


Career guidance in the county municipality

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 NORWAY

Timeline

2020 Legislative process

2021 Approved/Agreed

2022 Completed

ID number 29034

Background

This policy development is a follow-up to white paper 6 (2018-19) (new tasks to the regions), which suggested legislation on career guidance in the county municipality.

Objectives

The objective is to make career guidance a statutory task in the county municipalities.

Description

Based on the white paper, the Ministry of Education and Research published a public consultation on 29 August 2019. The consultation documents suggested that career guidance should be a county municipality responsibility and that the duty to provide career guidance be regulated in the Education Act.

Stakeholders provided their input the ministry processed the responses.

2020 Legislative process

2021 Approved/Agreed

Changes were adopted in January 2021. The county municipalities became responsible for offering free-of-charge career guidance to everyone with an address in the municipality.

2022 Completed

the county municipalities are offering free-of-charge career guidance for everyone with an address in the municipality.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Research (KD)

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices
Young people (15-29 years old)
Young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs)
Learners with migrant background, including refugees
Learners at risk of early leaving or/and early leavers
Learners with disabilities

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Engaging VET stakeholders and strengthening partnerships in VET

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Lifelong guidance

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Link to white paper 6 \(2018-19\)](#)

[Link to consultation on changes in the Education Act](#)

[Link to the Education Act](#)

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