Postcode changes in Norway 2021/10/01

Layout description and user manual for the conversion table

1. Generally about implementation of postcode changes

Norway Post follow the Norwegian guidelines for postal code changes. Changes where mail recipients are affected is only affected once a year and the date is the 1st of October.
Other corrections (e.g. errors) can be performed throughout the year. New postcodes can also be created throughout the year to be used on new addresses.

Implementation occurs in three steps:
1. Approximately the 15th of sept the postcode table are updated with new postcodes
2. In week 39 we publish information on our websites about affected addresses and their changes
3. Approximately the 1st of oct the postcode table are updated once more, now with changes you can implement after the addresses are updated

Bring sends information mails about this.

For more information, please contact Bring Customer service at www.bring.com.

2. Description of the postcode changes 2021

The file Postcode changes table 2021.xls is located on the same web page as the conversion table and is to be used as a supplement to the conversion table. The Excel file contains a description of the changes for each postcode and they are separated in different types. You can find the descriptions in the bottom of the Excel-file Postcode changes table 2021.xls.

3. Changes in the postcode table

You must update your Postal code table before you can convert the addresses into the new postal codes. And after conversion it is some few more changes in the postal code table.

3.a Changes before the conversion of addresses can start
This is the changes in the postal code table of 2020/09/14 and you have to implement these in your postcode table before you change the postcode on your addresses:

These postcodes are new and for use to Street addresses (Category G):
- 6420 MOLDE
- 7924 AUSTAFJORD
- 8025 BODØ
- 8385 MØLNARODDEN
- 8611 MO I RANA
- 9045 LAKSELVBUKT
- 9762 KAMØYVÆR
- 9766 SARNES

This postcode where created for use to P.O. Boxes (Category P):
- 8085 BODØ

This postcode change to category B (both street addresses and P.O.Boxes):
- 5045 BERGEN

In addition to the new postcode table is the log of all new postcode and the log of all changes and ceased postcode is updated. The logs are in order by date.

A new postcode registry and change files will be made available for download approximately 1st of October.

3.b Changes after the conversion of addresses
This is the changes in the Postal code table of 1.10.2021, after conversion of the addresses into the new postal codes:

These postcodes change postal city name:
- 6859 SLINDE endres til 6859 SLINDA
- 6951 LEIRVIK I SOGN endres til 6951 HYLLESTAD

This postcode is no longer in use:
- 5748 STYVI
- 5028 BERGEN
- 8680 TROFORS
- 8690 HATTFJELLDAL
- 8980 VEGA

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4. Conversion table

The Norwegian Post's own address register is the basis for this table.
The conversion table contains addresses that are affected by postcode changes 1st of October, ref the excel-file "Post codes changes table 2021"

The conversion table contains even all addresses with changed postcode last year (due errors).

If only a part of a street or P.O. Box system changes postcode, only that part will be listed in the conversion table.

The 2021-conversion table contain **5.342 addresses/records**

4.a File formats

The conversion table exist in two text file formats; Ansi and Tab-separated fields/fixed field lengths(«FAST»):

- KONVTAB_ANSI-TAB.DEL
- KONVTAB_ANSI-FAST.SDF

4.b Field lengths

The files with fixed field lengths has these fields lengths:

1.	Code category	2 characters
2.	Municipality number	4 characters
3.	Street code	5 characters
4.	Street name	30 characters
5.	House number	4 characters
6.	Letter	4 characters
7.	Entrance	3 characters
8.	Old P.O. Box-office	32 characters
9.	Old postcode	4 characters
10.	Old postal city name	32 characters
11.	New P.O. Box office	32 characters
12.	New Postcode	4 characters
13.	New postal city name	32 characters
14.	Reason code1	4 characters
15.	Reason code2	4 characters

4.c Field Descriptions
1 Code categories (2 letters):
Code category tells what type of address that it is referred to.
Can contain the following categories:

'GV' = Street address
'ST' = Place addresses (Used on smaller places that don't have street addresses)
'PS' = Post place addresses (Used on smaller places that even don't have place addresses)
'PB' = P.O. Box address

2 Municipality number (4 digits incl possible leading zeros):
Official municipality code. (4 digits where the first two digits refer to the county).

3 Street code (5 digits incl possible leading zeros):
The official code for a street. The street code is unique in combination with the Municipality number.
The field is blank for place addresses, post place addresses and P.O. Box addresses.

4 Street name (max 30 letters/digits):
Name of a street. If it is place address (ST in the category code) it contains the place name and the field is blank if it is a postcode address. If it is a P.O. Box address (PB category code) it contains the word "POSTBOKS".

5 House number (4 numbers incl possible leading zeros):
Contains the house number of a street address and the P.O. Box number if PB in category code. The field is blank if it is a place address og a post place address.

6 Letter (4 letters):
Contains the letter of a street address, if the house number is: Ex: 2A, 2B. Only one letter is used i Norway now.

7 Entrance (3 letters/digits):
«Entrance» is no longer in use in addresses in Norway and the field is blank.

8 Old P.O. Box-office (max 32 letters):
Contains the old name of the P.O. Box office. The name of the P.O. Box office can for example be "MAJORSTUA". This is important where multiple P.O. Box office share the same postal city name and is especially important where multiple P.O. Box office share the same postal code.

9 Old post code (4 digits incl possible leading zeros):
Contains the correct old postcode.

10 Old postal city name (max 32 letters):
Contains the correct old postal city name.

11 New P.O. Box office (max 32 letters):
Containing the new name of the P.O. Box office, for example «MAJORSTUEN»

12 New Postcode (4 digits incl possible leading zeros):
Contains the correct new postcode.

13 New postal city name (max 32 letters):
Contains the correct new postal city name.

14 Reason code1 (4 letters):
Tells about the POSTCODE - BEFORE the changes. May contain 4 different variants:

• **ALLE**: Here all addresses in your address register that have postcode "Postnummer gammelt" are either change postcode to "Postnummer nytt", cityname to "Poststedsnavn nytt" or P.O. Box name to "Postbokskontor nytt". Or several kind of changes.

• **PBOK**: Postcode changes for P.O. Box addresses. If a postcode has both street addresses and P.O. Box addresses but the P.O. Box addresses get a new own postcode, shall the street addresses keep the old postcode. If you have addresses in your registry that contains the postcodes in "Postnummer gammelt", therefore check if there is a P.O. Box address and the P.O. Box number is the same as that in the table, and change it to the "Postnummer nytt". Also remember to change the postal city name to "Poststed nytt" and check the value that is in "Postbokskontor nytt". Important: Keep the old postcode on addresses wich not are P.O. Box addresses or P.O. Box addresses that not are listed in the conversion table.

• **NAVN**: Only the postal cityname changes. If you have addresses in your registry with postcode like "Postnummer gammelt", the postcode retained, but the post cityname must be changed to "Poststed nytt».

• **BLOK**: This reason code tells that only some addresses with the postcode is changed. The new postcode can be a brand new postcode or an existing one. If you have addresses in your registry that contains the postcode equivalent to "Postnummer gammelt", you have to check the street address and house number (or place name) what new postcode the address should get.

15 Reason code2 (4 letters):
Tells about the STREET ADDRESSES - AFTER the changes

• **DELT**: After the change there will be a postcode split in this street. It may have been a split on the postcode for this street before the change.
If a street continues into another municipality, it's another street.

• **HELE**: After the change, the whole street has the same postal code. It may have been a split on the postcode for this street before the change.
If a street continues into another municipality, it's another street.