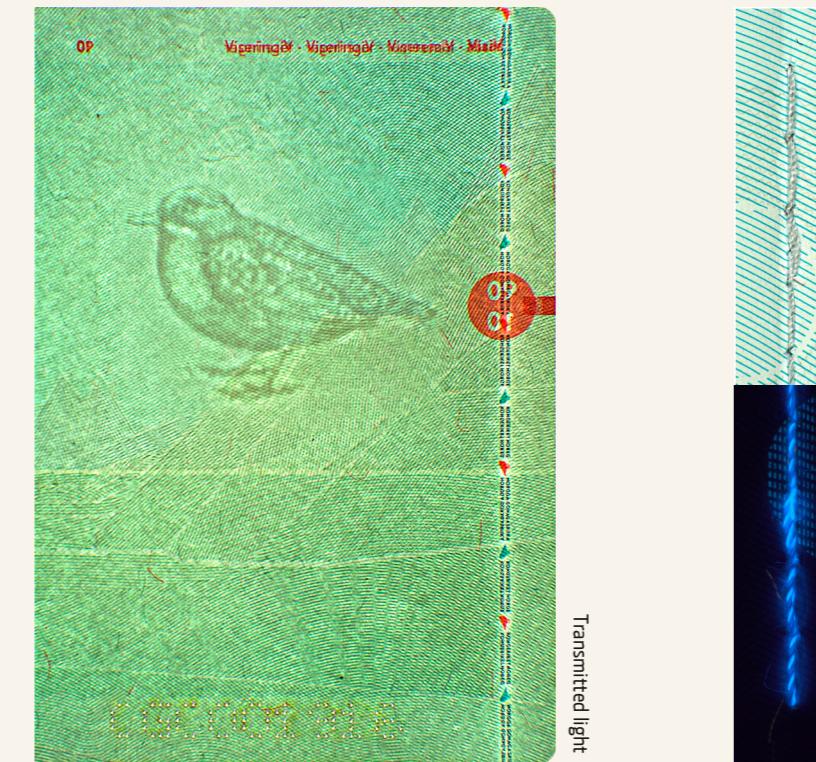
The background printing



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 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.

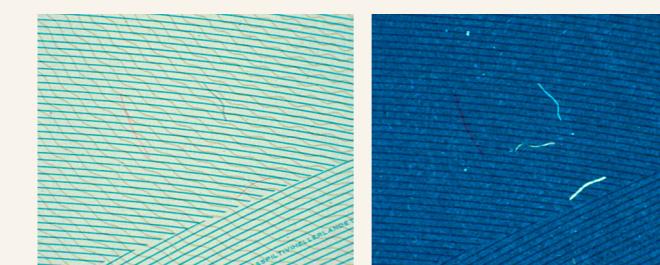
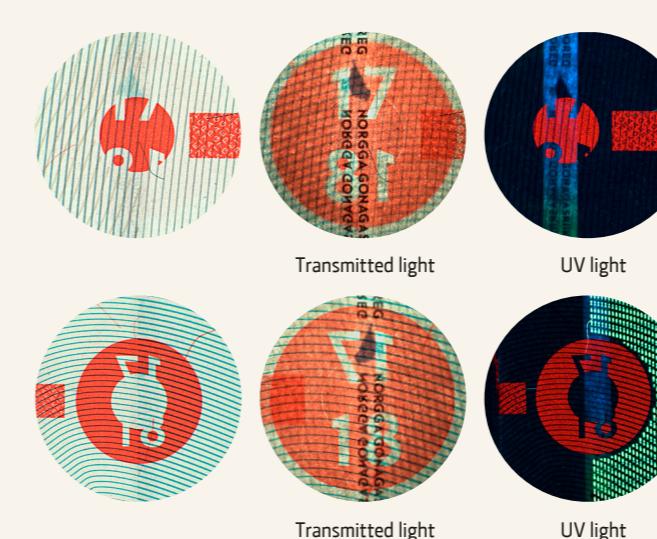
The paper, stitching, and pagination

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Watermark

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



Pagination

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

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 Doc 9303. All data groups mandatory in ICAO Doc 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 7 –

Image of the document holder's signature.

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.

04: Date of birth *yyyymmdd*.

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: Personalization time *yyyymmddhhmmss*.

09: Identificator.

Examining the chip - check points

Digital signatures should be verified as part of the chip examination. Norway's CSCA certificates are available at politiet.no/csca.

The content of the chip must match 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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