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FREE ELECTIONS
NICARAGUA, 2021



NEWSLETTER FOR THE

05th to the 09th of July



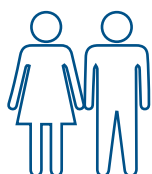
Timetable for ID registration



SEC approves voting center boundaries and provides the provisional Electoral Roll



Certification of voting centers location and boundaries



Nicaragua to have confirmed candidates in August



Rights and Duties of Political Parties



ID registration advances in Nicaragua





TIMETABLE FOR ID REGISTRATION

To strengthen the 07th of November general election process the Supreme Electoral Council in Nicaragua will extend the timetable of attention in the ID registration offices throughout the country.

EXTENDED TIMETABLE

**3rd OF JULY TO THE
04th OF SEPTEMBER**

ID registration offices
for districts of Managua

ID registration offices for
municipalities of the country



MONDAY TO SATURDAY

**8:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.**

MANAGUA

Offices of SERVIGOB and
Multicentro Las Americas

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

**8:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.**

SEC approves Voting Center Boundaries and Provides the Provisional Electoral roll

For the general election to be held on the 07th of November 2021, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) announced on the 07th of July that the magistrates of this state body approved the boundaries and the locations of the Polling Stations at which the Polling Station Boards (PSB) will operate.

The SEC orders its Technical Directions to furnish the electoral cartography to the Parties and Alliances of Parties, at the latest by 09th of July, through the offices of the General Directions of the Political Parties.



In addition, on Friday the 09th of July at the latest, it has been arranged to provide the Alliances and Political Parties with the Electoral Roll in digital form. This will insure that, on 24th and 25th July, the Political Parties and Alliances have the necessary instruments for the most efficient process of citizen verification in each Polling Center.

The SEC reaffirms its commitment the strengthen the democracy, peace and tranquility of the country and invites all the corresponding actors to work together to consolidate the Electoral Roll, in which all citizens are included in accordance with the Electoral Law.



CERTIFICATION OF VOTING CENTERS LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES



Certificación

El suscrito Secretario de Actuaciones del Consejo Supremo Electoral, Certifica el acuerdo dictado por este Poder del Estado, que íntegra y literalmente dice:

ACUERDO

Consejo Supremo Electoral.- Managua, siete de julio del año dos mil veintiuno.- Las ocho de la mañana.-

Considerando

I

Que, por mandato Constitucional en su artículo 173 corresponde al Consejo Supremo Electoral organizar y normar lo relativo al Padrón Electoral, mandato que lo ratifica en sus atribuciones el artículo 10 de la Ley Electoral.

II

Que, de conformidad al cumplimiento de la actividad número 28 del Calendario Electoral "Elecciones Generales 2021", y lo prescrito en los artículos 23 y 39 de la Ley Electoral, corresponde a este Poder del Estado mantener un Padrón Electoral Preliminar y actualizado por cada Centro de Votación, el que deberá ponerse a la orden de las ciudadanas y los ciudadanos, publicado y entregado en digital a los Partidos Políticos y Alianzas de Partidos Políticos, a más tardar el día lunes 9 de agosto.

III

Que, por disposición de la Ley Electoral y lo definido en el Calendario Electoral, el Consejo Supremo Electoral suministrará 90 días antes de las elecciones, a cada uno de los partidos políticos o alianzas de partidos que participan en las elecciones, las demarcaciones y ubicaciones de los Centros de Votación; sin embargo en vista de que este Consejo Supremo Electoral dispone al día de hoy de la información cartográfica electoral de las demarcaciones y ubicaciones de los Centros de Votación, se estima oportuno facilitar la plataforma y documentación técnica a fin de dar mayor oportunidad y promover la participación masiva de la población este 24 y 25 de julio en la verificación ciudadana. Todo este esfuerzo sin detrimento de los plazos ya definidos en el Calendario Electoral, los que se cumplirán conforme las fechas de entregas con sus debidas actualizaciones producto de la verificación ciudadana.

Por tanto:

El Consejo Supremo Electoral en uso de las atribuciones que le confiere la Constitución Política de la República en su artículo 173 y artículos 10, 23, 39 y 42 de la Ley Electoral y la actividad número 28 del Calendario Electoral "Elecciones Generales 2021" **Acuerda, Primero:** Autorizar las demarcaciones y ubicaciones de los Centros de Votación donde funcionarán las Juntas



