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FREE ELECTIONS
NICARAGUA, 2021

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28th of June to 02nd of July



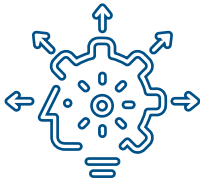
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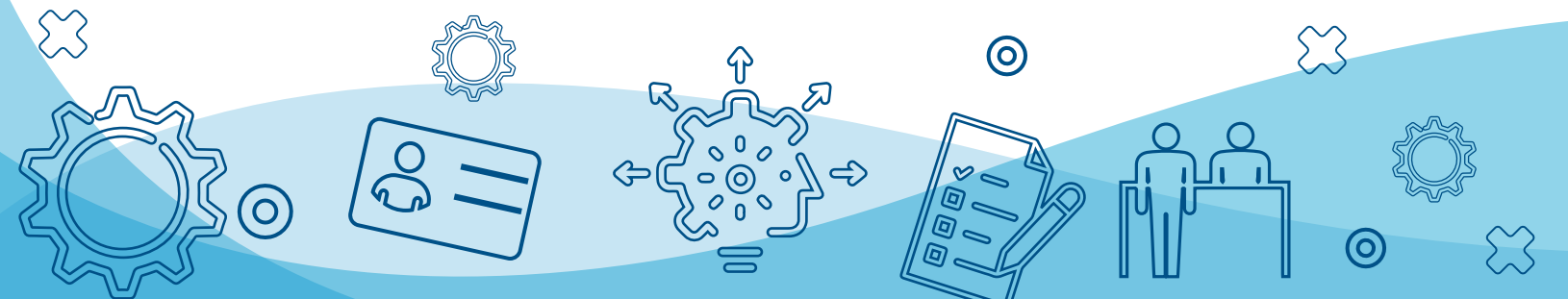
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ID REGISTRATION OFFICES AND CENTERS EXTEND ATTENTION

To strengthen the handling of the general elections on the 7th of November, the Nicaraguan Supreme Electoral Council announces that the opening hours of offices and centers of ID registration will be extended throughout the country.

Currently the opening hours of the Municipal and Departmental offices and centers of ID registration are from 8:00 am to 05:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

For those persons who, for reasons of work, are unable to attend during week days, the offices will open on Saturdays from 08:00 am to 05:00 pm, during 3rd of July to Saturday 4th of September 2021.





This State Body is empowered to guarantee the citizens right to ID registration. It has 132 Offices and 166 Centers of ID registration throughout the country.

In accordance with the Electoral Calendar the SEC also reminds us that the last day to register change of domicile is the 8th of September, this to ensure a definitive Electoral Roll.

The SEC continues working to guarantee a peaceful free and transparent electoral process, complying, in accordance with the law, with each of the activities established in the Electoral Calendar.



CSE grants free Birth Certificate and Identity Card to new entrants

The Supreme Electoral Council (CSE) reiterates that both the Birth Certificate and the Cedula are granted free of charge to citizens who are going to request their identity document for the first time.

The procedures for birth certificates are available at the windows of the Central Registry of the Civil Status of Persons or at the windows of the Municipal Civil Registries, in the latter case in the municipality where the applicant's birth was registered.

In the case of minors or persons with a disability, the father, mother, tutor or legal representative must show up at any of the aforementioned instances for the processing of the Birth Certificate, in all cases, a copy must be presented identification of the father, mother, brother, uncle or grandfather.

This power of the State, through the General Directorate of the Central Registry of the Civil Status of Persons, will be monitoring compliance with the provisions established for carrying out this procedure, in use of the powers conferred by Law 331, Law Electoral; as well as Art. 13, numeral 12; Law 152, Citizen Identification Law, Art. 47; Law No. 40, Municipality Law, Article 8.

The CSE continues to work to guarantee an electoral process in Peace, Free and Transparent, complying in accordance with the Law, with each of the activities established in the Electoral Calendar.



