

Newsletter

**Municipal
Elections 2022**



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Distribution of Electoral Suitcases in the 153 Municipalities of the Country begins



The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, through the General Directorate of Logistics Organization and Electoral Warehouse and in coordination with the Departmental Electoral Councils (DEC), began this Monday, October 31, the distribution of the Electoral Suitcases, in the 153 Municipalities of the country.



The activity was attended by all the Legal Representatives of the Political Organizations participating in the Municipal Elections 2022, where the content of the Electoral Suitcases was randomly verified, which contain electoral documents, ballots, registers, manuals, bracelets, indelible ink and other stationery.

This activity was chaired by the President Magistrate of the SEC, Dr. Brenda Rocha Chacon; the Vice President Magistrate of the SEC, Cairo Amador and other magistrates of the Electoral Power; also the Commander in Chief of the Nicaraguan Army, General Julio César Aviles; and the First Commissioner of the National Police, Francisco Diaz were present.

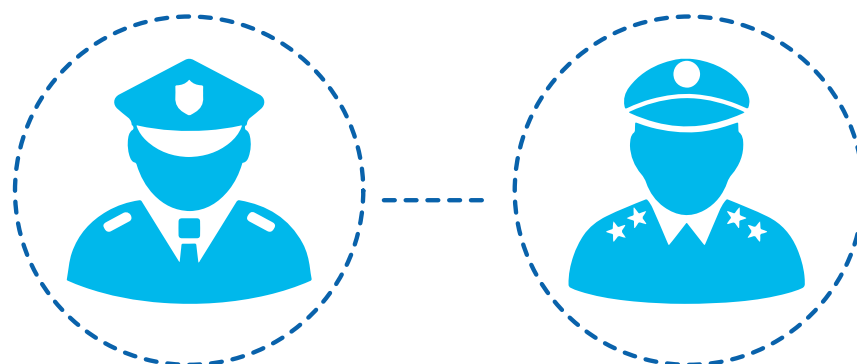
Security of the transfer of Electoral Material



The Electoral Material will begin its distribution primarily in the most remote and difficult to access areas, the first destinations being the North and South Caribbean Regions, as well as Rio San Juan, among other.

The transfer of the Electoral Material will be protected by the Nicaraguan Army, which will have heavy, light and special means of transport; radio communication equipment, aerial means, naval means, and protection of objectives throughout the national territory.

Likewise, the National Police will accompany and provide security and protection in the 3,106 Voting Centers of the 153 Municipalities of the country.



Swearing-in and training for Members of Polling Stations



The Municipal Electoral Councils (MEC), swore in this October 30, the 47,586 Members of the Vote Receiving Boards (VRB) of the 153 Municipalities of the country, who will exercise their duties on November 6 in the 2022 Municipal Elections.

All of the above, in compliance with activity number 22 of the Electoral Calendar and Law No. 331, Electoral Law.



Likewise, this Electoral Power has guaranteed training to more than 100 thousand citizens who will exercise their duties in the Electoral Process, based on the Manual for the Voting Process of the Municipal Elections 2022 in which the functions and procedures were detailed, and technical requirements that must be met before, during and after these Elections.

The SEC has strictly guaranteed that the 7,931 Vote Receiving Boards (VRB) distributed in the 3,106 Voting Centers, are made up of a president and two members, with their respective substitutes; ensuring that in odd cases, they are made up of fifty percent (50%) plus one chaired by women, complying with the principle of Gender Equality and the concept of Alternation.



The Supreme Electoral Council recognizes the active participation of all Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties, in each of the processes of these Municipal Elections established by Nicaraguan law.



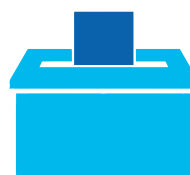
In this sense, from September 29 to October 06, all the Political Organizations, before the corresponding Municipal Electoral Councils (MEC), delivered in a timely manner their proposals from citizens to integrate the Vote Receiving Boards (VRB).

SEC confirms safety of indelible ink that will be used in the Municipal Elections 2022



The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, confirmed with the Legal Representatives of all Political Organizations, the quality and safety of the indelible ink that will be applied to voting citizens; as well as the packaging of the Electoral Suitcases, which will be used during the Municipal Elections 2022.

All of the above, in compliance with article 105 of Law No. 331, Electoral Law, which establishes that "a random sample of indelible ink will be analyzed by the Legal Representatives of the Political Parties, before the Supreme Electoral Council, prior to its distribution" in the 7,931 Vote Receiving Boards (VRB) of the 153 Municipalities of the country.