Receptoras de Votos.- **Segundo:** Suministrar a los Partidos Políticos y Alianzas de Partidos Políticos a más tardar el día viernes 9 de julio, la Cartografía Electoral para las Elecciones Generales 2021, a través de la Dirección General de Partidos Políticos.- **Tercero:** Entregar a más tardar el día viernes 9 de julio del año 2021, a los Partidos Políticos y Alianzas de Partidos Políticos, el Padrón Electoral Provisional, mismo que contiene los datos de los ciudadanos y ciudadanas que son parte de este, hasta la fecha según el procedimiento establecido en nuestra Ley Electoral; con el propósito de asegurar que todos los Partidos Políticos y Alianzas de Partidos tengan los instrumentos necesarios para aprovechar al máximo la oportunidad que representa el Proceso de Verificación Ciudadana en cada Centro de Votación este próximo 24 y 25 de julio. (f) Brenda Isabel Rocha Chacón, Magistrada Presidenta; (f) Cairo Melvin Amador, Magistrado Vicepresidente; (f) Lumberto Campbell Hooker, Magistrado; (f) Mayra Antonia Salinas Uriarte, Magistrada; (f) Alma Nubia Baltodano Marcenaro, Magistrada; (f) Devoney Johaira McDavis Álvarez, Magistrada; (f) Leonzo Knight Julián, Magistrado. Ante mí: (f) Luis Alfonso Luna Raudez, Secretario de Actuaciones.-

Es conforme con su original con el cual fue debidamente cotejado.- Managua siete de julio del año del año dos mil veintiuno.

Luis Alfonso Luna Raudez
Secretario de Actuaciones

NICARAGUA WILL HAVE CONFIRMED CANDIDATES IN AUGUST

Mayra Salinas, Magistrate of the Nicaraguan Supreme Electoral Council indicated that, for the general elections of the 07th of November, the coming 18th of August is the date on which the political parties participating in the electoral process must have a definitive list of candidates for the popular election posts.

Magistrate Salinas noted that between the 28th of July and the 2nd of August, the SEC must receive the proposal of provisional candidates.

“The SEC must receive from the political parties’ participant in the elections, their proposal for provisional candidates which then, by means of a process, will become the definitive list of the candidates for popular election posts” she stated.

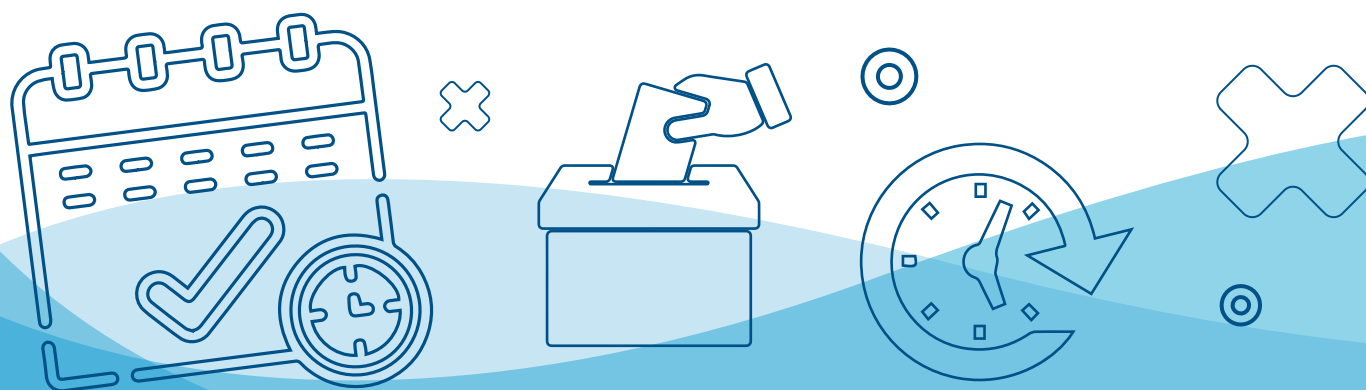


The Electoral Calendar still has no candidates

In this context, she stated that “at this moment in the Electoral Calendar doesn’t even have pre-candidate, much less candidates”.

With respect to this, she informed that all Nicaraguans, of whichever political party, may aspire to be candidate, complying with the established requirements.

She stated that “following the electoral calendar, in this moment, the SEC is at the stage of giving the boundaries and location of the polling stations where the Polling Station Boards (PSB) will operate.



Mass verification this

24th and 25th of July

The SEC magistrate called one Nicaraguan citizen to participate in the mass verification process, on the 24th and 25th of July, to update, verify and finalize the electoral roll.

Salinas underlined that the reforms approved to the electoral law on this past 04th of May enable a significant improvement and strengthening of the capacity of the SEC, adding that Nicaragua as an independent country.

She emphasized that “Nicaragua is a free and sovereign country, a country that is carrying out an electoral process under its own electoral law, where Nicaraguans will choose those who are to govern Nicaragua the next five years, and it is we the Nicaraguans that decide our destiny in a civic festival of peace and tranquility”.

