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Municipal elections on 22 May 2011

Citizens of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay and Peru, resident in Spain and registered in the electoral census, may vote in the municipal elections

Applications for registration in the electoral census may be submitted between 1 December 2010 and 15 January 2011

On 22 May 2011, Municipal elections will be held in which citizens of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Norway, New Zealand, Paraguay and Peru may vote, these countries having signed an Agreement with Spain regarding participation in municipal elections.

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

Conditions for registering in the Electoral Census

The requirements that must be met in order to be able to register with the electoral census are:

- a) Be aged over 18 years old and not be deprived of the right to active suffrage.
- b) Be registered in the Municipal Register of Inhabitants.
- c) Be in possession of a residence permit in Spain.
- d) Have resided legally in Spain for the amount of time required in the corresponding Agreement (five years at the time of application or three years on polling day for citizens of Norway).
- e) Fulfil the remainder of the requirements set out in the corresponding Agreement.

Procedures for registration in the Electoral Census

In order to aid submission of applications, **the Electoral Census Office (ECO) has sent out a personalised letter to 322,633 citizens of said countries, except those of Bolivia** who meet the conditions set out regarding information available from municipal registers and from registrations in the Register of Foreign Nationals. Given that the Agreement between Bolivia and Spain was signed recently, **the 27,502 personalised letters to citizens of Bolivia will be sent out shortly.**

It is possible for citizens of those countries receiving the ECO letter to apply online for registration, by going to the Procedure published in the Electronic Headquarters of the National Statistics Institute (INE) <https://sede.ine.gob.es/cere/paisesacuerdos>, or by post,

in a pre-paid envelope, without the need for the voter to visit the Municipal Council offices corresponding to his or her municipality of residence in Spain.

Where the ECO has been able to verify fulfilment of the requirements, **except the validity of the residence permit**, the interested party may apply by signing the letter received, which must be submitted by post, in the pre-paid envelope, together with a photocopy of the valid Foreigner identity card or certificate of residence issued by a Police Station.

Citizens of these countries may also submit applications directly at municipal council offices, by completing the form available there for that purpose. In these cases, the following should be borne in mind:

1. The interested parties will be identified by their Foreigner identity card, and they must attach a photocopy of this. Norwegian citizens may also certify their identity with their National identity document or Passport issued by their country.
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, where this is produced.

Term for responses to ECO letters

The term for responses to letters from the Electoral Census Office and for applications at municipal council offices is between 1 December 2010 and 15 January 2011.

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.

Letters by country of nationality	
Country	Letters sent
Total	322,633
Norway	6,027
Colombia	95,192
Chile	10,078
Ecuador	168,639
Paraguay	4,305
Peru	38,244
New Zealand	148

Letters by province of residence (continues)	
Province	Letters sent
Total	322,633
Álava	1,862
Albacete	2,234
Alicante/Alacant	19,499
Almería	4,885
Ávila	789
Badajoz	771
Balears (Illes)	8,788
Barcelona	52,743
Burgos	1,857
Cáceres	381
Cádiz	1,157
Castellón/ Castelló	2,722
Ciudad Real	2,013
Córdoba	1,150
Coruña (A)	1,902
Cuenca	1,127
Girona	3,031
Granada	2,095
Guadalajara	2,180
Guipúzcoa	2,106
Huelva	1,029
Huesca	892
Jaén	905
León	1,638
Lleida	2,136
Rioja (La)	2,283
Lugo	686
Madrid	92,212
Málaga	6,685
Murcia	30,752
Navarra	4,800
Ourense	571
Asturias	2,508
Palencia	522
Palmas (Las)	10,067

Letters by province of residence (end)

Province	Letters sent
Pontevedra	1,733
Salamanca	309
Tenerife	4,194
Cantabria	2,837
Segovia	882
Sevilla	3,160
Soria	709
Tarragona	4,823
Teruel	429
Toledo	3,966
Valencia/Valencia	16,725
Valladolid	1,404
Vizcaya	3,346
Zamora	286
Zaragoza	6,714
Ceuta	30
Melilla	108

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