MASSIVE CITIZEN VERIFICATION IMMINENT

In compliance with Activity N° 26 of the Electoral Calendar, the Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua carried out a comprehensive training program of personal for the period of citizen verification in the Electoral Roll which will be undertaken on the 24th and 25th of July of 2021 in preparation for the general election to be held on 7th of November next.

Mass verification is a free exercise in which the general public is the protagonist. The activity consists in going to your Polling Station on the 24th and 25th of July to verify that you are registered in the Electoral Roll for the area.





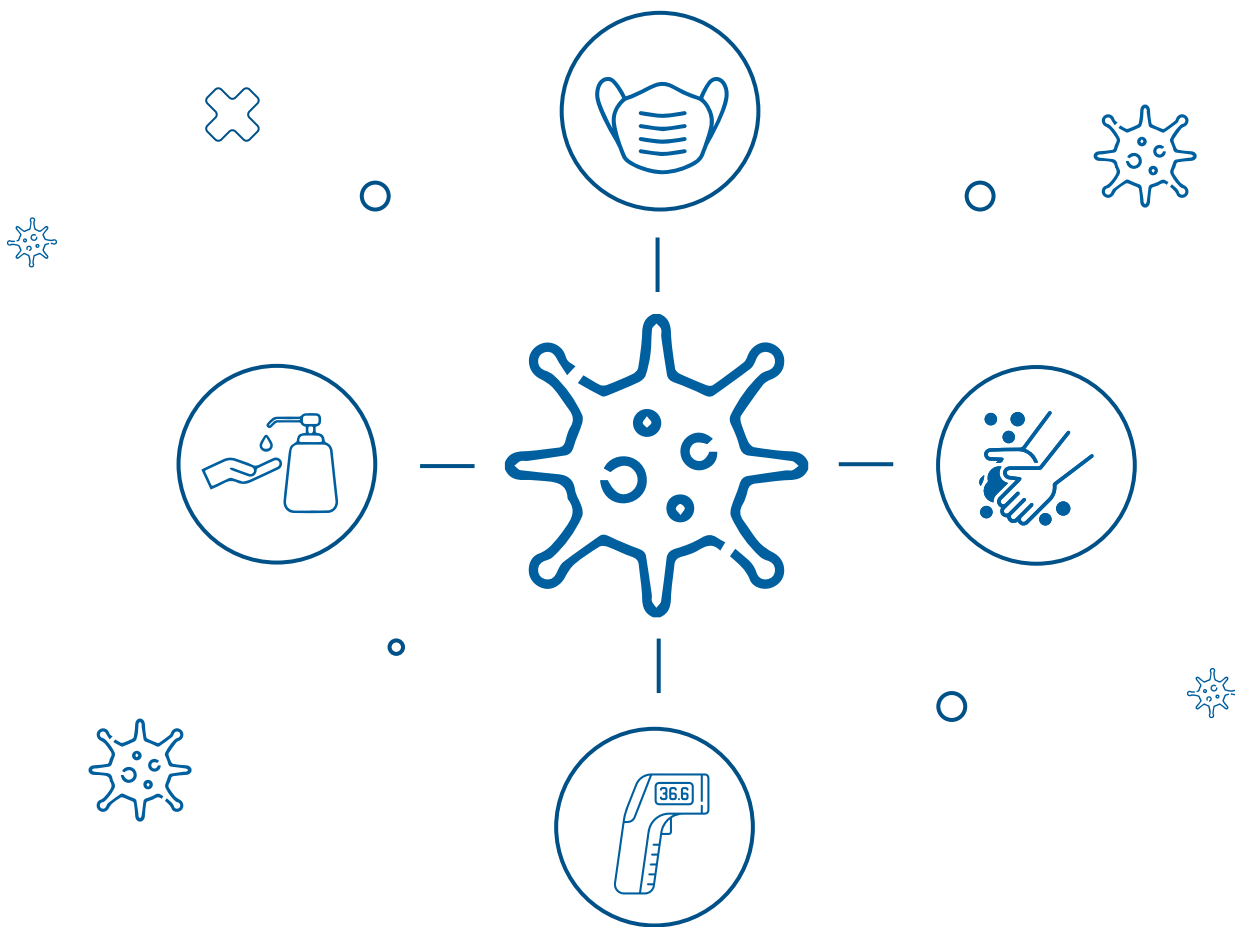
It is worth underlining that citizen verification, besides being a massive exercise undertaken on the dates indicated by the Electoral Calendar, is a practice that is ongoing and continuous.

