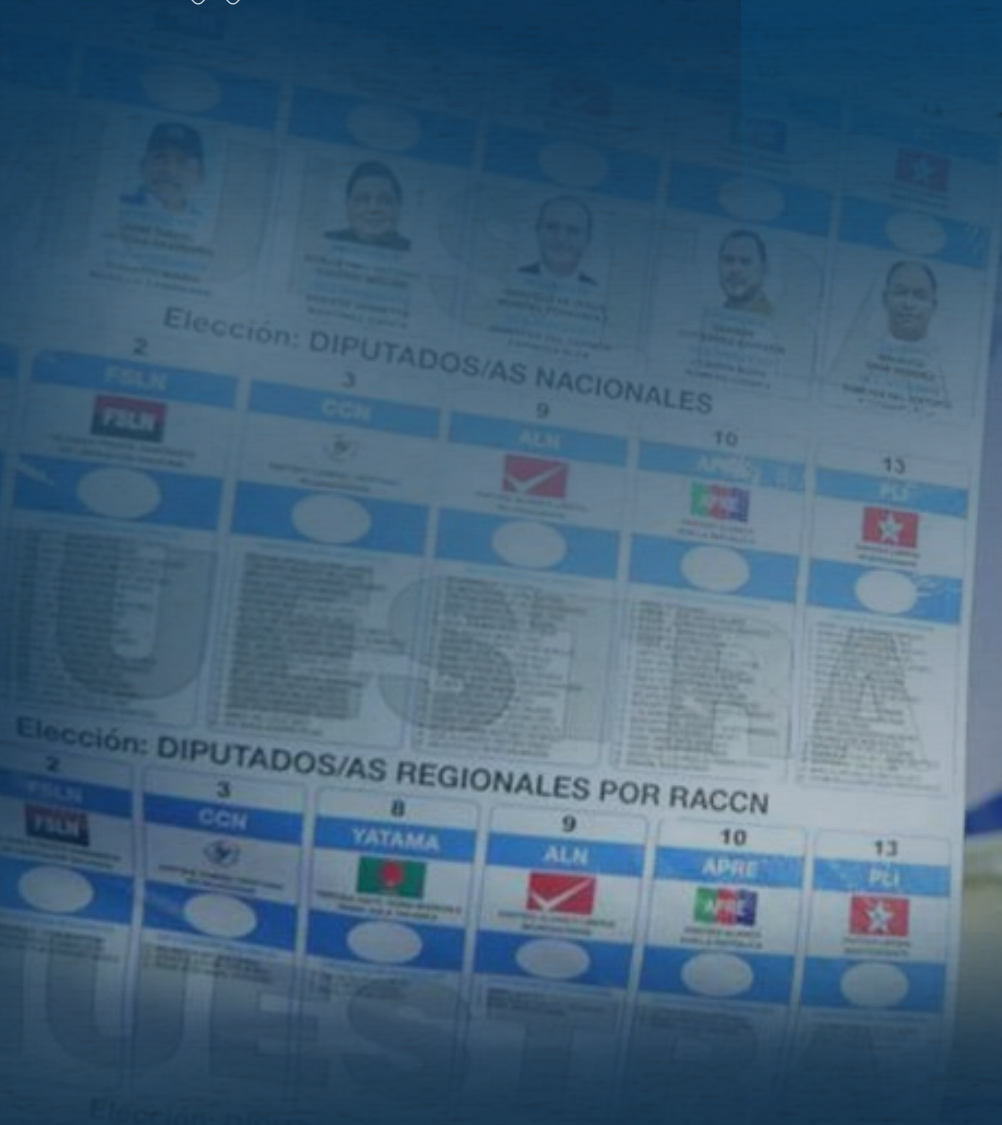


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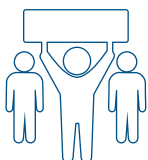
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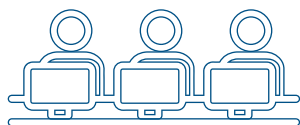
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6. Upcoming activities in electoral process



SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (SEC) AND NICARAGUAN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (NUC) COVENANT FOR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS

On 20th October, the SEC and National Council of Universities (NCU) signed an agreement on university community participation in the General Election to be held on 7th of November of 2021.



