



Adeje
Town Hall

FOREIGN NATIONALS AND THE 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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On 28 May 2023 there will be municipal elections in Spain

Residents of EU member and nationals from a country who have signed a reciprocal agreement with Spain, have the right to vote in the local elections.

To create an electoral census of foreign residents in Spain (CERE) the Census Electoral Office (OCE) has send the following information to the country's Town Halls.

NATIONALS FROM EU MEMBERS STATES

EU nationals resident in Spain who meet all the standard requirements, as are required of Spanish voters, have the right to vote in local elections once they have officially registered their desire to exercise that vote.

According to a resolution passed by the Census Office on 7/09/2010 the following applied to EU residents wishing to register to vote

Formal declarations of the intention to vote can be made online, by post or in person at the Town Hall.

- **a) Online:**
- EU nationals resident in Spain can register on the electoral census to vote in municipal (and European elections if they wish) online, through the INE website,
<https://sede.ine.gob.es/manifestacionVotoPermanente/presentacion> using the cl@ve system
- **b) At the Town Hall:**
- You will need to fill out a form (you can download it here <https://sede.ine.gob.es/manifestacionVotoPermanente/presentacion>) or you will be able to get the form at the Town Hall, bring your identification, your NIE documentation and passport.
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Postal reminder

To make the process easier, the OCE will, at the end of October, be sending out letters to EU residents with their registered data on the padrón. This letter will only be sent to those residents who have not formally registered to vote in previous municipal elections. The letter will include a numerical key which you can use online (CTT) to register your intention to vote without needing to use the cl@ve system.

If you receive one of these letters you can sign up to the electoral census online or by post using the reply letter and pre-paid envelope included.

Duration on census

Declaring formally your wish to vote in Spain is seen as a permanent declaration for as long as you are living in Spain, unless you have formally declared otherwise. To ensure that you are registered in time to vote in the municipal elections in May 2023 you must make that formal declaration and sign on the electoral census before the afternoon of January 30th 2023.

Any declarations made after January 30th 2023 including requests to change information on the electoral census won't come into effect in time for the May 2023 elections.

NATIONALS FROM COUNTRIES WITH RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Those resident in Spain from countries with reciprocal arrangements with Spain giving their citizens the right to vote in municipal elections and who meet the agreed requirements and the conditions to vote, may register on the electoral census for the May 2023 municipal elections.

The countries with agreements currently in force are: Bolivia, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Korea, Ecuador, Iceland, Norway, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, the United Kingdom, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Nationals from countries who had an agreement in force during the period when census registration was permitted may also register.