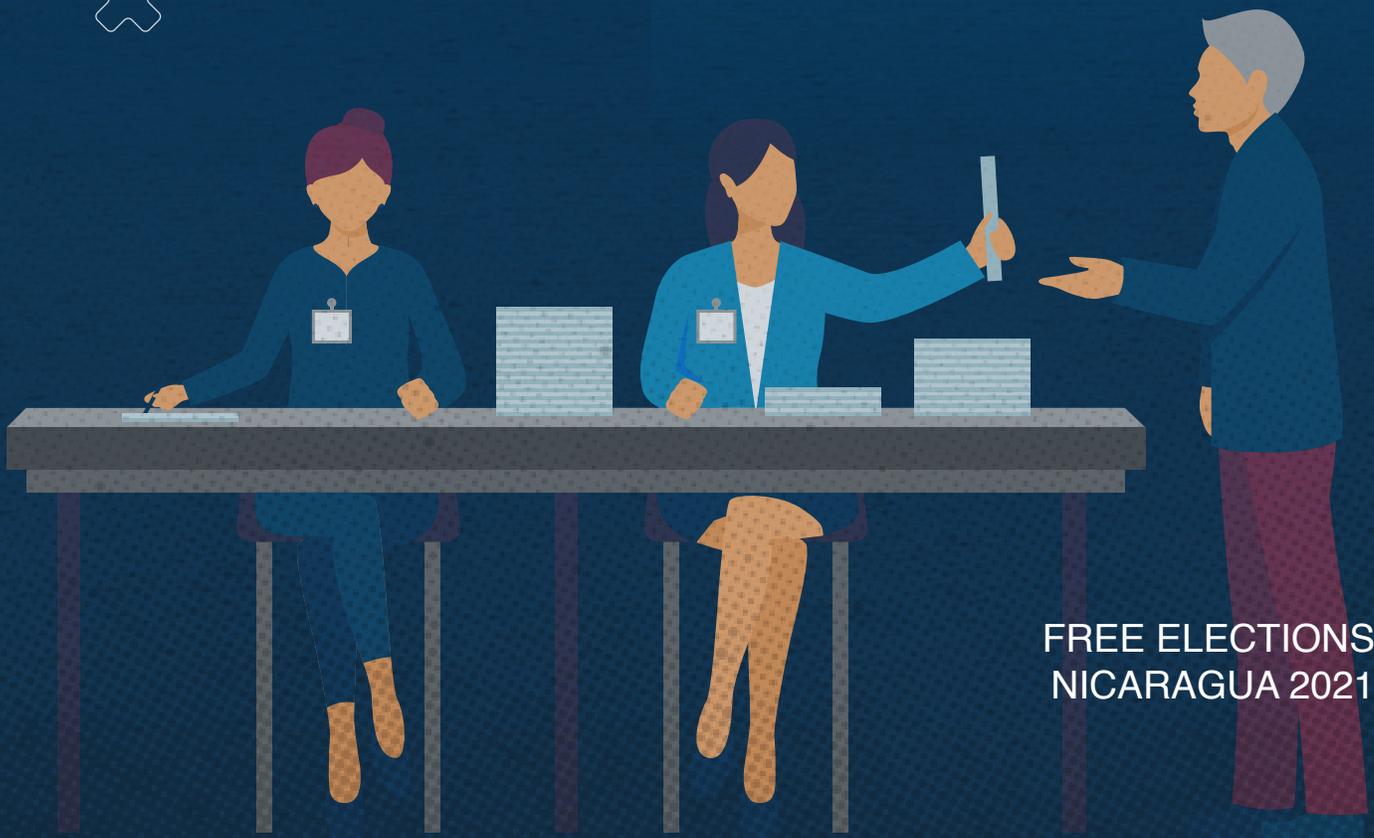


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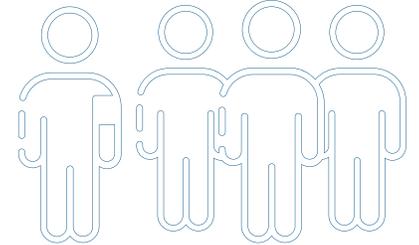
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POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALLIANCES OF PARTIES PRESENT SHORTLISTS FOR POLLING STATION BOARDS



As part of activities to be carried out during next week, the Electoral Calendar agenda includes the presentation of shortlists for the Polling Station Boards. Activity No 18, which arises from Article 16 of the Electoral Law, establishes that the Municipal Electoral Councils will appoint the members of the Polling Station Boards.

Responsibility for the designation of President of each PSB, together with his or her corresponding alternate, rotates between the political parties which obtained first and second place in the previous General Election held. In the case of the First Member and his or her alternate, the same procedure will be followed.

