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## 23rd to 27th of August



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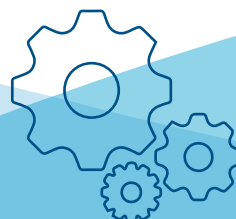
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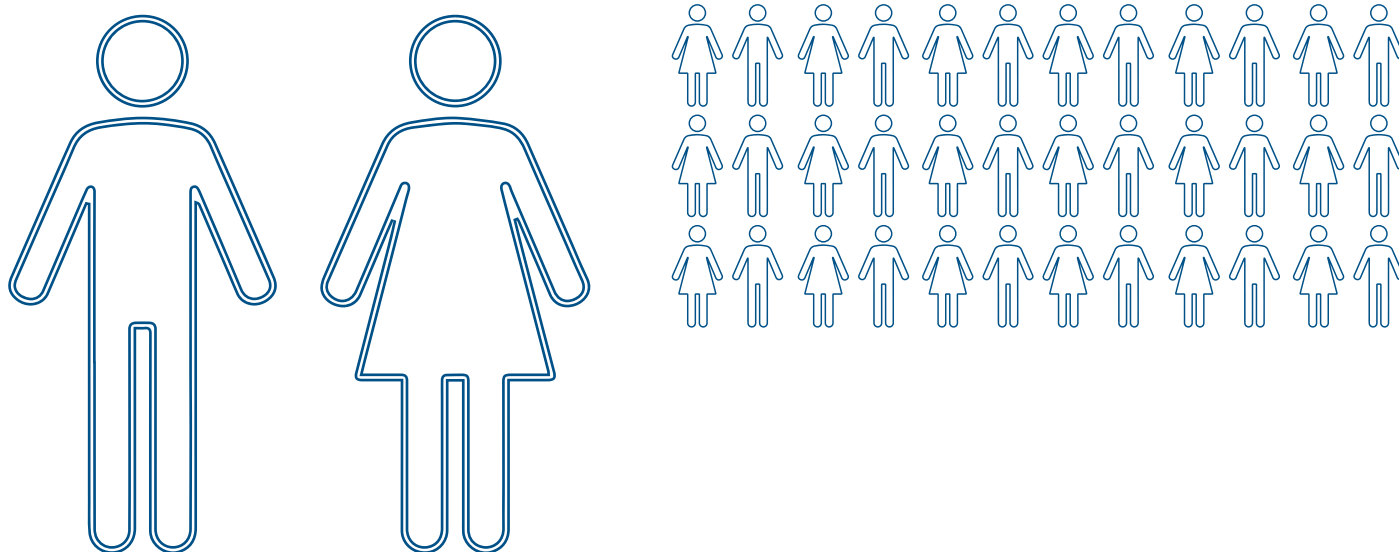
# TERM ENDS FOR CANDIDATE CHANGES, WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

Following its extension to 26th of August, the SEC closes Activity No 7 of the Electoral Calendar, relating to changes, withdrawals and replacement of candidates for President and Vice President of the Republic, Deputies to the National Assembly (National and Departmental) and Deputies to the Central American Parliament).

During this period, the political parties and alliances of the same, participant in the General Election of 2021, were able to correct errors to their lists of candidates to electoral office, thereby ensuring compliance with the standards and requirements demanded by articles 134 and 147 of the Constitution of the Republic and of Electoral law No 331.

This Power of the State, recognizes the work carried out by the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties, when complying with the established obligations. In this way, the Supreme Electoral Council will make the Provisional Publication of Candidates for President and Vice President of the Republic; Deputies before the National Assembly (National and Departmental); Deputies to the Central American Parliament, in the Official Gazette, on Wednesday, September 1.

