The King in Council decided that the new integration declaration will enter into force on 1 January 2027. The declaration clarifies the rights, obligations and expectations applicable in Norwegian society. It emphasises that employment and Norwegian language training are key to integration, and everyone has the right to live freely, without violence, coercion or negative social control.

The new declaration will be provided to newly-arrived refugees at an early stage of the integration process. The government believes that clearer expectations will contribute to better integration.

No specific sanctions will be introduced in connection with the declaration. However, violations of Norwegian law may have consequences under other legislation:

- Introduction benefits may be reduced or discontinued entirely if individuals fail to fulfil their obligation to participate in the introduction programme.
- Applications for permanent residence are subject to requirements regarding oral Norwegian proficiency, passing the social studies test and financial self-sufficiency.
- Citizenship applicants are subject to more stringent requirements regarding Norwegian language proficiency and knowledge of Norwegian society.
- Violations of Norwegian law may also be punished under the ordinary criminal law framework.

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