With this exercise, Nicaraguans confirm that they are registered at the corresponding Polling Station or update any change of domicile.

This activity guarantees that the electoral roll be completed before its closure in conformity with that established by Article 43 of Law 331, Electoral Law, which states: “The Electoral Roll closes sixty day before elections, thus forming the definitive electoral roll and platform. These must be provided to the participant political organizations forty-five days before elections...”.

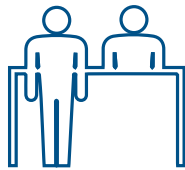


For this period of citizen verification, this state body invites Nicaraguan citizens to participate in this mass civic exercise thus ensuring an improved organization with which to hold the general election of 07 of November next, in an environment of peace, harmony and tranquility, while taking the hygiene and security measures established by the Ministry of Health (MINSa).



The citizen verification process allows Nicaraguan citizens to verify and update their details and domiciles, as well as confirm the Polling Station at which they will vote next November.

How to verify your Polling Station?



Go to the nearest
ID registration office



Present
ID card



Verification in
the Electoral Roll



Confirmation of
Polling Station



If the citizen agrees,
he or she proceeds to sign



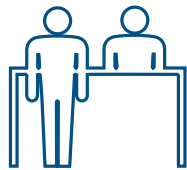
How to do the change of domicile?

The period for Citizen Verification in the Municipal ID registration offices of the Supreme Electoral Councils ends on the 8th of September. A change of domicile during the period of verification is solely for the citizen's inclusion in the electoral roll, pursuant to the free elections 2021.

If the citizen changes his domicile, he can request the free update of his domicile address in the nearest ID registration office. This does not imply change to or printing of a new ID.



Steps for change of domicile:



Go to the nearest ID registration office



Present ID card



Provide most recent address



Confirm the nearest Polling Station according to the updated domicile of the applicant



If the citizen agrees, he or she proceeds to sign



TRAINING OF PERSONAL TO ATTEND MASSIVE VERIFICATION



The Supreme Electoral Council has initiated the technical training of all their personal, thus insuring a comprehensive attention for all Nicaraguan citizens during the work of verification, which is to be undertaken in every Polling Station on the 24th and 25th of July.

All SEC national level technicians were trained this week. They will act as multipliers and trainers in each department of the country, guaranteeing the training teams that will undertake the hard work of training and organizing the technicians that will deal with the voters.

