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FAQ

ON DI INSCRIPTION OF CITIZENS FI DI ELECTIONS OF TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES IN 2023

What is di inscription of citizens?

It is di act by which di citizens registers before di election official fi get included in di electoral roll –if it's not already registered– or fi change di voting place.

When and where di next citizens inscription will be?

Di territorial authorities elections will take place di next year (2023) and di citizens inscription period **will start di Saturday, October 29, 2022**, in all di registries of di country and in di inscription stands authorized. This process will be extended **till August 29 of 2023**, that is to say, two months before di election holding.

In di citizens inscription process you can choose which public position and when di elections will take place?

According to di Statutory Law 163 of 1994 di elections fi territorial authorities will take place di next October 29, 2023, di date in which di Colombian citizens living in di country (Colombia) and di foreigners living in Colombia will go to di polling stations fi choose di next governors, mayors, lawmakers and councillors or Local Administrative Boards members. Di representatives elected will take possession January 1, 2024 fi govern during di constitutional period 2024-2027.

Who have to do di inscription?

Those citizens that changed their place of residence, whether it be a neighborhood, city, department change or whether they come back to di country; those people that their Colombian Identity Card (*cédula* in Spanish) was issued fi di first time before 1988 and de no inscribe it yet and those who didn't vote in any of di elections held in di past 34 years, since these citizens currently are not part of di electoral roll.

Likewise, di foreigners that are living in Colombia and has di Identity Card for Foreigners (or *cédula* de extranjería in Spanish) with category of resident, with effective condition and with a staying time of 5 or more years in the country have to inscribe fi be able to vote in di specified time and meeting di requirements demanded by di law.

You have to pay fi inscribe di *cédula*?

No. you no have to pay fi inscribe di *cédula*.

Di citizens will be identified biometrically when they inscribe di *cédula*?

Yes. Di citizens can get near di Registry or a mobile inscription stand of their locality or place of residence, there they can present di *cédula* (yellow with holograms or digital) and through di inscription systematized process di identity of di citizen will be validated, taking advantage of di biometric authentication which allows di confrontation between di information captured with di information that is in di Archivo Nacional de Identificación (ANI) and others data bases in di National Civil Registry.

Somebody can inscribe with a document that is not di *cédula*?

No. To make di inscription process di person has to present di original yellow *cédula* or di *cédula digital*. Additionally, you will have to present di Occre by virtue of di provisions of decree 2762 of 1991 in San Andres, Providence and Santa Catalina Archipelago Department.

Fi foreigners living in Colombia, in accordance with di provisions of Law 1070 of 2006 it must be presented di *cédula de extranjería* with di category of resident

Di proceedings can't be made with passwords, carnés, libreta militar, driver's license nor with loss of documents complaints.

Di citizens that live overseas can vote in di election of territorial authorities?

No. Di Colombian citizens that live abroad only can vote in national-level elections like fi president or Congress, not fi local level, since they are not directly affected by di decisions taken by di corporations or local representatives.

Di inscription of citizens fi foreigners living in Colombia will be made?

Yes. In accordance with provision of Law 1070 of 2006, di foreigners that live in Colombia can participate in di elections of territorial authorities fi elect only mayors, councillors and Local Administrative Boards members. However, they can't participate to choose governor or assembly.

Fi di inscription di foreigners living in Colombia require di face-to-face presentation of who inscribes, present di effective *cédula de extranjería* with di category of resident issued by di competent authority.

Di inscriptions made by foreigners will be subject to revision and approval of di requirements on the part of Colombia Migration Special Administrative Unit.

If di citizen just received di *cédula* issued for di first time and hasn't voted yet he/she must inscribe?

Not necessarily, because every citizen that has obtained di *cédula* after 1988 and is of legal age automatically enters in di electoral roll and is enabled to vote in a polling station near di informed direction in di moment of di *cédula* proceeding; in dis case di person just have to do di inscription process if he/she changed his/her address or place of residence.

It's important to clarify that automatic incorporation of di first time issued *cédulas* fi di election of territorial authorities in 2023 will be of four (4) months before di election date, that is, the issued till June 19, 2023, in accordance with di current legal regulations.

How di polling station can be verified fi see if it changes or not?

In di National Civil Registry website — www.registraduria.gov.co — permanently you can find di option “*Consulte aquí su lugar de votación*”, in which di citizen can introduce di identity document number and di system will tell you if you're part or no of di electoral roll, if it says you're part of di electoral roll it will show you where your polling station is located.

Can di citizens inscribe them *cédula* in a different place of di place of residence?

No. Di inscription no matter what have to be made in di place where you live (San Andres or Providence or Santa Catalina, etc.); is a crime provided in article 389 of di Criminal Code if you inscribe in a different place from where you live, since di inscription can be revoked by di National Electoral Council under the terms of article 316 of di Political Constitution and, likewise, represents cause of invalidity of di election to the voices of numeral 7 of article 275 of CPACA.

You can inscribe di *cédula* even if it is already inscribed?

Yes. In di cases where di citizen changed address or place of residence, whether is neighborhood, city, department or whether he/her has returned to the country.

Is it possible to allow another person to inscribe di *cédula*?

No. Di *cédula* inscription proceeding is personal, since it requires di owner fingerprint imprinting as an indispensable requirement fi validate di inscription process.

If there are too many people inscribing in a place they can deny a citizen di right to inscribe di *cédula*?

No. Di National Civil Registry officials have di duty to inscribe all di citizens that attend to inscribe di *cédula*, in di times and terms established by law and in accordance to di guidelines delivered by di National Civil Registry.

What happens if a person inscribes di *cédula* several times?

If a citizen do di inscription process with di *cédula* several times, it will only be taken into account di last proceeding, therefore the person will exercise di right to vote in di polling station registered last time.

Di citizen can go to a registry and ask fi be inscribed in other city?

No. *Cédula* inscription requires di face-to-face presentation of di citizen at di place that of his/her electoral residence.