Guaranteed security

It should be noted that this indelible ink has no toxicity, there is no possibility of affecting the skin, it is permanent, once it is applied it has a visible dark color, it has a drying period of approximately 10 to 15 seconds and it is resistant to water, soap, detergent, alcohol, gasoline and others. The mark left by this ink disappears over time.

The new bottles of Indelible Ink are used by each Second Member of the Vote Receiving Boards (VRB), who will be in charge, with all the instructions and required training, of applying it to the Nicaraguan voters, once they have exercised their right to vote.



Expired Identity Cards will be valid to vote this November 6



The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, communicates to the Nicaraguan citizens, that the National Assembly approved the Special Law that puts into force the expired Identity Cards, exclusively so that everyone can exercise their Right to Vote in the Municipal Elections 2022 to be held this coming November 06.



In this sense, Nicaraguans who attend the corresponding Voting Center and Vote Receiving Board, and present their expired identity document, will be allowed to exercise their right to vote.

It should be noted that this Special Law strengthens all the measures that the institutions of the Nicaraguan State have been implementing, to guarantee and facilitate the exercise of Human Rights and Political Rights of Nicaraguans, to elect and be elected in this Electoral Process.

With this legal provision, it is promoted that the exercise of the free, direct, secret, personal and universal vote, is also without discrimination; guaranteeing that no citizen, regardless of the ID format they have,

is left without exercising their Right to Vote in the 153 Municipalities of the country.

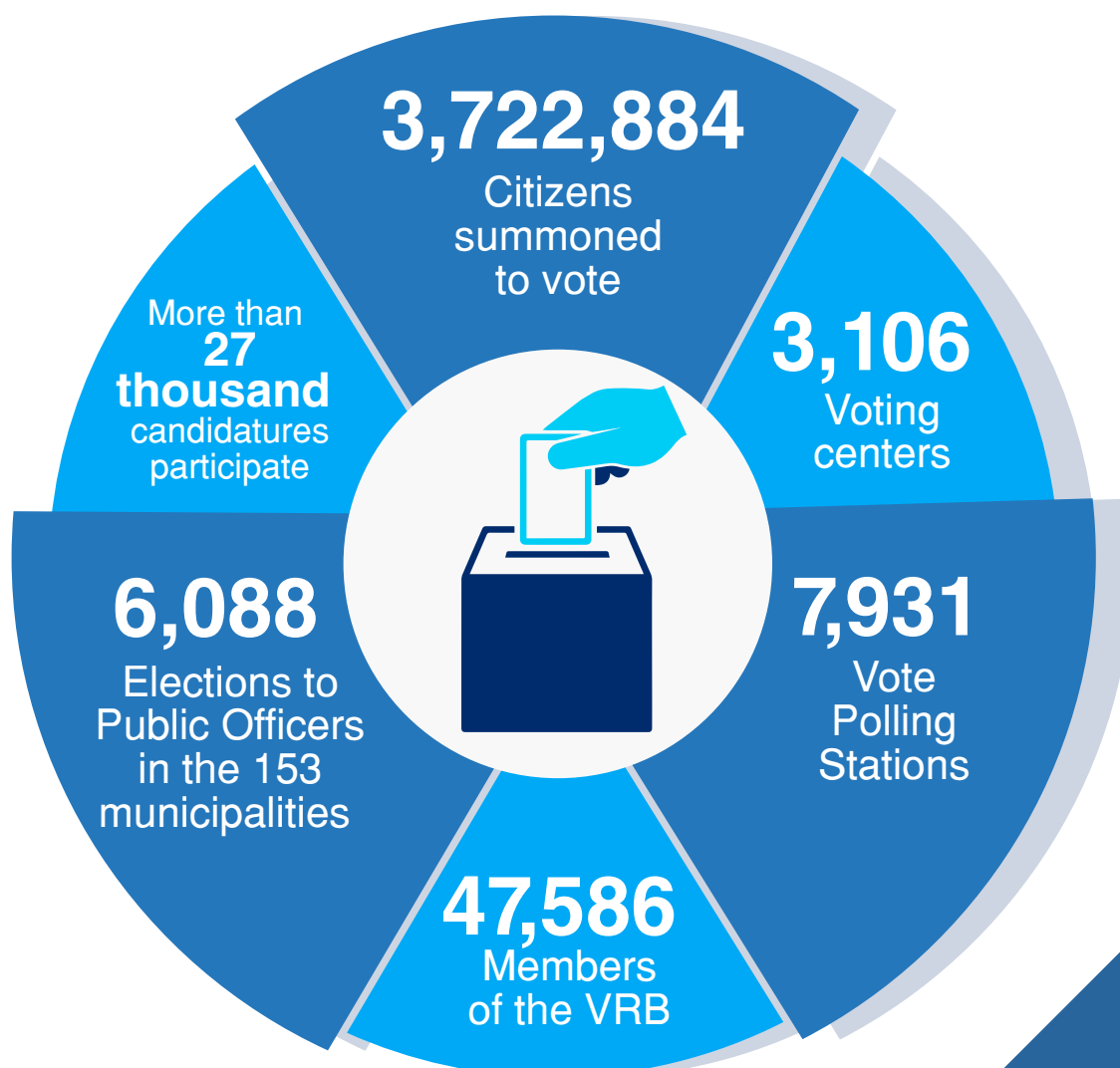
“For the purposes of this Law, it is considered valid, only on November 6, 2022, the identity cards expired on that date, to guarantee the right to vote to citizens in the municipal elections of November 6, 2022, therefore, any citizen who presents an Identity Card in these conditions must be guaranteed the right to vote in the Municipal Elections 2022”, cites Article 2 of the Special Law.