KEY ASPECT OF INSCRIPTION OF CANDIDATES

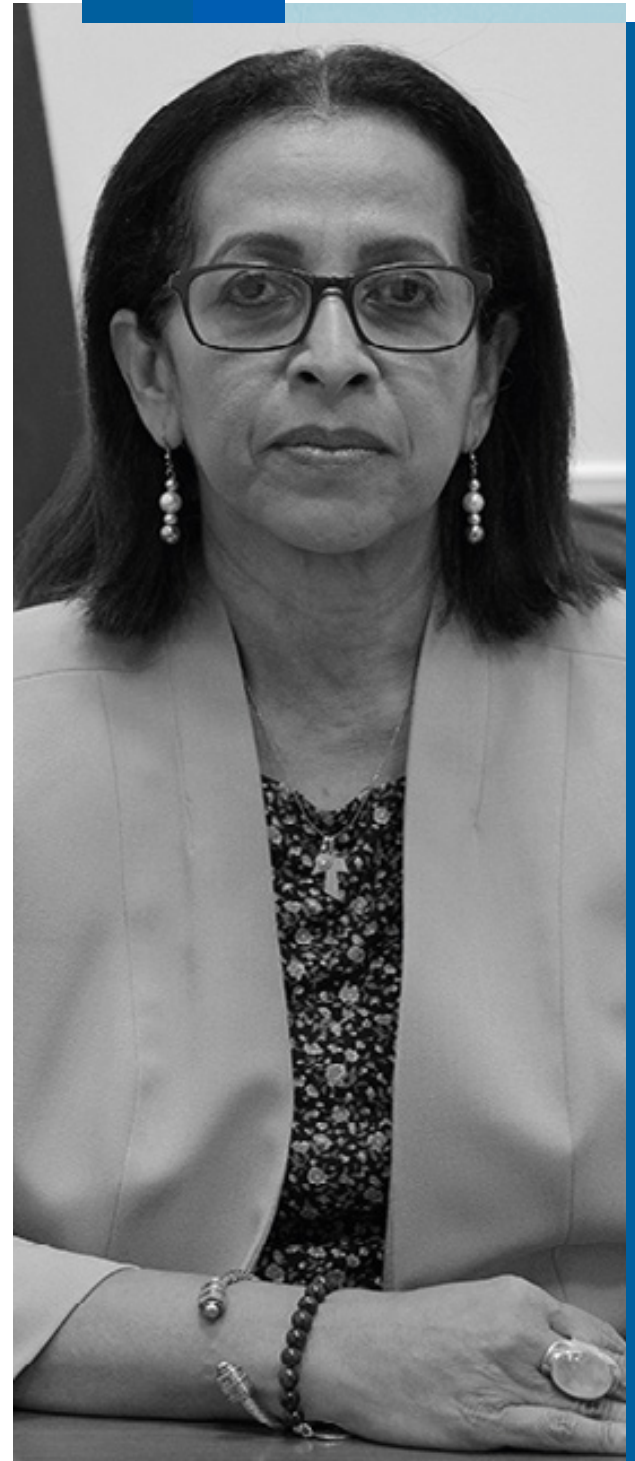
The Supreme Electoral Council authorities have informed that, to date, there are no candidates for the General Elections to be celebrated on 07 of November next 2021.

According to the Electoral Calendar, between the 28th of July and the 2nd of August, the political parties and alliances must undertake the provisional presentation and register of candidates for President and Vice President of the Republic; Deputies to the National Assembly (National and Departmental), Deputies to the Central American Parliament.



Magistrate Mayra Salinas indicates “Effectively, this means that for the SEC we do not yet have candidates, not even precandidates. There may exist Nicaraguan citizen that believe themselves to possess the qualifications established by the Nicaraguan legislation to participate in the Electoral Process” adding as well that “the official list of candidates will be publish on the 18th of August”.

The Magistrate referred, in turn, to the SEC as “a collegiate organism that represents the electoral body of the Republic of Nicaragua”. It has been readying itself “for several months” in order that the general elections of this year “be a successful process, a transparent process, a just process, a process where the Nicaraguan population will freely elect their authorities”

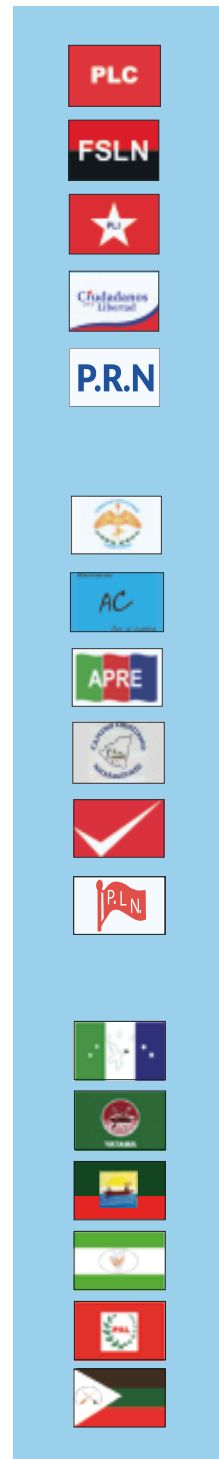


17 PARTICIPANT PARTIES

Taken account of factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Salinas assured that the SEC has extended the time period during which the political parties might register to participate in the elections.

