

The rate of the widow's pension is one-half of the supplementary pension which the deceased person was entitled to or would have been entitled to from the age of 67, calculated on the basis of the number of years of contributions completed at the time of death.

(g) Old Age, Survivors and Disability Pensions—Norway

In Norway old age, survivors and disability pensions are provided under two closely-related universal pension schemes, one for old age pensions and one for disability benefits. These benefits may be supplemented, in some localities, by public assistance schemes administered by municipal governments. There are special pensions systems for seamen, fishermen and forestry workers.

*Old Age Pensions*

To qualify for an old age pension a claimant must have reached age 70 and must have resided in Norway continuously during the last five years. Aliens are entitled to an old age pension if they have resided in Norway for a total period of fifteen years after reaching age 20 and have continuous residence in the last five years before their claim. A claimant is entitled to an old-age pension whether or not he is actually retired.

In 1964 the old-age pension is payable at the rate of 315 crowns a month. An allowance of 50% of the old age pension is provided for the dependent wife of the pensioner if she has reached age 60. For each dependent child an allowance in the amount of 75 crowns a month is payable.

Local governments may grant supplementary allowances usually subject to a test of income. The granting of such a supplementary allowance, however, is dependent on the fact that the pensioner either has resided in the municipality during the last three years before his application is submitted, or has reached 75 years of age. In municipalities where the supplementary old-age allowance is subject to an income test, that test must be made according to provisions laid down by the State's legislation. In 1963, a basic income of 5,238 crowns in the case of married couples or 3,492 crowns in the case of single persons, was allowed before any reduction in the supplementary allowances was made. The supplementary allowance granted by a municipality is reduced by 50 per cent of any income in excess of the limits indicated above. The basic annual income figures are increased by 900 crowns for each dependent child.

*Disability Pension*

Disability pensions are subject to the same residence qualifications as are old age pensions. While the legislation does not stipulate that a minimum degree of disability is a condition for the payment of the benefit, it does require that the disability be permanent.

A person is medically disabled if, after having received suitable treatment, he still has serious and lasting marks of disease, injury or defects, either organic or mental. A person is occupationally disabled if he is unable to make more than one-third of a normal effort in the performance of suitable work,

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