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Norway – Fourth Service Centre for Foreign Workers Opens

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Norway has added a fourth Service Centre for Foreign Workers (SUA). On 15 June 2015, a new SUA was opened in Bergen, Norway.¹ The SUA offers guidance and assistance with applications for employment in Norway.

Why This Matters

When applying for a residence permit by non-European Union (EU) / European Economic Area (EEA) nationals, typically, the nearest Norwegian Embassy must be contacted to file an application. The Service Centre for Foreign Workers allows the filing of applications for residence permits and the required documents by an employer or authorized third party in Norway. This makes case processing much more efficient and the processing time much shorter than it would be at a Norwegian Embassy abroad. While the application processing time after submission of documents is generally 10-15 working days, a Norwegian Embassy abroad cannot guarantee a case processing time shorter than three months, where it depends on the workload at the embassy as well as the general workload at the immigration office in Norway, the UDI.

About the SUA

The Service Centre for Foreign Workers (SUA) is operated jointly by the Labour Inspection Authority, the Police, the Tax Administration, and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration. The SUA offers guidance and fast-track processing of applications for foreign workers coming to Norway.

The offices are based in 4 cities in Norway: Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen, and Kirkenes.²

The Service Centre can be used by:

- EU/EEA nationals who come to work in Norway, and their families;
- Non-EU/EEA nationals who apply for a residence permit in order to work in Norway, and their families;
- Employers of the above / third party (KPMG) granted Power of Attorney to act on an applicant's behalf.

The Service Centre is for:

- EU/EEA nationals to make a EU registration and get a registration certificate;
- Non-EU/EEA nationals to submit documentation for a residence permit application;
- Non-EU/EEA nationals to order and obtain a residence card after the residence permit has been granted;
- Applying for a tax deduction card and at the same time obtain a Norwegian identity number³ which is mandatory for all residents in Norway to be able to be legally identified before public authorities and to open a Norwegian bank account.

- Giving notice of relocation to Norway and at the same time obtain a Norwegian identity number;
- Information about ID cards for employees in the construction industry and the cleaning-services sector;
- Information on employment conditions, such as working hours and wages in Norway.

KPMG Note

The KPMG International member firm in Norway is authorized to initiate the application process in Norway by filing applications and submitting the appropriate documents at the Service Centre on behalf of an applicant.

Footnotes:

1 For the 15 June 2015 press release (in Norwegian) on the Service Center in Bergen "Servicesenter for utanlandske arbeidstakarar (SUA) opna i Bergen", see:

<http://www.arbeidstilsynet.no/nyhet.html?tid=252594>.

2 For more on the Service Centre (information offered in several languages) at: <http://www.sua.no/en/>.

3 More information on the Norwegian ID number (in English), click [here](#).

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