



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' UNION OF NORWAY

# RESOLUTION

## International Students Union of Norway

### Quota Student Application Processing Time and Lånekassen

On behalf of all international students in Norway under the Quota scheme in Norway, ISU hereby requests Lånekassen to decrease the current processing time for the application of a Quota student.

#### **Background:**

Lanekassen is the Norwegian government agency that provides financial support and scholarships to all students studying in Norway.

Quota students are international students accepted for study in Norway through the Quota program. They take a masters degree in Norway and receive full financial support from Lanekassen. The Quota Students are entitled to a study loan on the same terms and with the same requirements as those Norwegian students.

#### **Current Situation:**

Quota students that have already been accepted for study by an institution, and have arrived in Norway, often have to take out huge loans while they wait for Lanekassen to process their application. Some instances of the delay are as long as two months. This is unfortunate and can create unnecessary hardship for someone who has been newly introduced to Norway.

#### **Suggested Solution**

Lanekassen increase the number of people handling these applications, reserve personnel exclusively for handling these applications, or change the way these applications are made (allow them to be submitted from outside of Norway).

#### **ISU proposal:**

**Lanekassen takes steps to significantly decrease the processing time for an application from a Quota student. This should be done so that they can receive their financial support in a way that takes into consideration their situation as newly arrived in Norway.**