During the electoral process, under this agreement, the NCU and affiliated universities will undertake a work plan which includes the monitoring of polling stations and Polling Station Boards (PSB) in order to make an evaluation of electoral logistics and voting conditions.

At the same time, the NCU will realize academic forums covering electoral matters, sovereignty, self-determination and democracy. Also, meetings with international and national organizations participating in the electoral process.

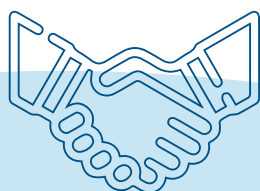
The NCU has placed all university precincts of the country at the disposal of the SEC, that these may be used as polling stations, or for any other purpose deemed necessary for the elections.





Following the elections, the NCU, as an accredited affiliate of the SEC, will produce an integral technical report on the different stages and elements of the General Election 2021, thereby providing reliable national testimony and objective and impartial support as to the quality and safety of the electoral process.

The SEC hereby ratifies it's commitment to continue guarantying a free, just and transparent electoral process in a climate of order, tranquility, justice and peaceful coexistence for all Nicaraguans.



SEC FURNISHED POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALLIANCES WITH SAMPLE OF ELECTORAL BALLOT

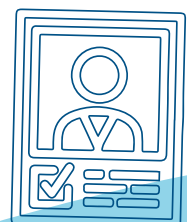
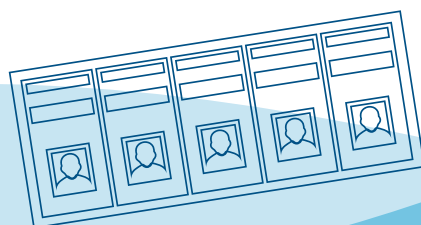
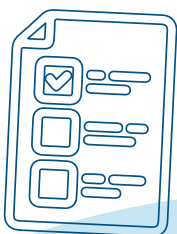
On Monday, 18th of October, the SEC, together with the legal representatives of the political parties and their alliances, made public the duly revised and approved official electoral ballot which will be used in the General election of 7th of November, 2021.





The Presiding Magistrate of the SEC, Brenda Rocha indicated that on the 13th of October, “an exhaustive revision was undertaken of the Electoral Ballot with the respective prosecutors, who then signed and approved it”.

“These samples of the Electoral Ballot, provided today to each of the legal representatives of the Political Parties, Political Alliances and prosecutors, will be of great utility to them for in house training of their members and prosecutors”, indicated magistrate Rocha.



Reminder of Health Protection Measures



In addition, the Head of the SEC reminded those present to continue applying, during the electoral campaign activities, the “health and safety measures in accordance with the protocols which we signed and approved together, also the Regulation on Electoral Ethics”, she added.

With this activity, this State body reaffirmed that the activities laid out in the Electoral Calendar have been undertaken in a climate of order, tranquility, fairness and peaceful coexistence, thereby ratifying a commitment to continue guarantying a free, just and transparent electoral process for all Nicaraguans.

