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Norwegian launches pilot recruitment drive in Ireland as airline continues transatlantic expansion

- Airline looking to recruit 40 pilots, almost doubling the current number of flight crew currently operating out of Dublin base
- Recruitment drive is a result of previously announced transatlantic expansion in Ireland including a new route between Dublin and Hamilton / Toronto.

Due to continued expansion Norwegian has launched a recruitment drive in Ireland for pilots who hold a Boeing 737 operational certificate. The airline is recruiting 40 pilots, both Captains and First Officers, which will almost double the current number of flight crew operating from the Dublin base.

The recruitment drive follows the announcement of the airline's new expanded 2019 summer schedule with 40 weekly transatlantic departures from March 2019, an increase of 37%, to the USA and Canada from Ireland. Norwegian also serves the European cities of Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Helsinki direct from the Irish capital.

Helga Bollmann Leknes, Chief Human Resources Officer at Norwegian said: *"Norwegian offers pilots a rewarding career with a diverse route network which spans both long haul and short haul destinations flying the latest Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. We look forward to welcoming qualified pilots who want to work for an airline that recognises the vital contribution that they make to our business during this continued phase of expansion in Ireland.*

Increases to the summer schedule from Ireland include the brand new daily service to Canada which begins on 31st March 2019 and will mark the first direct flight between Hamilton – Toronto and Dublin. Flights to Providence, Rhode Island will increase to a daily service and services to New York Stewart International Airport from Shannon will increase to five flights a week.

Norwegian is the world's fifth largest low-cost airline, carrying around 33 million passengers per year to more than 150 global destinations. Norwegian has a fleet of more than 150 aircraft with an average age of 3.6 years, making it one of the world's youngest fleets.

Recently Norwegian was voted the World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline for the fourth consecutive year at the renowned SkyTrax World Airline Awards 2018, and Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline for the sixth year running.

Norwegian currently employs more than 2700 pilots across bases in key European cities and the US, the airline offers competitive terms & conditions and outstanding career opportunities. Pilots joining our Boeing 737 fleet have the opportunity to work at one of our European bases and be part of our growing European and Transatlantic operations. For more information and to apply please visit <u>https://careers.norwegian.com/pilot</u>

Norwegian in the UK and Ireland:

- Norwegian carries 5.8 million UK passengers each year from London Gatwick, Edinburgh and Manchester Airports to 50 destinations worldwide
- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 4.6 million yearly passengers, and with more than 1,000 UK-based pilots and cabin crew
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S. - the airline now flies to 11 U.S destinations, Buenos Aires and Singapore
- In 2017, Norwegian also launched **affordable transatlantic flights from Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin, Cork and Shannon** to the US East Coast, using the brand new Boeing 737 MAX aircraft
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of 3.7 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Boeing 737 MAX and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers for six consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2018, along with being awarded the 'World's best low-cost long-haul airline' in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018
 - Norwegian Reward is the airline's free to join **awardwinning loyalty programme** offering members CashPoints and Rewards that reduce the cost of Norwegian flights

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