

The Formentera Office of Tourism (*Conselleria de Turisme*, CT) reports that forms and documentation are now available to renew or extend authorisations for vacation holiday rental properties. In the last two years and due to the pandemic, all permits were extended two years, but now renewals and extensions must be processed for those authorisations that will soon expire.

Renewals can be processed online through the Virtual Citizen Information Office (OVAC) or in person at the Citizen Information Office (OAC). Inquiries can also be made on-site and over the phone, applications can be picked up at the CT, located at Carrer Pius Tur Mayans in Sant Francesc, as well as at the OAC.

"After two years of automatic extensions we are reactivating the renewals process", Alejandra Ferrer, Vice-President and Councillor of Tourism. She called it "a very important step to ensure compliance with the legality of tourist rentals". Ferrer also reported that "in parallel we are working on the 2022 inspection plan to review compliance with the Plan for Quality and detect illegal rentals that contribute to supply shortages for residential and temporary accommodation for workers".

According to the Regulation on commercialised tourist stays in local homes, the registration in the Tourism Registry of Formentera was valid for five years from presentation of the declaration of new rental activity. The period was extended for two more years on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, in January 2022, vacation rental registrations in the Formentera Tourism Registry have begun to expire and the owners will have to renew them again. They will also have to comply with the new Plan for Quality, which was also extended due to COVID-19.

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