

Voting rights and registration on the electoral roll



In response to some recent enquiries on the ability of UK nationals to vote and stand in local elections, the Embassy are in the process of tweaking the Voting section of our Living in Spain guide.

For those who wish to vote, it is important to note there are two actions the UK national must take:

- First, they must be registered on the padrón
- Second, during the period set out by the electoral authorities ahead of each local election, they must state they wish to be included on the electoral roll. Town halls may not register UK nationals (or other non-EU nationals with voting rights) on the electoral roll outside this period.

Ratification of the UK-Spain treaty procedures continue, the treaty remains provisionally applied, so UK nationals' rights to vote and stand are protected, as explained in the agreement.