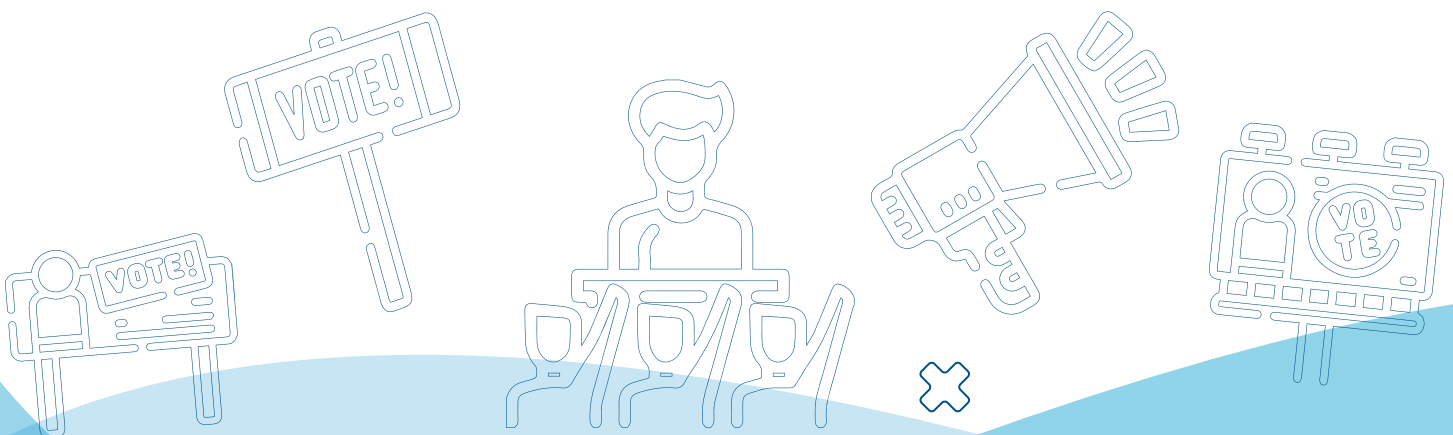


ELECTION CAMPAIGN ONGOING

We are just a few days away from ending the Electoral Campaign period which began on 25th of September.

The Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties involved in the electoral process have complied with the recommendations and health measures established for this passage of the electoral calendar, which comes to an end on 3rd of November, 2021.

We recognize the effort and compliance of the participant political organizations, their militants, their supporters and the people in general, in implementing the measures dictated by our Ministry of Health for the protection of the health and lives of all those involved.



TRAINING IN ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF DEPARTMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL COMPUTING CENTERS

In accordance with Electoral Law, the SEC and the National Computing Center must install Municipal and Departmental Computing Centers.

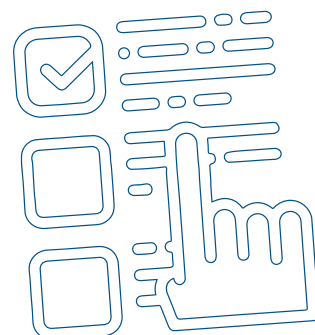
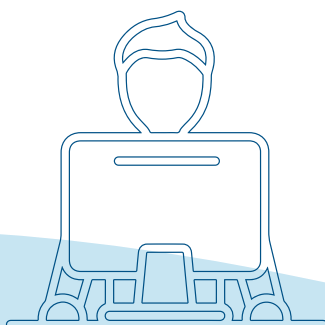
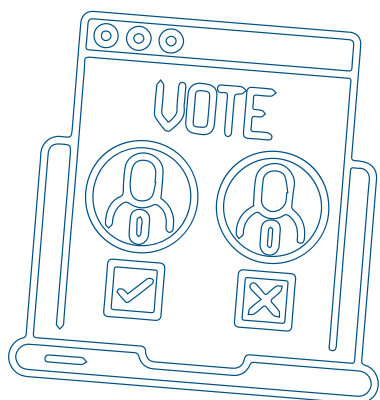
Article 179: There will be a National Computing Center, and Computing Centers will function in each of the Municipal, Departmental and Regional Electoral Councils, as determined by the SEC and corresponding Electoral Council.

In this context, and to comply with Electoral law, the first National Workshop for the installation and operation of Computing Centers will be held on Friday 22nd of October in the Department of Managua.



On Sunday 24th of October, departmental and municipal training will be undertaken at national level by means of video conference, with the participation of departmental, municipal and regional extensionist trainers, along with the personnel that will work in the municipal, departmental and regional computing centers.

