Faculties authorized to change exam forms, postpone practical training and grading deadlines

The Board of NTNU approved today (12 March 2020) in its decision on Temporary regulations related to coronavirus.

It was also decided that the Rector can allow self-certification for absence from assessment.

The coronavirus will most likely lead to restrictions on how exams can be conducted and the ability to carry out mandatory activities.

Reduce delays in studies

The decisions will help to make it possible to hold exams by arranging forms of assessment different from those originally announced in the course description. For example, the form of assessment could be changed from a traditional written exam to a home exam so that students can take exams without coming onto campus. This can help to prevent large groups of students from being delayed in their studies.

The faculty can now allow students to take exams without mandatory activities being approved, but students may need to get these approved within a specified time in order for the exam result to be valid.

Self-certification of absence accepted

The Rector has been authorized to allow approval of self-certification of absence ("egenmelding") as enough documentation for valid absence. The Rector can then decide that self-certification of absence will be introduced if the situation indicates that this is necessary.

Extended deadline for grading

The faculty has been authorized to extend the deadline for announcing grades (normally three weeks) by two weeks. If there is a major spread of infection, this means there will be more time to find qualified examiners.