The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua reaffirms its commitment to continue strengthening democracy, peace and stability; working to guarantee all Nicaraguans a Free, Fair and Transparent Electoral Process.



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Nicaraguans vote for Majors, Vice Majors,
and Municipal Councilors



Electoral Attorneys in Municipal Elections



The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, communicates to the Nicaraguan citizens, that in coordination with the Attorney General's Office (AGO), and the Attorney General's Office for the Defense of Human Rights (DHR), this October 27, established the Electoral Attorneys Accompaniment Agreement for the Municipal Elections 2022.



In this sense, accompaniment will be provided through the social work of attention to the citizens who will exercise their Right to Vote this coming November 6, in the 3,106 Voting Centers, enabled in the 153 Municipalities of the country.

This agreement aims to promote among all the protagonists of the Municipal Elections, a culture of quality, ethics and transparency in each phase of this Electoral Process.



The Agreement establishes that at the end of the 2022 Municipal Elections, both Attorney General's Offices will prepare a report, in relation to the exercise of the Political Right of Nicaraguan citizens, to provide an objective and impartial contribution on the quality, guarantee, protection and respect for the Human Rights.

This activity was chaired by the President Magistrate of the Supreme Electoral Council, Dr. Brenda Rocha Chacon; the Vice President of the SEC, Cairo Amador; together with the Attorney General of the Republic, Wendy Morales; and the Ombudsman for the Defense of Human Rights, Darling Rios.

University Community will accompany the Electoral Process



The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua and the National Council of Universities (NCU), this October 26, signed the agreement for the participation of the University Community in the 2022 Municipal Elections to be held on November 6.

With this institutional commitment, the NCU and the Alma Maters that comprise it, will execute a work plan that includes, during the Electoral Process, their presence in the Voting Centers (VC)

and the Vote Receiving Boards (VRB), to assess the electoral logistics and the conditions of the Exercise of the Right to Vote.



In this sense, the NCU will previously carry out Academic Forums on electoral issues, Sovereignty, Self-determination and Democracy; as well as meetings with different participants of these Municipal Elections 2022.

It is important to highlight that this agreement strengthens and promotes, among all the protagonists of these Elections, a culture of citizen participation, ethics, respect and transparency in each of the phases of the Electoral Process.

The National Council of Universities has made all university campuses in the country available to the Supreme Electoral Council, so that they can be used as Voting Centers (VC) and for other electoral purposes.

The collaboration agreement was signed by the Magistrate President of the Electoral Power, Brenda Rocha Chacón and the head of the National Council of Universities (NCU), Master Ramona Rodriguez Perez.

The Magistrate Vice President of the SEC, Cairo Amador; the Technical Secretary of the NCU; Jaime Lopez Lowery; and the Rector of the National Agrarian University, Alberto Sediles, were also present.

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This is how the ID card procedures advances in Nicaragua

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, during the period from January 3 to October 28, 2022, has guaranteed the effective development of the identification process with a new format, for Nicaraguan citizens, achieving a total of **568,628 formalities**.

First time application:  **118,684**

Renewals:  **197,622**

Replacements:  **252,322**

Upcoming activities for the Municipal Elections 2022

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC), attached to the Political Constitution of the permanent Nicaragua and Law No. 331, Electoral Law, is in permanent compliance with the activities established in the Electoral Calendar for the 2022 Municipal Elections to be held this November 6.



From October 12 to November 01, 2022

Period of Electoral Campaign of the Municipal Elections.



November 02, 2022

Beginning of the Electoral Silence.



From November 03 to 05, 2022

Period in which the media will be at the order of the SEC, to disseminate timely information, corresponding to the Electoral Process.



November 06, 2022

Voting and transmission of scrutiny results to the National Computing Center.



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