If these posts or any one of them had been occupied by an Alliance of Political Parties, the shortlist will be presented by the Political Party heading said alliance.

In the case of Second Members and their substitutes, these will be designated from shortlists presented for this purpose by other political organizations participant in the 2021 General Election, always provided they are not participating under any of the banners of Political Parties or Alliances



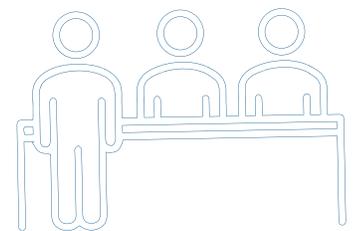
which obtained first or second place in the previous General Election. In the Polling Station Boards, in the case of temporary or permanent absence of a President or any of the board members, the respective alternate will take charge.

The members of Polling Station Boards must be appointed on the basis of gender equality and alternation so that 50% are chaired by women and 50% by men. In cases where the total of Polling Station Boards to be integrated results in an odd number, Article 26 of Electoral law 331 requires the appointment of 50% plus one (+1) to be presided over by women.

Polling Station Boards will have a quorum with the majority of the members. For the taking of decisions, two concurring votes will be sufficient. In the case of a tied result, the vote of the President or his replacement will count double. In accordance with the Electoral Law and the Regulations of the SEC, the Municipal Electoral Council will ensure fulfillment of the requirements of the candidates proposed in the short lists.

In accordance with the Electoral Law, the Regulations of the SEC are as follows:

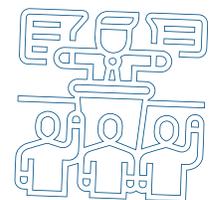
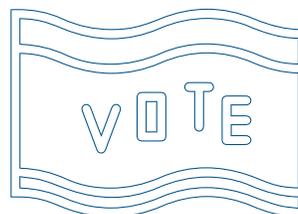
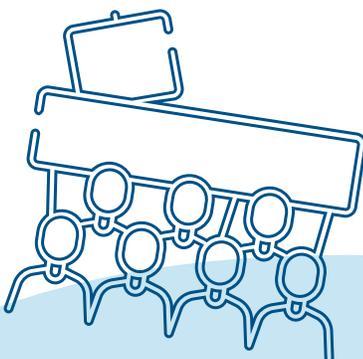
- Be Nicaraguan
- Be in full possession of their civil rights
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have approved third year of high school.
(In only exceptional cases will a sixth-grade pass be accepted).



ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN PROPAGANDA

The period established for the electoral campaign in the 2021 General Election in Nicaragua will be from 25th of September until 3rd of November.

During this period, in addition to their usual propaganda, the Political Parties and Alliances of these will be able to publish books, brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, posters and signs, and make use of newspapers, radio and television, digital appliances and social networks. All such propaganda must identify the Political Party or Alliance of these publishing the material.



ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS

On 20th September, the SEC, together with the Ministry of Health announced the Sanitary Measures for prevention and control of the Covid-19 pandemic during the 2021 Electoral Campaign.

The authorities charged with public security will enforce the following measures;



1. Political Parties and candidates must avoid holding mass public gatherings and prioritize virtual and digital methods of communication to announce their proposals for government.



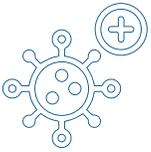
2. Face to face public gatherings must be held in open spaces involving a maximum of only 200 persons, obeying all the measures of prevention and control, viz. a distance of 2 meters between participants, washing of hands, use of face masks and monitoring of temperature on entering the site.



3. The political or proselytizing activity must be limited to the least possible time frame, one hour and thirty minutes maximum.



4. It is recommended that persons belonging to high risk groups with underlying health problems not participate in political mass gatherings.



5. Persons identified as confirmed or suspected of being infected with Covid 19 must not assist take part in political or proselytizing mass gatherings.



6. It is recommended that expectant mothers, children and adolescents not take part in political or proselytizing activities.



7. To protect the health and guarantee the safety of the participant Nicaraguan families, it is strictly forbidden to hold motorcades of buses, motorcycles, cars or any other type of motorized transport.



8. The sanitary measures which all participants are required to observe must be available in clearly visible locations. The use of signage is recommended at entrances to and exits from such events in order to ensure participants keep the required distance between them when entering and leaving the site.



POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALLIANCES OF PARTIES COMMIT TO COMPLY WITH SANITARY REGULATIONS DURING CAMPAIGN

The SEC hereby informs all Nicaraguan citizens that, at a meeting held with the participant Political Parties and their Alliances on the 23rd of September, these same committed to comply with and responsibly promote the Sanitary Regulations during the Electoral Campaign.

The General Director of the National Police, First Commissioner Francisco Diaz, the Minister of Health, Dra. Martha Reyes and the leading authorities of the SEC also attended this important meeting.

