

NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES STATUS

COUNTRY: NORWAY

RESERVE SYSTEM

The Norwegian Mobilisation forces are based on a conscription system. Generally soldiers will have 12 months service before they are assigned to a Mobilisation Unit.

UN and Non-Article 5 Operations are supported by a combination of regular officers and volunteer reserves.

COMPOSITION BY ACCESSIBILITY

Peacetime Strength (2004):	Army	9 000
	Navy	5 000
	Air Force	3 000
	Home Guard	600

Home Guard/Militia:	83 000
Mobilisation force: Army	20 000
Navy	6 000
Air Force	17 500
UN Contingency force & Force for Non Article 5 op:	1 000

ROLES

Excepting command duty above company level and certain specialist functions like fighter pilots, reservists are expected to undertake all roles at unit level.

SPECIALIST CAPABILITIES EXCLUSIVE TO RESERVES

Some medical capabilities.

TRAINING

a. **Initial**

- Officers.

One year NCO School to serve as a Sergeant. After one year of service as a Sergeant the qualified are promoted to 2 Lieutenants.

These officers may serve for six years on a contract with the Armed Forces.

During this time they may be promoted to Lieutenants. Based on the NCO School and command experience/specialist courses an officer may advance to the rank of Major (reserve) in the Mobilization Forces.

Regular officers will normally remain with their mobilisation units as reserve officers at the rank they had upon leaving the service.

- Others.

Initial training for service in the Mobilisation Forces is one year. After 9 months the soldiers can sign contracts for both UN and Non article 5 operations.

b. **Periodic**

Reserve officers, NCO's and some specialist categories will normally serve for 30 days every 4th year. Other ranks have a liability to serve for 21 days every 4th year.

ACTIVATION AND MOBILISATION

Category	Purpose	Limits	Authority	Eligibility
General Compulsory service 6-12 months	Basic training. Standing/Regular units.	Prescribed by Parliament	The Compulsory Military Service Act	All able men Voluntary for women
Refresher training	Training for Mobilisation	10-30 days depending on unit/function every 4 th year	Parliament	Men/Women age 20-44
Voluntary UN service	Fulfil national liability to UN	Total of 2000 based on scope approved by Parliament	National Government approved by Parliament on request from UN	Enlisted under 35 Officers under 44
Voluntary	Stand by for NATO ACE Mobile force	One Battalion approved by Parliament	National Government approved by Parliament on request from NATO	Conscript Soldiers 19-22 years old
Neutral disasters	Support to local authorities	Maximum local resources	Local authority based on request by Chief of local Police	Homeguard units Units on compulsory service

FUNDING

Defence budget
29.2 billion NOK. 4,87 % of National budget.