



UNIVERSITY OF
NORDLAND

General Arrangements for the Recognition of Prior Learning

Admission for applicants with prior learning through experience

Experience-based competence is the sum of competence an applicant has accumulated through paid or unpaid work, free-time activities, coursing and training, and anything else relevant that an applicant can document in addition to compulsory primary and secondary education (in Norway lasting 10 years).

By law those who do not possess general study competence and are 25 years old or older can apply for admission to study programmes, if they have, through their experience-based competence, the necessary qualifications for the programme in question. Here we refer to the Ministry of Education and Research's regulations and to the Norwegian Universities and Colleges Admission Service's regulations. If the study programme has special admission requirements, these must also be fulfilled.

Study plans and teaching set-ups vary from one study institution to another. Each study institution must therefore itself assess the applicant's experience-based competence related to the study programmes in question. This means that an experience-based assessment given by one study institution, for instance University of Nordland, does not apply for admissions to other study institutions.

If you wish for more detailed information about the criteria on which University of Nordland bases its assessment, please contact us directly. Even though an applicant has experience-based competence for one particular study programme, this does not automatically entitle an applicant to admission - should there be more applicants than study places.

Applicants possessing experience-based competence for a study programme are ranked in relation to other applicants based on an all-round assessment. Applicants who tick the box for experience-based competence, but who also have general study competence, are transferred to regular admissions, and their admission points are calculated in the normal way.

Application based on experience-based competence

If you do not possess general study competence, you can, before 1st March each year, apply for admission with experience-based competence by ticking the box on the

application form for experience-based competence. When the application has been registered, you will be sent special folders for experience-based assessment.

You will be sent a folder from every study institution to which you have applied. These folders are to be filled out and sent directly to each study institution which will then carry out the experience-based assessment. The address of the study institution is written on the folder, for instance University of Nordland. It is important to fill out the folder information carefully and attach documentation of education, practice and other experience you wish the study institution to assess. Undocumented information will not be considered for assessment.

Applicants with general study competence and also proclaiming experience-based competence in order to cover special admission requirements do not need to tick the box for experience-based competence. The admissions board is obliged to assess whether other documentation of knowledge can be approved as equivalent to the special admission requirements.