

Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Norway

1. Please indicate the relevant provisions in your national legislation providing for or regulating the limitations and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.

The Norwegian provisions in the area of copyright and related rights specifically applicable to persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled are listed in The Norwegian Copyright Act of 15 June 2018 nr. 40 § 56 a, and the Regulation of 26 August 2021 nr. 2608 to the Copyright Act §§ 13 – 17.

2. Does your national legislation permit the cross-border exchange (i.e. exportation) of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)¹ MVT? If yes, under which conditions?

Yes, under the condition that an authorised entity established in Norway distributes, communicates and makes available accessible format copies to beneficiary persons or other authorised entities within the EEA or in a State party to the Marrakesh Treaty follows its own practices to ensure that it

- a. distributes, communicates and makes available accessible format copies only to beneficiary persons or other authorised entities;
- b. takes appropriate steps to discourage the unauthorised reproduction, distribution, communication to the public or making available to the public of accessible format copies;
- c. demonstrates due care in, and maintains records of, its handling of works or other subject matter and of accessible format copies thereof; and
- d. publishes and updates information on how it complies with the obligations laid down in points a to c.

3. Does your national legislation allow the importation of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)² MVT? If yes, under which conditions?

Yes, under the condition that an authorised entity established in Norway which import “accessible format copies” from authorised entities established within the EEA or in a State party to the Marrakesh Treaty, follows its own practices to ensure that it

- a. distributes, communicates and makes available accessible format copies only to beneficiary persons or other authorised entities;
- b. takes appropriate steps to discourage the unauthorised reproduction, distribution, communication to the public or making available to the public of accessible format copies;
- c. demonstrates due care in, and maintains records of, its handling of works or other subject matter and of accessible format copies thereof; and

- d. publishes and updates information on how it complies with the obligations laid down in points a to c.

4. Does your national legislation provide a definition of “authorized entity”, as defined in Article 2 c)³ MVT? If yes, please provide the reference.

Yes, in the [Regulation of 26 August 2021 nr. 2608 to the Copyright Act § 13](#)

5. Please provide a list with contact details of entities that can operate as authorized entities in your territory, and any further information that you can provide, such as number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity and the languages covered.

Norsk lyd- og blindeskriftbibliotek –The Norwegian Library of Talking Books and Braille (NLB)

Postboks 2764, Solli
0204 Oslo
Norway
www.nlb.no

Number of accessible titles: 42 138 (The same title is counted more than one time if it comes in more than one accessible format). Number of titles independent of format is about 28 000.

Languages covered: Mainly Norwegian (Bokmål and Nynorsk), but also English, Danish, Swedish, French, German, Sami and some in Arabic.

Kristent Arbeid Blant Blinde og svaksynte – KABB - Christian work among blind and visually impaired persons

Postboks 333
1802 Askim
Norway
www.kabb.no

Number of accessible titles: 2 888. Books, magazines, newspapers
Languages covered: Norwegian

KABB – works to help people who are visually impaired or have dyslexia, that wants to practice their faith and be a part of their local church. We facilitate information, literature and do advisory to their local churches in the case of universal design.

Statped – A national service for special needs education

Postboks 113
3081 Holmestrand
www.statped.no

Number of accessible titles: 1 225 (school, text books)
Languages covered: Mainly Norwegian, but also English, German, French, Spanish