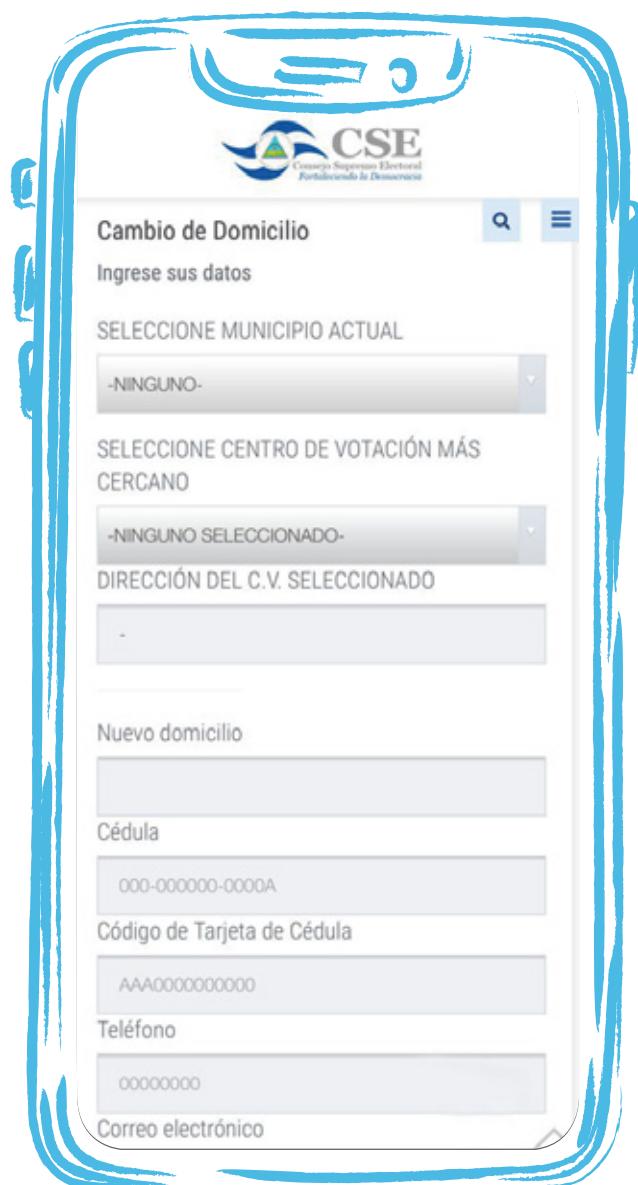
We recall that, according to the Resolution published by the Supreme Electoral Council, last August 11, from September 02 to 04, the Period for Challenges of the published Provisional List will be given. The SEC, for its part, would have until September 7 to resolve any possible challenge, publishing the Definitive List on September 10, 2021.



## SEC INSTITUTES NEW ON-LINE SERVICE FOR CHANGE OF DOMICILE

In compliance with Article 39 of the Electoral Law, and making use of new IT and communication technology, the SEC enabled a new on-line system for voters to change domicile and polling station. This system will allow all Nicaraguan resident in-country who wish to do so, to execute this procedure via internet.

This new on-line service, available on the SEC website, [www.cse.gob.ni](http://www.cse.gob.ni), has been established to continue facilitating and strengthening the electoral process for the General Election of November 7th.



The image shows a smartphone screen with the SEC (Consejo Supremo Electoral) logo at the top. The page title is "Cambio de Domicilio". Below the title, it says "Ingrese sus datos". The form includes several fields: "SELECCIONE MUNICIPIO ACTUAL" with a dropdown menu showing "-NINGUNO-"; "SELECCIONE CENTRO DE VOTACIÓN MÁS CERCANO" with a dropdown menu showing "-NINGUNO SELECCIONADO-"; "DIRECCIÓN DEL C.V. SELECCIONADO" with a text input field; "Nuevo domicilio" with a text input field; "Cédula" with a text input field showing "000-000000-0000A"; "Código de Tarjeta de Cédula" with a text input field showing "AAA0000000000"; "Teléfono" with a text input field showing "00000000"; and "Correo electrónico" with a text input field.



# How do I change my address online?

1. Enter the site: **www.cse.gob.ni**
2. Select the word “**ELECTIONS**” from the menu and choose the option “**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**”.



3. Next, you must fill out the form with your personal data; then click **SEND**. The code to enter is found on the back of the Identity Card.

The image shows a smartphone displaying the 'Cambio de Domicilio' (Change of Address) form. The form is titled 'Cambio de Domicilio' and includes the instruction 'Ingrese sus datos'. The fields are: 'SELECCIONE MUNICIPIO ACTUAL' (dropdown menu with '-NINGUNO-' selected), 'SELECCIONE CENTRO DE VOTACIÓN MÁS CERCANO' (dropdown menu with '-NINGUNO SELECCIONADO-' selected), 'DIRECCIÓN DEL C.V. SELECCIONADO' (text input field), 'Nuevo domicilio' (text input field), 'Cédula' (text input field with placeholder '000-000000-0000A'), 'Código de Tarjeta de Cédula' (text input field with placeholder 'AAAA00000000000'), 'Teléfono' (text input field with placeholder '00000000'), and 'Correo electrónico' (text input field). A blue arrow points from the 'ELECCIONES' menu in the previous image to the 'CAMBIO DE DOMICILIO' option in this form.

The access code is found on the back of the ID card.



4. Within 48 hours of your completing the procedure, a functionary of the SEC will call you, to confirm your data and validate the successful registration of your change of domicile.

