

# MEWSLETTER



FREE ELECTIONS 2021 NICARAGUA



#### **NEWSLETTER**

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# Citizen verification To ensure updated and Purified electoral roll

Just a few hours before beginning Citizen Verification in the polling stations, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) has been readied to carry out this institutional exercise.

We invite all citizens to go to their corresponding polling stations, with their ID card or ID application counterfoil, to take part in the Citizen verification process, which will be carried out on the 24th and 25th of July, between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 5.0 p.m., at all the country's polling stations.



24th and 25th of July



8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.



#### The aim of citizen verification is to



- Enable the update of the Electoral Roll 2021, encouraging all citizens to go to the polling stations to be verified or to update any change of domicile.



- To verify the data of citizens who are to exercise their right to vote in that electoral district, in the electoral roll of each polling station



- Allow citizens to register changes of domicile in the Electoral Roll of each polling station in order to exercise their right to vote on 07th of November 2021.



- Add citizens who are not registered in the Electoral Roll - should they so request - for which they need to present themselves with only their ID card.

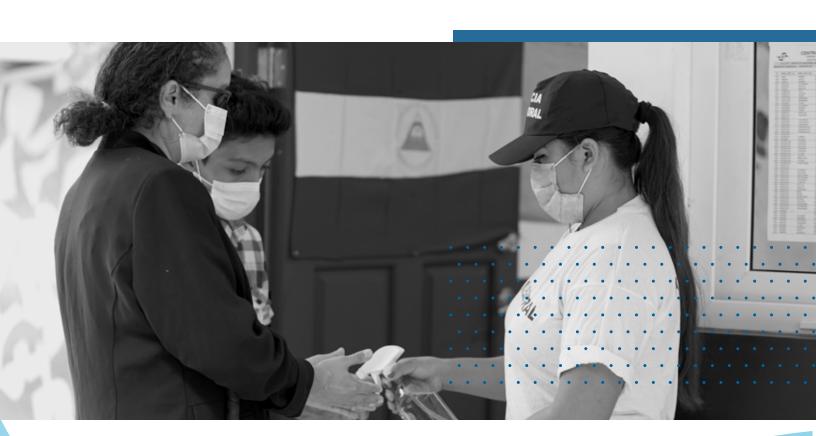




- To direct citizens who have not requested or lost their ID card, that they go to the office of ID registration to complete the corresponding procedure.



- With respect to health measurers in the polling stations, all those necessary will be observed, for which reason the SEC begs citizens comprehension and collaboration to protect the health of everyone.





### How do I change my domicile?



- The term allowed for realizing a change of domicile ends on the 8th of September



- This is done in the Municipal ID Registration Office of the SEC, during the Verification period.



- This exercise is important to finalize the update of the Electoral Roll

#### **Procedure:**



**Present ID card** 



Provide current domicile address



Confirm nearest polling station



If you agree with this information, append your signature.



# Supreme electoral council (sec) authorizes new advice system For online voting centre

For this mass Citizen Verification exercise, the SEC informs the Nicaraguan public that, in accordance with Article 39 of the Electoral Law, and making use of the new information technology, a user help system has been authorized in the online voting center.

This new mechanism, found in the SEC web page, www.cse.gob.ni, allows citizens to rapidly consult the polling station at which they will register next 24th and 25th of July.





### To consult Polling Station on line:

Enter website:

www.cse.gob.ni



Click on ELECTIONS menu and select Consult Polling Station option.



Enter your ID number in the ID option and click on CONSULT



In case you are not in the Electoral Roll, you can request your reinstatement, in the Corresponding Polling Center.



Immediately the website will show the location, address and municipality of the Voting Center where it corresponds carry out your Citizen Verification, this next July 24 and 25.



If you are not included in the electoral roll you can ask to be register by going to your nearest and preferred polling station, for which you need only to present you ID card during the mass citizen verification exercise of the 24th and 25th of July.

The Provisional Electoral Roll, found in the online advice service of the Polling Station, is made up of 4,347,340 Nicaraguan citizens called to vote, in accordance with the last count realized on the 3rd of July this year.

For those who processed or requested changes to their ID registration after this date, they will not find these changes recorded in the Electoral Roll made available for verification on 24th and 25th of July.





# Imminent expiry of term for Objecting to boundaries and Sites of polling stations

Participant political parties and alliances of these have until the 1st of August 2021 to register objections to the boundaries and locations of the polling stations.







Using the faculties conferred by the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and Electoral Law 331, the SEC advises, and reminds the participant political parties and alliances of political parties taking part in the electoral process "Free elections 2021" that, in conformity with the Electoral Calendar, the 16th July was the date on which to furnish the boundaries and locations of the polling stations at which the polling station boards will operate.

For its part, from 9th of July, the SEC has provided said boundaries and locations in digital format, as well as the provisional electoral roll to be utilized in a mass Citizen Verification to be realized in each polling station of the country. The objective of this is that political parties participating in the present general election have the necessary IT instruments to fully take advantage of the Citizen Verification process to be undertaken on the 24th and 25th of July of this year.



## Presentation of provisional register of candidates

For the first time on the 28th of July, provisional candidates will be proposed by the parties and alliances of political parties for the post of President and Vice-President, Deputies to the National Assembly (national and departmental) and Deputies to the Central American Parliament.





Article 65 of the Electoral Law obliges the SEC to verify and confirm strict compliance with the requirements and qualities which candidates must possess in accordance with articles 134 and 147 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua. Theses includes, for the provisional inscription of candidates, full enjoyment of citizen rights, to be over 25 years of age for a candidate for President or Vice-President; and over 21 years of age for candidates to Deputy.

In this same context, article 174 of the Electoral Law establishes that: "The SEC will not inscribe candidates to popular election who do not fulfill those qualities, who present impediments arising from the application of law N°1040, Regulation of Foreign Agent Law, published in the Gazette, official daily N°192 of the 19th of October 2020; Law N°1055, Law of Defense of Public Right to Independence, Sovereignty and Self-determination for peace, published in the Gazette, official dairy N°237 of the 22nd of December, or were prohibited under articles 134, 147 and 178 of the Political Constitution or in the present Law.





To the present, the SEC has completed over half million ID procedures. Between 4th of January and 22 of July, this State body has successfully completed the ID registration process, including new applicants, renewals and replacements of the ID document.

**Total procedures:** 499,978 from January to July 2021



Similarly, during the last week of the 16 to the 22 of July, the Nicaraguan Government, via the SEC, has developed an ample process of ID registration, attending during this period to 20, 943 procedures which are broken down as followed:

### Total procedures: 20,943

⇒ 6,356 New applicants

 $\Longrightarrow$  5,761 Renewals

5,826 Replacements



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