

Under an order issued by the president's office and adopted by the Consell de Formentera in an effort to facilitate the completion of small-scale construction projects, work on those sites can resume provided advance notice is given to local government.

Interested parties are asked to make their declaration on the OVAC at <https://ovac.conselldeformentera.cat>. In a bid to improve public services for islanders, Formentera's Department of Territory has updated this and other online formalities since the invocation of emergency orders.

Online formality

According to territory conseller Rafael González, "in a simple process which can be completed online, companies provide a sworn statement to local government and crews can begin work within between one and ten days, depending on each case". González said the aim was to streamline processing of such permits and "move towards reactivation of the economy in light of the public health crisis".

At the same time, the Consell will mandate increased inspections on job sites to ensure that guidelines are followed.

Temporary reversal of noise ordinance

As Formentera eases out of confinement, the local noise ordinance has been placed on hold, meaning construction can take place in towns where it has traditionally been banned from 1 May to 15 October.

Construction crews are required to follow orders and directives from health authorities and the action protocol on occupational health that was laid down by the regional government to halt the spread of Covid-19 on Formentera.

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