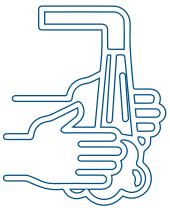
The total of personnel to be trained is 7,962 technicians throughout the country.



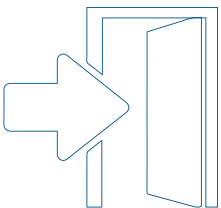
HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES

By agreement with the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health, the SEC has adopted, as part of the Voting Process Manual, the particular Health Protection Measures to be applied in the polling stations, the PSBs and computing centers on 7th of November 2021.

THE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:



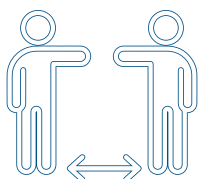
1. Wash and disinfect hands before entering the location.



2. On entering the location, voters must know exactly the location of the room housing their PSB, and their order number locating them in the Electoral Roll.



3. It is recommended that all voters wear surgical face masks correctly placed. Face masks are obligatory for technicians and functionaries, who must wear them correctly and at all times.



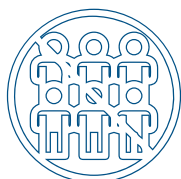
4. A minimum distance of two meters to be maintained between persons.



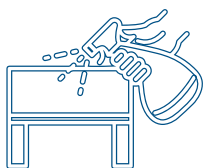
5. Avoid physical contact on greeting others, taking your leave, or receiving the electoral ballot.



6. Constantly disinfect the hands with alcohol.



7. Avoid crowding in the polling station precinct by having voters abandon the area immediately after voting.



8. Periodically disinfect the working area.



9. When taking food or drink, ensure a minimum of two meters between the persons involved.

These measures must be observed by all participants in the electoral process.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN ELECTORAL PROCESS



28th of October 2021.

Last day for presentation of credentials by prosecutors of political parties and alliances of political parties.



31st of October 2021.

Taking of office by members of the PSBs.



3rd of November 2021.

Last day of electoral campaign.



From 4th to the 6th of November 2021.

Period during which the means of mass communication (MSM) will be at the disposal of the SEC to transmit timely information related to the electoral process.



7th of November 2021.

Suffrage and transfer of scrutiny results to the National Computing Center.

**15th of November 2021.**

Provisional publication of election results.

**From 16th to 18th of November 2021.**

Presentation of appeals for recount by political parties and alliances of parties.

**From 19th to 24th of November 2021.**

Processing and resolution of recount appeals by the SEC.

**25th of November 2021.**

Announcement of elected candidates.

**26th of November 2021.**

Publication of names of elected candidates in the Official Daily, The Gazette and national daily newspapers.

**From 27th of November 2021 to 8th of January 2022.**

Presentation of credentials to the Presidency or President and Vice President of the Republic.

9th of January 2022.

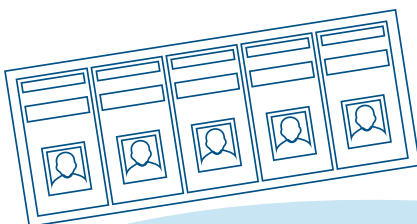
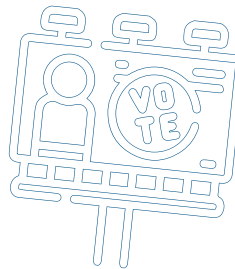
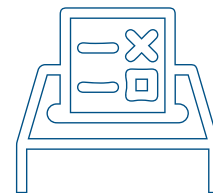
Presentation of credentials to and taking of office by Deputies elected to the National Assembly.

From 15th of January to 15th of February 2022.

Taking of office by and presentation of credentials to Deputies to the Central American Parliament.

From 9th to 31st of January 2022.

Period for the surrender of refunds of electoral campaign spending, incurred by the political parties and alliances of political parties that participated in the General Election.





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