During said meeting, necessary actions were coordinated to ensure that the conduct of the electoral campaign secures compliance with all sanitary measures, as well as the order and security of families, as dictated by the Ministry of Health and SEC and guaranteed by the national police.



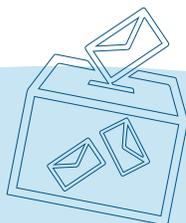
In the same way, it was reiterated that the actual public health situation obliges all Nicaraguans to be extremely careful with respect to their health. For this reason, during the campaign period it is strictly prohibited to hold motorcades, marches or other events in open public spaces with more than 200 people, this with the objective of avoiding crowds.

In compliance with article 173 of the Political Constitution and Article 10 of Electoral Law 331, and in conformity with the agreement dictated and published on the 20th of September of 2021, the SEC, together with the Ministry of Health and the National Police, will guarantee the respectful, harmonious and responsible evolution of events so as to insure the health and security of all, as well as the tranquility and peace of families and communities.

ON LINE CONSULTING OF POLLING STATIONS AND POLLING STATION BOARDS

In preparation for the general election of the 7th of November, in conformity with Article 39 of the Electoral Law, and making use of the new Information Technology, the SEC has made available an online call center consultation service on its web page.

Using this new online service, citizens will be able to learn the location and name of the polling station (PC), as well as the Polling Station Board (PSB) at which to exercise their right to suffrage in accordance with the definitive electoral law.



To use the online service implies the following steps:

- 1. Access website www.cse.gob.ni
- 2. Select “ELECTIONS” from the menu and click on “CONSULT POLLING STATION”



- 3. Enter your ID number and press “CONSULT”



- 4. The Web Site will show the location, address, municipality of the Polling Station and the Polling Station Board at which to exercise the right to vote in the 7th of November 2021.

SEC PARTICIPATES IN III NATIONAL MULTI-EMERGENCY EXERCISE

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) participated in the III National Exercise of Preparation for Protection of Life in Situations of Multiple Hazards, 2021, coordinated by the National System for the Prevention, Mitigation and Attention of Disasters (CINAPRED).

This state body participates in this simulation exercise in order to perfect its organizational ability and readiness to protect life in situations of risk due to natural phenomena.



The SEC has 28 Search and Rescue volunteers trained to provide first aid to citizens in situations of possible risk to the physical well-being of their person.

SEC CONTINUES OFFERING ON-LINE CONSULTATIONS VIA WHATSAPP

This State body has set up an on-line system of citizens advice using the WhatsApp number, + 505 8908 0800, which citizens can access to obtain information about the services available: viz. ID Registration, Civil Registry and Polling Station advice.

This service allows us to provide permanent and effective response to the different enquiries of citizens.

This service gives the citizens the opportunity to inform themselves and to clarify doubts about any procedure that they wish to realize.



The consulting facility deals with the following services:

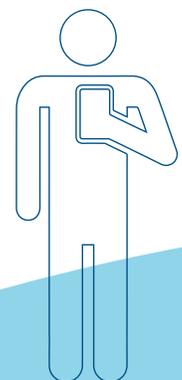
ID registration

- New ID
- Replacement
- Renewal
- Older adults
- ID analysis and decision
- ID registration office



Civil Registry

- Births
- Negatives (Unregister persons)
- Nationalizations
- Marriages
- Common law unions
- Divorce
- Single persons
- Deaths
- Decree of nullity
- Certificate of verbatim act Polling Station y PSB consultation.



DELIVERY OF DEFINITIVE ELECTORAL ROLL AND PLATFORM

In lieu of the elections of 7th of November next, and making use the new Information Technology, the SEC has provided the participating Political Parties and Alliances of these, with the definitive Electoral Roll and Electoral Platform, in digital form.

The General Direction for Support to Political Parties, in coordination with the General Direction of Information Technology undertake this activity in accordance with that established by Electoral Law 331 who's Article 43 mandates that the definitive Electoral Roll and Platform must be delivered to the participant political parties 45 days before the elections.



Definitive Electoral Roll



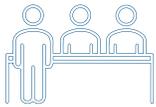
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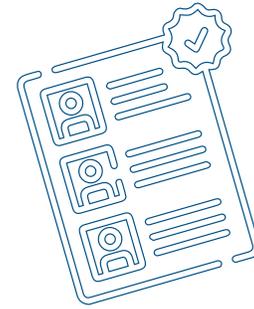
Voting Center:

3,106



Polling Stations:

13,459



This step facilitates the appointment of the prosecutors of the political parties for each of the PSB, as well as the presentation of short lists for members of each of the 13,459 Polling Station Boards (PSB).

Each participant political organization will be able to accredit 26,918 men and women as prosecutors to the PSBs.





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