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# National fishing fee

Anyone aged 18 or over who intends to fish salmon, sea trout or Arctic char in rivers and lakes must pay the national fishing fee. You must always carry proof that you have paid the fee when fishing and produce it on request. The fee is paid into a government fund that is used to maintain salmon, sea trout and Arctic char stocks and thus ensure opportunities for angling for these species.

## Fishing in rivers and lakes

You must pay the national fishing fee if you intend to fish in a part of a river system where there are salmon, sea trout or Arctic char. This requirement applies as far upstream as the first waterfall or other barrier that the fish cannot cross, or to a limit set by the county governor. Remember that you must buy a fishing licence or other permit from the landowner (fishing rights belong to the landowner) as well as paying the fishing fee.

Although you do not need to pay the national fishing fee to catch freshwater fish or crayfish, you must pay the fee if you are fishing in a river system where there are anadromous fish stocks (salmon, sea trout or Arctic char) during the ordinary fishing season.

# Fishing in the sea

You do not need to pay the national fishing fee to use a rod or hand line in the sea. Make sure you comply with local regulations concerning the boundaries between rivers and the sea.

# Control

Anyone who sells fishing licences for salmon, sea trout and Arctic char is required to check that you have paid the national fishing fee.

You must always carry proof that you have paid the national fishing fee and ID when you are fishing, and produce this if the police or inspectors ask you to do so.

# How to pay the national fishing fee

You can pay either by making a bank payment or by Visa or MasterCard/Eurocard on the internet.

#### Paying by Visa or MasterCard/Eurocard

To pay with your Visa or MasterCard/Eurocard, use a computer or a smartphone and go to http://fiskeravgift.miljodirektoratet.no/ and follow the instructions.

After you have paid, you will receive an email and you must print out and bring the receipt with you. The receipt together with valid ID shows that you have paid the national fishing fee. There is a surcharge of NOK 6 for payment on the website.

#### Making a bank payment from abroad

You can also make a bank payment to: Norwegian Environment Agency, 7485 Trondheim, Norway Account no: 7694 05 02620. SWIFT: DNBANOKK. IBAN: NO7876940502620.

#### Making a bank payment in Norway

You can pay the national fishing fee in a post office (many shops outside towns also offer postal services) or at a bank by filling out a giro form.

The fee is payable to: Norwegian Environment Agency, 7485 Trondheim Account no (konto nr.): 7694 05 02620 Reference no (KID nr.): 00971036028

Sign the form and take the receipt with you as proof of payment.

LINKS http://fiskeravgift.miljodirektoratet.no/

## FEES 2019

Individual fee NOK 272

Family fee NOK 434 (Married or cohabiting couple with any children aged 18 to 20, or single people with children in the same age group)