As the update to the Electoral Roll proceeds, all changes of domicile and/or renewals requested by citizens in the ID Registration offices will be shown in the on-line consultations. For the purposes of our on-line web page, the Electoral Roll is updated with the information available at the 21st of August, 2021.

This State body reminds Nicaraguans that domicile changes and reinstatement to the electoral roll are also dealt with in all the country's ID Registration offices, up to the 8th of September, this being the last day on which to update your details or reinstate yourself in the Electoral Roll to be used for the November 7th General Election.

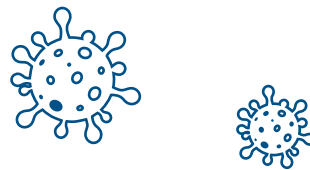
# CITIZEN'S ELECTORAL RIGHTS

The Political Constitution of Nicaragua establishes that the Nation's representatives be elected by equal, direct and secret Universal Suffrage.

To exercise their right to vote, Nicaraguans must be over 18 years of age, enjoy full citizens rights, present a valid ID card or similar voting document, be inscribed in the Electoral Roll and follow the procedures established by the Electoral law and regulations of the SEC.



## Sanitary Protocol required to exercise the right to vote:



Citizens who go to vote must wear a surgical mask and disinfect their hands with alcoholic gel before entering the polling station, complying in this way with the sanitary measures advised by the Ministry of Health.



## Prohibitions for Voting Day:

Article 107 of Electoral Law establishes the following prohibitions:



**1)** Public meetings or spectacles which interfere with the holding of the elections



**2)** The sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages



**3)** Entry armed into the polling stations



**4)** Activities of proselytism or making propaganda, whether by carrying buttons, hats, T shirts, handkerchiefs or any other such within the polling station.



**5)** Arrive at the polling station inebriated.



**6)** Form groups around the polling station.



**7)** Post propaganda of political parties or alliances of the same within the polling station.



**8)** Any other activity, such as the use of cellular phones, which might impede or perturb the normal development of voting within the polling station.



**9)** Electoral police remaining permanently in the polling station, unless called by the voting reception board

## Procedure for voting:

The Voting Centers, with their respective Vote Receiving Boards, will be within the boundaries and locations established by the Supreme Electoral Council.

The first step will take place at 6:00 am, with the meeting of the Proprietary and Alternate Members, to become the Vote Receiving Board.



Voting will begin at 7:00 am and will conclude at 6:00 pm; However, the Voting Receiving Boards may not close while there are registered citizens, waiting their turn, as dictated by Article 101 of Law 331, Electoral Law.

The Citizen will go to their corresponding Voting Center, taking and complying with all the established sanitary measures, and will vote at the Vote Receiving Board in which they are registered.

For the act of voting, Article 103 of the Electoral Law establishes that the voter will proceed as follows:

- 1) Each voter will go to the polling station board, present his/her valid ID card or similar voting document.
- 2) The polling station board will verify the validity of the ID or supplementary document and, If these correspond to the bearer and he/she is registered in the electoral list, will furnish the voter with the electoral ballot forms.
- 3) The President of the polling station board will explain to the voter the way to cast his/her vote.



4) The voter will mark each ballot paper with an X or other symbol in the box circle of his/her preference and will then introduce it, duly doubled, in the corresponding electoral urn.

Even though the X or other symbol were marked outside the box circle of the voter's preference, if the voter's intention is clearly understandable, the vote will be accepted as valid.

5) Following the act of voting, the voter must use indelible ink to stain their left thumb or, in the absence of such, any other of their fingers. If the voter lacks their upper extremities, the indelible ink can be applied to any other visible part of their body.

Physically invalid voters can be accompanied by a person of their confidence in order to cast their vote.



## SEC TRAINING IN USE OF NEW DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR REGISTRATION OF ELECTORAL PROSECUTORS

This 25th of August, the SEC trained all the legal and technical representatives of the political parties and alliances of these in the use of the new digital platform for the registration and accreditation of the prosecutor members of the voter reception boards (JRV), in preparation for the General Elections of 7th of November.

This digital tool was developed to comply with Article 29, Paragraph 2, of Electoral law 331. It is emphasized that the participant organization in this electoral process will be able to accredit, on-line, more than 190 thousand citizens, this in order to fully supervise the electoral process without any limitation, in accordance with our electoral law.

Using the Directorate General of Information Technology and the Directorate General for Support of Political Parties, the SEC provides the necessary support to the legal and technical representatives of the political parties and alliances of the same to enable their effective use of this on-line innovation.



This digital platform provides all the necessary tools for the simple, nimble and orderly register of the lists of electoral prosecutors. Also, to guarantee compliance with the principal of gender equality and rotation, given that the tool generates useful information relating to the legally mandated and required presentation of 50% women and 50% men in the lists of electoral prosecutors for each political party and alliances of parties.