She pointed to the participation “of approximately 175 thousand invigilators from the 17 participant political parties, and the Nicaraguan people are going to be those who say at the end, if they feel satisfied or not with the results that we will be giving from the 07th to the 26th of November when we will announce the elected authorities”.

Strengthening of the SEC capacity

Salinas indicated that on the 04th of May the Nicaraguan National Assembly voted a revision of the electoral law, improving and strengthening the capability of the SEC, as well amplifying the proposals that appear in the electoral law, among which are those that strengthen the roll of the political parties and the scrutiny by these of each stage of the electoral process.

She added that, “Nicaragua is a free country, a sovereign country, it is a country that is carrying out an electoral process under its own electoral law”.

In this vein, she said that “it will be we the Nicaraguans, on the 7th of November, who are going to take the decisions as to who is going to govern our destinies during the next five years, independently of what other countries may think and say”.

“We Nicaraguans are those who decide our destiny in peace, tranquility and in a civic festival” she emphasized.

A just and transparent electoral process

Finally, in regard to electoral observers, she indicated that the decision to invite or not to invite observers is competence of the executive body.

“In accordance with the electoral law, what corresponds to us is to regulate their participation, but we are certain that the electoral process will be a transparent, just, peaceful and calm, scrutinized by at least one hundred and seventy-five thousand invigilators from the seventeen participating political parties”. She stated.

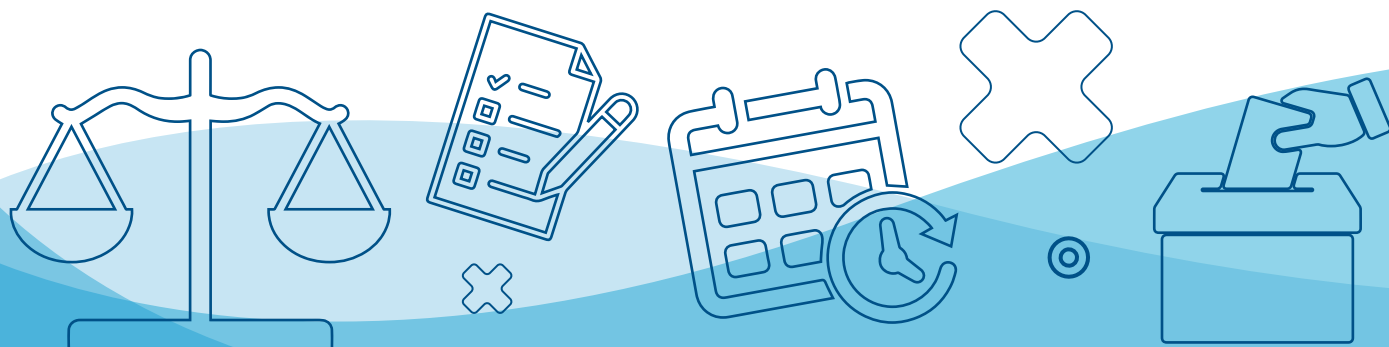


Rights and duties of Political Parties

All Nicaraguans have the right to organized and constitute themselves in political parties in accordance with article 55 of our Magna Carta, which says, literally says, “Nicaraguan citizens have the right to organize and affiliate themselves in political parties in order to participate, exercise and accede to power”.

Law 331, electoral law, establishes the requirements and rules for the constitution of political parties in Nicaragua.

In first instance, citizens interested in forming a political party must inform the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC), presenting their timetable of the assemblies which will elect their national, departmental or regional and Municipal councils. The SEC will have to verify and agree the elections of the boards of directors of said assemblies.



For a party to obtain legal identity the following requirements must be met:



Public deed in which the political grouping is constituted.



The name of the political party to be constituted, and the emblem which clearly differentiates it from the remaining legally existing political parties.

No political party or alliance of parties may use the color of the national flag in their party symbols or emblems. Moreover, it is prohibited to use the names “Nicaragua” or “Patria” in the denomination, emblems or symbols of the parties and alliances of parties; likewise, the use of patriotic symbols in rallies or public gatherings. The foregoing applies because the flag, the shield and the colors are the patriotic symbols of the Republic of Nicaragua-.



The political principals, programs and statues of the same.



Patrimony



The name of its legal representant and his second, who must be Nicaraguans.



Constitute a national directive with no less than nine members.



Constitute departmental directives and for the region of the Caribbean Coast, in accordance with the political administrative division, with no less than seven members.



Constitute municipal directives, with no less than five members in all the municipalities of the country.

These requirements must be presented to the secretary of procedures of the SEC for their due revision.

