Spain

Updating a charter of services for citizens in Spain

The Spanish General Directorate for Cadaster (SDGC) has updated its charter of services for citizens for 2019-2022.

The Charter, first published in 2006 and regularly updated to improve services and commitments, is a fundamental document for the Quality Policy of the Cadaster. It is therefore considered a contractual relationship between SDGC and its customers and most importantly defines its commitment in terms of reducing administrative burden, improving attention and assistance and improving the quality of services.

To measure, and to improve the performance of these commitments, the SDGC uses a number of indicators that are also collected in the charter, which also outlines how any citizen can report non-compliance, as well as the remedy measures and compensations.

After a short explanation of SDGC's organisational responsibilities, it includes a list of the services provided, including citizens and user rights and how to submit complaints and suggestions. These are delivered in several different ways.



Around 500 million queries are made each year via the Internet at <u>sedecatastro.gob.es</u>. A free service offering all non-personal data is available to all. Access is restricted to personal data, with special services for registered institutions and collaborators.

The SDGC also runs a free hotline to call at any time. Inquiries that are particularly complex will be answered within 24 hours. Outside of business hours, inquiries can be made by recording a message on an answering machine and are answered the next day.

In addition, services are available at one of 3,800 cadastral information points authorised by SGDC and strategically distributed throughout the Spanish territory. These are found in different public organisations and institutions, and are particularly aimed

at citizens who are unable to access cadastral information online. Likewise, information is available through the 56 management offices of the cadastre in each capital of province and in the offices of local entities.

The Charter's purpose is threefold:
To inform citizens about the
services provided; to let them know
the general and specific rights that
support them; and to inform customers
of the quality commitments, as well as
appropriate actions.