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## Cold Weather Operations Courses 2026-2027

### Background

On behalf of NATO Centre of Excellence Cold Weather operation, the Norwegian School of Winter Warfare (NSWW) has the pleasure to invite the addressees<sup>1</sup> to bid for seats on the courses offered to NATO and partner nations.

The courses are as follows:

- NATO Cold Weather Survival Instructor Course (NCWSIC), 9<sup>th</sup> of November to 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2026
- NATO Cold Weather Combat Medic Instructor Course (NCWCMIC), 23<sup>th</sup> of November to 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2026
- NATO Cold Weather Warfare Instructor Course (NCWWIC), 11<sup>th</sup> of January to 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2027
- NATO Cold Weather Planner Course (NCWPC), 25<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2027
- NATO Avalanche Rescue Instructor Course (NARIC), 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2027

### NATO Cold Weather Survival Instructor Course (NCWSIC)

#### Aim

The objective is to provide the students with knowledge and skills needed to serve as Cold Weather Survival Instructors and Advisers, including:

- Providing practical skills and knowledge on how to survive in a harsh environment behind enemy lines, with a minimum of equipment over a long period.
- Providing skills and knowledge on how to survive off the land.

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<sup>1</sup> Invitation will be distributed by unclassified email to all accredited NATO embassies and Allied Command Transformation (ACT).

### **Prerequisites of attendance**

The NCWSIC course is offered primarily for officers and NCOs scheduled for Long Range Recce Patrol and Special Operations.

It is recommended that the student have experience from operating in a cold environment.

This course requires a high standard of physical fitness. The students **must** fulfil the following requirements:

- *7 km running test in combat boots, carrying a 20 kg rucksack - time limit 52 minutes. This test must be documented from the home unit and presented at the start of the course. Students must be prepared for testing at the course. Students that do not pass will be returned to their unit.*
- *Students must have a security clearance; NATO-CONFIDENTIAL or above.*

The course is limited to 24 students.

### **NATO Cold Weather Combat Medic Instructor Course (NCWCMIC)**

#### **Aim**

The objective is to provide the students with practical experience and knowledge on how to conduct medical training program for operations in a cold weather climate as instructors and advisors.

Through the course, the students will acquire knowledge and skills on utilizing examination drill (MARCH) in cold weather conditions, how to prevent, recognize and treat cold weather injuries and adapt their own equipment to best function in cold a weather climate. The student must have the practical understanding and knowledge of:

- MARCH (ON)
- TCCC
- Tactical Field Care (TFC)
- Prolonged Field Care (PFC)

The course emphasises practical exercises and demonstrations including two field exercises with a total of 8 nights spent in the field. Most of the activities are organized in small units. The initial basic training will focus on improving individual skills on operating in a cold weather theatre before moving towards a medical focus.

#### **Prerequisites of attendance**

This is an instructor course, and not a basic medic course. The students must have the educational medical level and practical training as an instructor.

The NCWCMIC primarily focus on section and platoon level education, aimed at all personnel (all ranks included) that function as a medical instructor or advisor in their own unit.

The course requires high standard of physical fitness, and it is recommended that the student have experience from operating in a cold environment.

The course is limited to 24 students.

### **NATO Cold Weather Warfare Instructor Course (NCWWIC)**

#### **Aim**

The main objective of NWIC is to provide the students with knowledge and skills needed to serve as winter training instructors and advisors, including:

- Providing tactical and technical knowledge on how to take advantage of terrain and the conditions imposed by snow and cold weather.
  - Practicing survival, mobility and leadership under winter conditions.
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### Prerequisites of attendance

This is an instructor course, **and not a basic winter course**. The students must have education and practical training as an instructor.

The NCWWIC primarily focus on platoon and coy level responsibilities aimed at NCOs from the rank of OR-4 or above, and officers up to and including the rank of OF-3.

The course emphasises practical exercises and demonstrations including one main field exercise with 11 nights spent in tents and alternative bivouacs. Most of the activities are organized in small units.

The initial basic training (weeks 1-2) will focus on improving individual skills.

The course requires high standard of physical fitness. The students **must** fulfil the following requirement:

- *7 km running test in combat boots, carrying a 20 kg rucksack - time limit 52 minutes. This test must be documented from the home unit and presented at the start of the course. Students must be prepared for testing at the course. Students that do not pass will be returned to their unit.*

The course is limited to 64 students.

