

Norway was among the first countries to reopen driving schools after a long break due to Covid-19. Hereby a brief interview to Mr. Per Ove Sercan Husevik, the Board Leader of ATL (Norwegian driving schools association).

What steps have been taken to obtain the possibility of reopening?

Every traffic school and teacher has waited the publication of national rules for safety, according to stop Covid-19 pandemic.

What security measures have you taken to be able to reopen? In the classroom, in the car and in the office

Classroom: The students must stay 1 meter apart from each other, and they have to wash their hands before entering the classroom. When the students are leaving the classroom, we have to wash the chair and the table.

Internet: Some of the theoretical courses are now possible for students too follow via Skype, Zoom, Google Hangouts and so on. Traffic school are only allowed to have 8 students at the same course/time.

Car: Before the lesson, the student needs to wash their hands, and after the lesson the teacher has to wash the steering wheel, doors, inside mirror and every item the student has touched during the lesson. (the teacher and student can stay closer than 1 meter). The same measures go for motorcycle and the students need to have their own motorcycle clothes and communication devices.

Office: Every office needs to have Antibac, possibility for customer too wash their hands, coffee machine or water machine are not too be available for the customer, all the magazines are removed from the office. Customer need to stay 1 meter apart from each other.

Do exams take place regularly?

The government has now open for exams in every licence category, and they follow the same rules as the traffic school, that means that the teachers need to prepare the vehicle for every exam.

Have you accumulated a very long waiting list of candidates?

In Norway it is approximately 15,000 people waiting for exams. (total: both theoretical and practice)

When do you expect the exam waiting list to end?

The government has told us that they will increase their effectivity and make a priority list for the exams that are necessary for the best for the country. Such as the driving licence for truck driver, bus driver and so on. The capacity in the government should be good enough too handle the waiting list in approximately 1 – 2 months.