

Organisasjon for Norske Fagskolestudenter



HVET and NQF in Norway

From a student perspective

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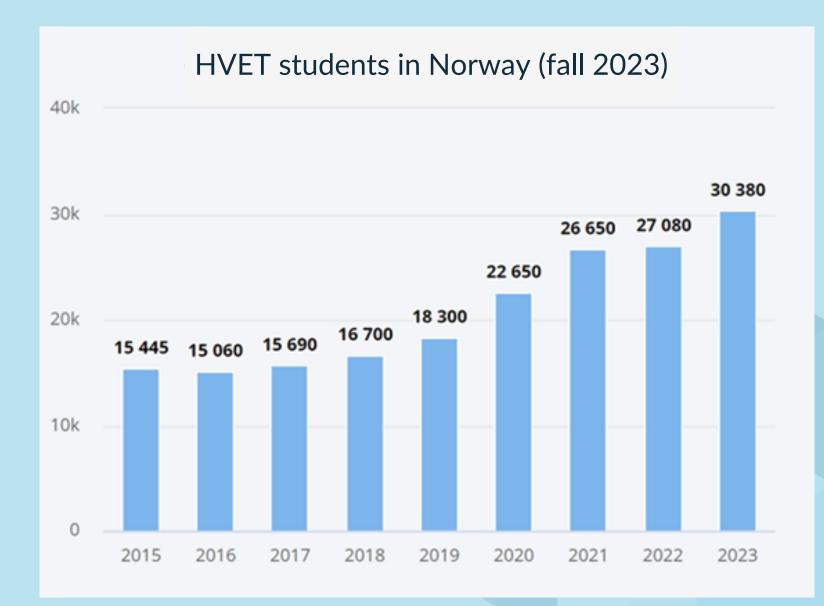


About ONF



- National union for students in HVET (Higher Vocational Education and Training)
- Established in 2012
- Independent of party politics
- Purpose: Promote HVE student's interests and student's rights







Our political goals



- HVET on level 6, 7 and 8 in NQF
- ECTS rights
- Increased recognition for HVET
- Equal student rights







- NOKUT (Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education)
- Report published 2023 recommending HVET on levels above 5 in NQF
 - Lifelong learning
 - Prevent HVET from becoming a dead end
- This affects both HVET and HE
- Ongoing discussions about the structure for HVET at higher levels
 - Dual vs umbrella
- Study programs that should be at a higher-level have to follow NQF 5
 - Maritime studies
 - Welding





- Study credits in vocational education not qualified for ECTS
- Obstacle for international mobility and cooperation as well as recognition of international credits acquired abroad

"Sometimes it seems like we think Norway invented education"

- Norwegian student abroad

Quality assurance systems and exchange of knowledge



Credit system

- Vocational credits (Fagskolepoeng)
- Study credits (Studiepoeng)
- Built on the same principals, but not recognized on the same level
- More recognition when using established terms
- Fagskoleutdanning -> Higher vocational education
- The change in credit- and education name clarified the difference between the secondary and tertiery level of vocational education





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