The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) has decided to close three additional reception centres, following the closure of 14 centres earlier this year.

The closures are due to a lower-than-anticipated number of asylum seekers arriving in Norway. While the number of Ukrainian arrivals has been broadly in line with forecasts, arrivals from other countries have been significantly lower. This has had a particularly strong impact on the need for reception places, as applicants undergoing ordinary asylum procedures generally stay in reception centres for considerably longer than Ukrainians and other applicants granted collective protection.

The closures will take effect in March 2027.

The three reception centres concerned are:

Asylum reception centres	Operations Operator	Municipality	Number of places	
Notodden	Hero	Telemark	150	Sou
Kvæfjord	Mottak Nord AS	Kvæfjord	150	Nor
Southern Land	Link AS	Southern Land	125	Eas

Source(s)

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