

Criteria for Certification

All associations and organisations that meet certain requirements can apply for "Open Association" certification. To qualify as an open association, the following criteria must be met:

- No admission requirements
- Membership fees cannot exceed NOK 100 per semester
- Rolling admissions with no maximum number of members
- At least 3 events per semester that are open to all students at NMBU
- Events may be conducted in English if English-speaking students are present
- The organisation must be practically open to all students

However, there are two exceptions to the rule. These organisations will not be granted "Open Association" certification, even if they meet all the criteria mentioned above:

- Political party-affiliated clubs and organisations
- Clubs and associations with a geographical affiliation

Other associations will be evaluated based on their purpose statement, which must promote the inclusion of all students, in order to qualify as an open association.

Benefits

If an association or organisation is granted the "Open Association" status, they will gain access to several benefits, all of which are listed below:

- Priority in the allocation of welfare funds.
- The requirement that 75% of the association or organisation's members must be members of Samfunnet to borrow venues is waived (this does not apply to larger events that require venue rentals). For more information, see Samfunnet's website.
- Open associations can apply for welfare funds for closed events.
- Open associations can apply for funding to cover club attire for new members. This can be applied for both during spring and fall allocations, if there has been an increase in new members.
- Open associations may be granted funding for activities outside of campus in certain cases.
- Open associations can apply for basic support twice a year, both during spring and fall allocations, if there has been an increase in the number of new members

(see subchapter 1.1.1 Basic Support in the document "Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds").

- "Open Association" certification has the opportunity to receive practical help with marketing from AU.
- Associations and organisations with "Open Association" certification will be marked with the "Open Association" stamp.

Other Provisions

It is important to note that "Open Associations" still reserve the right to exercise discretion and exclude members who do not comply with the club's or organisation's guidelines.