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Questionnaire for EBCO Report 2024

The Norwegian Ministry of Defence (MoD) refers to the Questionnaire for EBCO Annual Report 2024 from the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection (EBCO). You will find the MoD's answers below. For several of the answers the MoD will refer to last Annual Report for 2023/2024.

1) Is conscription into obligatory military service currently applied?

Please see earlier report.

2) If so, what are the legislative provisions for that govern the procedures?

Please see earlier report.

3) What is the minimum age for conscription?

Minimum recruitment age is 18.

4) What is the duration of the military service?

Initial compulsory service ranges from 6 to 18 months. The total length of conscription in peacetime is 19 months.

5) What provision is there for the exemption of conscientious objectors?

Please see earlier report.

6) What proportion of conscripts sign up for subsequent voluntary service?

These figures are not available at the moment.

7) What reservist obligations apply, what is the call up procedure for reserve service?

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The total length of conscription in peacetime is 19 months. Reservists can be ordered to serve in the Norwegian Home Guard and Armed Forces until the year they turn 44/45. The call up procedure differs from the different service branches.

8) How many persons were prosecuted in recent years for evasion/refusal of military service?

There have not been any prosecutions in 2024.

13) Is attendance at any days of introduction to the armed forces or military careers or other programs which could be seen as preparatory to military recruitment an obligatory part of the secondary education curriculum?

Please see earlier report.

14) Do the armed forces have access to personal data of students?

The Norwegian Armed Forces have access to some data shared by the education authorities, for example data on grades and degrees.

16) Are military personell involved teaching classes at schools on a temporary or long term basis?

No.

17) What incentives or measures are used to by the national armed forces to encourage voluntary recruitment?

The Armed Forces run public information campaigns such as advertising on TV or social media platforms.

18) What is the minimum age for recruitment?

Minimum age for recruitment is 18.

19) What was the total first-time military recruitment in recent years?

Year	Gender (female)	Total number
2017	25,3 %	Approx. 8000-10000
2018	26,3 %	Approx. 8000-10000
2019	28,7 %	Approx. 8000-10000
2020	30,5 %	Approx. 8000-10000
2021	32 %	Approx. 11000
2022	36 %	Approx. 11000
2023	33 %	Approx. 11000
2024	31,5 %	Approx. 11000

20) What legislation governs voluntary recruitment into military service?

Voluntary service is governed by the Act on military service. For military professionals other acts regarding state employees are in effect as well, along with the collective agreements between the state and the national labour unions.

23) How many persons were called up for reserve service, and of what duration?

The Norwegian Home Guard is the largest department for reserve service consisting of approx. 40 000 soldiers.

Questions 24-27:

Please see earlier report.

28) In recent years, how many applications were received?

Year	Total number of applications	Accepted	Rejected
2024	211	176	35

30) How can the decision be appealed?

A written appeal can be sent to the Armed Forces for a second evaluation.

Questions 40-45:

Please see earlier report.

Yours sincerely

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