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24 May 2015 Municipal Elections. Voting by Foreign Nationals from countries with agreements.

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Applications for registration in the electoral census may be submitted between 1 December 2014 and 15 January 2015

Registration in the Electoral Census

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They shall exercise the right to vote in the municipality of their habitual residence, in whose municipal register they are recorded.

In order to vote, it is essential to be registered in the Electoral Census.

The following is required for registration:

- a) To be of legal age on voting day.
- b) Not to be deprived of the right to active suffrage.
- c) To have a valid residence permit.
- d) To have resided in Spain, legally and without interruption, for at least the five years prior to the application for registration in the Electoral Census, with the exception citizens from Norway, who are required to have resided in Spain for at least three years.
- e) To present the application for registration by the established deadline.

Procedures to follow to apply for the registration in the Electoral Census

In order to make this process easier, **the Electoral Census Office (ECO) has sent a personalised communication to 342,647** citizens from these countries, for whom the established prerequisites have been confirmed.

Those who receive the communication and meet all the requirements can carry out the **application online**, accessing the procedure published on the National Statistics Institute's Electronic Office <https://sede.ine.gob.es/cere>, or **by post** that does not need a stamp. In turn, those who meet all the requirements except for the validity of the residency permit will be able to turn in their application by post. They will need to attach a copy of their valid foreign national ID card or a residency permit issued by the Police Station.

They can also turn in the applications at their closest Municipal Council of residence, filling out the specific form that is available there. In these cases, the following should be borne in mind:

1. The interested parties will be identified by their Foreigner identity card, and must attach a photocopy of said card. Citizens from Iceland and Norway will also be able to certify their identity with the National Identity Card or the passport from their country of origin.
2. The required amount of time legally resided in Spain must be justified with a residence certificate, issued by a Police Station, when it cannot be deduced from the details on the photocopy of the Foreigner identity card, if provided.

Information can be requested at the ECO provincial delegations, municipal councils and by calling +34 901 101 900.

The deadline for replies to ECO communications and for applications at Municipal Councils

The deadline for replies to the Electoral Census Office communications and for applications at Municipal Councils goes from 1 December 2014 to 15 January 2015.

Applications received outside this period, including those that may be made by requesting details of registration in the electoral census, will be rejected as a result of non-fulfilment of this requirement.

Communications sent by province of residence

The provinces with the higher number of communications sent are Madrid (91,748), Barcelona (54,983), Murcia (31,164), Alicante/Alacant (20,007) and Valencia/València (18,453).

Citizens of countries with Agreements for municipal elections, residing in Spain, by province of residence

Province of residence	Communications sent
TOTAL	342,647
Albacete	2,717
Alicante/Alacant	20,007
Almería	4,268
Araba/Álava	1,778
Asturias	2,919
Ávila	1,004
Badajoz	824
Balears, Illes	9,936
Barcelona	54,983
Bizkaia	5,506
Burgos	1,582
Cáceres	533
Cádiz	2,015
Cantabria	3,375
Castellón/Castelló	2,846
Ciudad Real	2,531
Córdoba	1,410
Coruña, A	2,382
Cuenca	1,206
Gipuzkoa	2,636
Girona	4,958
Granada	3,152
Guadalajara	1,899
Huelva	1,026
Huesca	753
Jaén	1,015
León	1,470
Lleida	2,232
Lugo	1,061
Madrid	91,748
Málaga	7,372
Murcia	31,164
Navarra	4,407
Ourense	597
Palencia	594
Palmas, Las	10,488
Pontevedra	2,147
Rioja, La	2,743
Salamanca	1,111
Santa Cruz de Tenerife	4,287
Segovia	898
Sevilla	4,512
Soria	694
Tarragona	5,671
Teruel	488
Toledo	4,643
Valencia/València	18,453
Valladolid	1,310
Zamora	298
Zaragoza	6,810
Ceuta	53
Melilla	135

Communications sent by country of nationality

The countries with the higher number of communications sent are Ecuador (125,022), Colombia (88,685), Bolivia (47,474) and Peru (42,772).

Citizens of countries with Agreements for municipal elections, residing in Spain, by country of nationality

Nationality	Communications sent
TOTAL	342,647
Bolivia	47,474
Cape Verde	1,493
Chile	11,499
Colombia	88,685
Republic of Korea	1,158
Ecuador	125,022
Iceland	370
Norway	8,792
New Zealand	194
Paraguay	15,172
Peru	42,772
Trinidad and Tobago	16

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