Once legally constituted, the political parties must guarantee the compliance with their duties established in the electoral law, which state:



1. TCompliance with the political constitution of the Nicaragua State and its laws.



2. Guarantee the widest democratic participation in the election of their authorities and of candidates for the different elections in which they participate as political parties. For the selection of the election process, that which prevails will be the one that permits the greatest compliance with this undertaking.



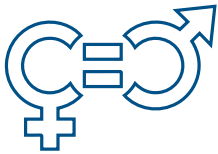
3. Be transparent and diligent in the administration of their economic patrimony, publishing annually their financial statements in The Gazette, Official Diary, with copies of the same to the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC).



4. Compliance with the resolution of the SEC.



5. The political parties or alliances of political parties, are obliged to respect the result of the elections without prejudice to the use of legal resource conferred by the law.



6. Encourage and promote the rule of law and the primacy of human rights in the political, economic and social sense, as well as guarantee gender equity in the selection of candidates, in accordance with that established by the present law.



7. Present to the SEC the integration as appropriate of the national, departmental/regional and municipal structures; revocation of the same, as well as the modification of their statutes and rules, within a term no greater than thirty days from the realization of their initial event. As well as guaranteeing gender equity in the makeup of their boards of directors at all levels.



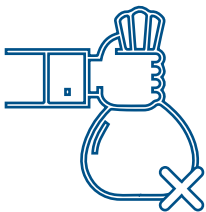
8. To take responsibility for the acts realized in the context of alliances that they constitute with other political parties, and specific acts that they carry out with a particular party.



9. Participate, on pain of losing their legal status should they not do so, in the elections contemplated in the present law through the presentation of their respective candidacies.



10. Involve themselves proactively in the political, social and cultural problems in search of stability, social peace and the economic development of the nation.



11. Not receive any type of private or public financing or donation from outside the country.



12. Insure at least fifty percent (50%) of women in the makeup of their directive boards, at all levels in all instances and structures.



13. No resort to violence or any act which seeks to disturb public order or impede the normal function of organs of public administration.



14. Not resort to acts that subvert National independence, sovereignty and self-determination, that incite foreign intervention in internal affairs, demand the application of economic sanctions in detriment of the State or call for military intervention.

In the same way, the rights of political parties are established in Article 45 and 46 of the law 331, the Electoral Law. Among this, are the right to organize freely; diffuse their political principals and programs; constitute and dissolve alliances among themselves; scrutinize all the activities of the electoral process by means of the invigilators that they designate; receive necessary information to follow up and track the electoral suitcase; receive public funds to cover campaign costs, among other rights.

ID REGISTRATION ADVANCES IN NICARAGUA

During the last week from the 02nd to the 08th of July, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) has continued the extensive process of ID registration, attending during this period, to 23,483 procedures, of which: 6,839 have corresponded to first time applicants, 9,719 renewals and 6,925 replacements.

**6,839**New
Applicants**9,719**

Renewals

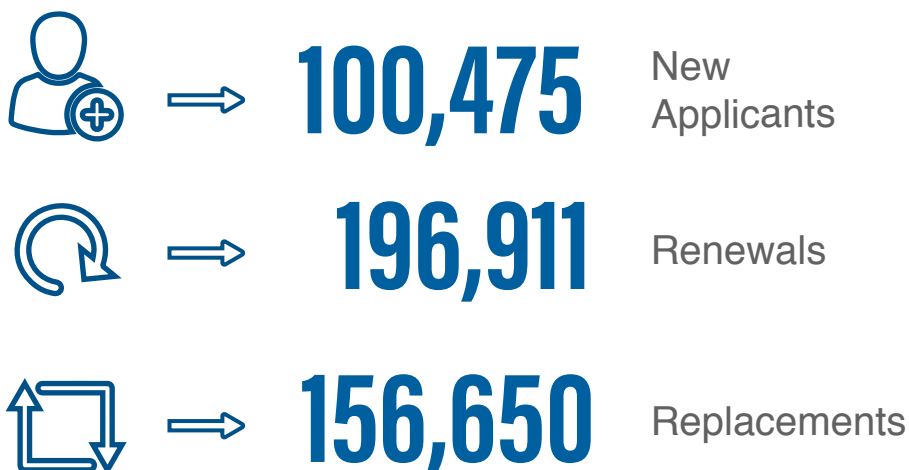
**6,925**

Replacements

TOTAL PROCEDURES: 23,483

ID REGISTRATIONS DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS

From 4th of January to the 8th of July 2021, the SEC has also completed a successful process of ID registration, attending during this period, to 454,036 procedures, of which: 100,475 correspond to first time applicants, 196,911 renewals and 156,650 replacements.



TOTAL PROCEDURES: 454,036



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