In this context, she indicated that this State body has 17 participant political parties registered in the electoral process.

“We have sworn in Departmental and Municipal Electoral Councils authorities. We are going to a process of mass verification” outlined the magistrate, announcing that the participants will include “at least 25,000 invigilators from the political parties in the different stages of the process”.



Process with all guarantees

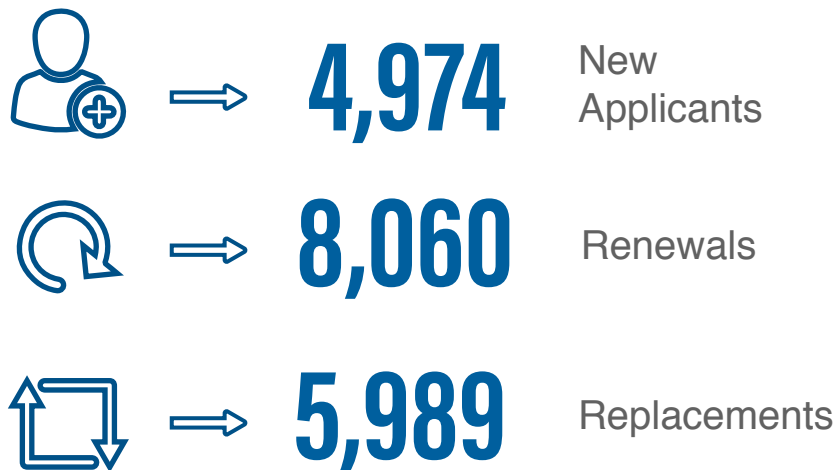
The electoral authority explains that the participant political parties in the contest “have militant members in their ranks”. These participate in the structures that have been put in place in accordance with established electoral law.

The magistrate emphasizes that the SEC is promoting a process in which all guarantees, all facilities, are duly established in the Electoral Law, in the political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and, therefore “all those who want to participate, are going to do so, and are doing so”.



ID REGISTRATION ADVANCES IN NICARAGUA

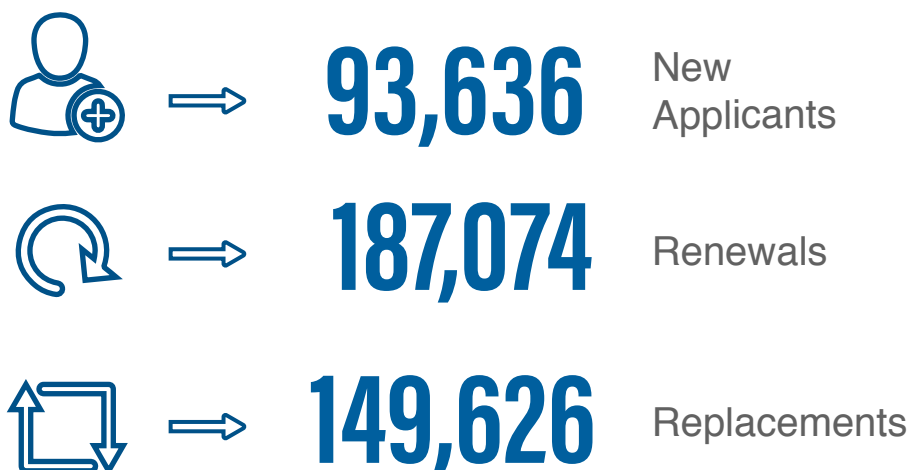
During the last week of 25th of June to the 01st of July, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) has continued with an extensive process of ID registration, attending during this period, to 19,023 procedures, of which: 4974 have corresponded to first time applicants, 8060 renewals and 5989 replacements.



TOTAL PROCEDURES: 19,023

ID REGISTRATIONS DURING THE LAST FIVE MONTHS

From 4th of January to the 1st of July 2021, the SEC has also completed a successful process of ID registration, attending during this period, to 430,336 procedures, of which: 93,636 correspond to first time applicants, 187,074 renewals and 149,626 replacements.



TOTAL PROCEDURES: 430,336



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