### NATO Cold Weather Planner Course (NCWPC)

#### Aim

The purpose of this course is to enhance the Alliance members understanding and appreciation of the Cold Weather Environment in order to develop NATO's ability to prepare, plan, and conduct Land Tactical Cold Weather Operations in a Multi Domain Operations (MDO) context.

The course aims to give the students an in-depth understanding and appreciation of the Cold Weather Environment (CWE), and how this serves as a prerequisite for planning at tactical and operational levels in order to conduct Cold Weather Operations (CWO).

The course will provide the students a broad knowledge of how support from GEOMETOC and CW experiences are fundamental for CWO planning considerations, and how applying the CWO principles will enhance the land force's ability to prepare, plan, and conduct CWO in a MDO context.

#### Prerequisite of attendance

This two-week course is comprised of interactive plenary lectures, field trips with capability and CWE demonstrations, practical tabletop and MAP exercises, and facilitated work in small syndicates followed by back briefs to plenary.

The course uses a cold weather scenario with a divisional level scenario and OPORD. The syndicates will work as a small Brigade Staff with relevant warfighting functions. The syndicates will conduct a OPAP (Operation Plan Adjustment Process) to revise and adjust a Brigade plan, from summer condition to a cold weather condition.

In conclusion, the education and training will provide the students with a foundational knowledge of the challenges they will face, proper planning tools, and an understanding of the importance of thorough preparation and planning to execute Cold Weather Operations.

- The students must have a proficient national level in MDMP for land forces and/or the NATO APP-28.
- The students have served in a national or multinational HQ at battalion level or above, or similar HQ for tactical planning.
- Students must have a security clearance; NATO-Restricted (NR) or above.

This course is limited to 30 students.

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NOTE! Due to the lodging limitations in the Terningmoen camp, the students at this course must be accommodated at a hotel outside the camp at their own nations cost. The Joining Report will provide detailed information to the students minimum three months prior to arrival.

## **NATO Avalanche Rescue Instructor Course (NARIC)**

### **Aim**

The main objective of NARIC is to provide the students with knowledge and skills needed to serve as companion rescue instructors.

Including lectures and practical training in the following subjects:

- Transceiver knowledge
- Safe routing
- Evacuation of avalanche victims
- Medical treatment of avalanche victims

### **Prerequisite of attendance**

This is an instructor course and the students must have education and practical training as an instructor.

The NARIC primarily focus on section and platoon level responsibilities aimed at NCOs from the rank of Sergeant (OR-5) or above, and officers up to and including the rank of Lieutenant. The course emphasises practical exercises and demonstrations. Most of the activities are organized in small units.

It is recommended that the student have experience from operating in a cold environment.

This course is limited to 24 students.

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## General for all courses

### Language

All classes will be given in English. Students must have the following minimum proficiency standards in English (as described in STANAG 6001). Students do not meet this standard will be returned to unit.

- a. Listening: (Functional /2)
- b. Speaking: (Functional/2)
- c. Reading: (Functional /2)
- d. Writing: (Functional/2)

### Course fee

All the courses are free of charge. The students must pay for food and lodging during the courses. Some courses will be using civilian hotels due to limited availability of military accommodation. Info will be given for each course. Each sending nation is responsible for travel arrangements and travel costs for own students.

### Security clearances

All courses require security clearance for NATO Restricted – NR, or above. This should be documented with each student bringing the form "ATTESTATION OF NATO PERSONNEL SECURITY CLEARANCE" (Appendix 2/annex1/AC/35-D/2000-REV7) from home unit.

### Request for seats

The attached form *Request for seats* must be completed and returned to [hvs.kurskoordinering@mil.no](mailto:hvs.kurskoordinering@mil.no) no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> august 2026.

### Allocation of seats

Allocation of seats will be issued shortly after the closing date (above), with instructions on the nominating procedures. When nations have received their allocated seats, nominations should be sent to the NSWW, no later than one month before the course start.

Joining instructions and course programmes will be distributed directly to the nominated candidates and/or their respective units.

### Point of contact NSWW

POC for courses at NSWW is:

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**NSWW reserves the right to cancel or move courses.**

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