The SEC reaffirms a commitment to continue strengthening democracy, peace and tranquility, working always to guarantee a free, just and transparent electoral process

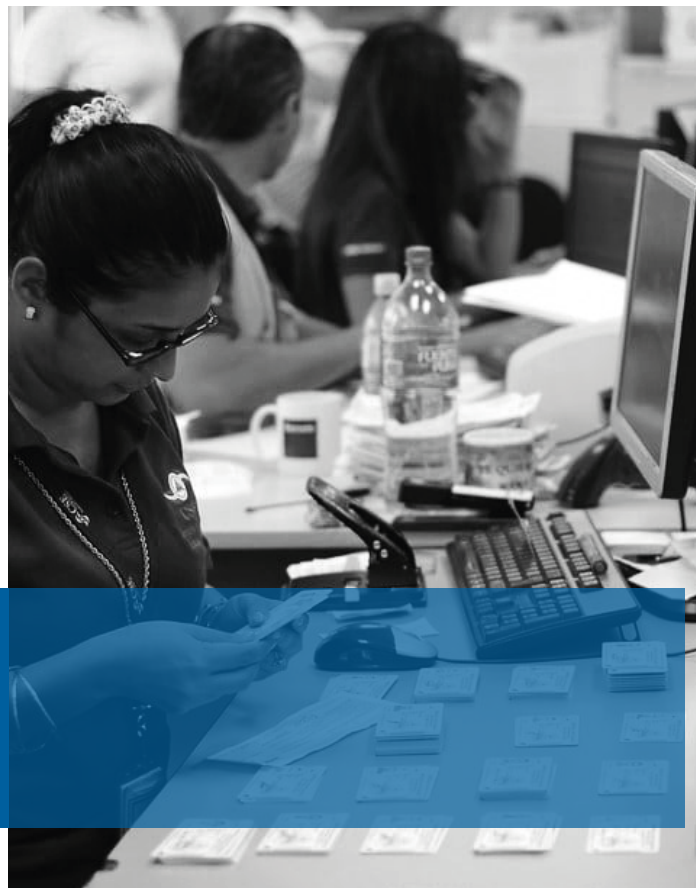


## ELECTORAL BODY CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE ID REGISTRATION PROCESS IN 2021

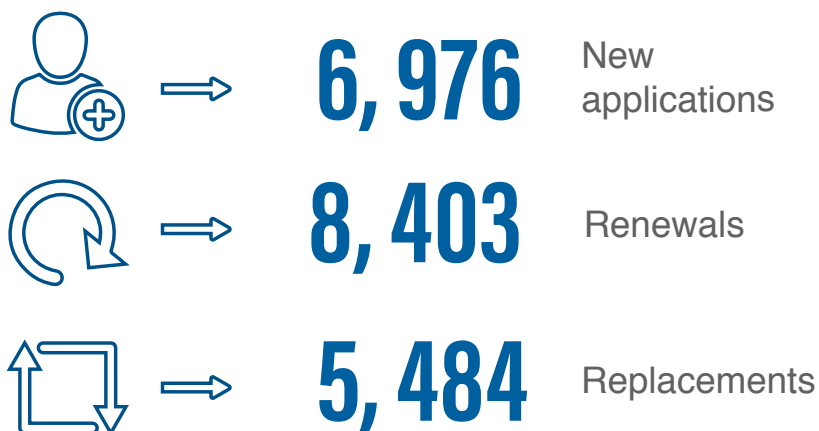
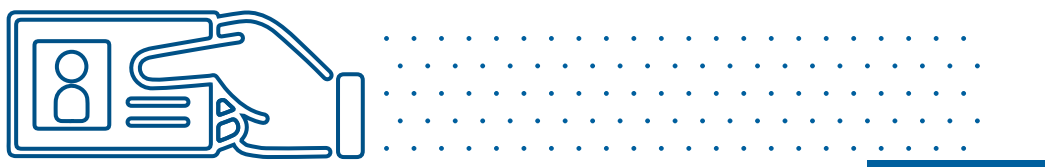
The SEC continues guaranteeing the right to ID registration throughout the country. From 4th January to 26th of August, this state body has completed a successful ID registration exercise, including new applications, renewals and replacements of ID documents.

**Total procedures between  
January and August 2021**

**621,760**



Similarly, during this last week of 20thg to 26th of August, the Nicaraguan Government, via the SEC, has carried out an extensive ID registration exercise, attending, in this same period, to 20,863 applications, made up as follows;



**TOTAL PROCEDURES: 20,863**



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