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Department of Govt. Printing,
Colombo 08,
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PRASANNA JAYARATNE,
Government Printer.



1. General Qualifications required :

1:1 Every applicant must furnish satisfactory proof that he is a Sri Lankan. A Sri Lankan, is a citizen of Sri Lanka by descent or by registration as defined in the Sri Lanka Citizenship Act.

1:2 A candidate for any post for which the minimum educational qualification prescribed is a pass in the Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent or higher examination, should have a pass in the Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent or higher examination, should have a pass either in Sinhala language or Tamil language obtained, as the case may be, at the Senior School Certificate Examination or its equivalent if he is either a Sinhalese educated in Sinhala Medium or if he is a Tamil educated in Tamil Medium (This requirement will not apply to those who are in the public service from a date prior to January 01, 1961, and who seek appointments to other posts in the public service).

1:3 Application from the New Entrants, Public Officers, who are not either Sinhala or Tamil educated, whose probationary trial appointments have been terminated for failure to pass the prescribed official language proficiency tests will not be entertained unless they have obtained the qualifications which could entitle them to seek exemptions from the highest proficiency test prescribed for the post.

2. Conditions of Service-General :

2:1 All officers in the Public Service will be subject to the Financial Regulations, the Establishments Code, Departmental Orders or Regulations and any other Orders or Regulations that may be issued by the Governments from time to time.

2:2 A Public officer may be required to furnish security in terms of the Public Officers (Security) Ordinance, in such sum and in such manner as the secretary to the Ministry concerned may determine.

2:3 A Public Officer may be called upon to serve in any part of the Island.

3. Conditions of Service applicable to Public Officers holding permanent appointments :

3:1 In addition to the conditions referred to in Section 2 above Public Officer holding permanent appointments will be subject to the following further conditions:

3:1:1 All appointments will be on probation for a period of 3 years unless a longer period is considered necessary in respect of any post. Any appointment may be terminated at any time during the period of probation without a reason being assigned.

3:1:2 All public officers are required to conform to the provisions of the Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and any other laws, regulations or rules that may be made from time to time to give effect to the Language Policy of the Government.

3:1:3 All Public officers who have not entered the Public Service either in Sinhala Medium or in Tamil Medium are required to acquire a working knowledge in one of the official languages.

3:1:4 Confirmation at the expiry of the period of probation of an officer who entered the Public Service in a medium other than Sinhala or Tamil will depend, inter alia, on the passing of the Grade I Proficiency Test in one of the Official Languages within one year; Grade II Proficiency Test within two years, and Grade III Proficiency Test (where applicable) within three years from the date of appointment.

Failure to pass a test within the prescribed period will result in the suspension of increments. Suspension will be converted to a stoppage if the test is not passed within a further period of six months beyond the prescribed period such stoppage operating until the test is passed or until such time as the provisions of Section 3:1:6 below apply.

3:1:5 Such officers should, on receiving appointment, be given facilities on full pay, for a period of 6 months to obtain proficiency in one of the official languages. He will thereafter, be required to sit the relevant proficiency examination and if he does not pass he will be given the opportunity to pass the examination within a period of 2 years immediately after the period of 6 months on full pay, while he performs his normal duties.

3:1:6 If he fails to pass the examination in this prescribed period of 2 1/2 years his services will be terminated.

3:1:7 A Public Officer already confirmed in permanent post in the Public Service will not normally be required to serve the period of probation on being appointed to another permanent post in the Public Service. Such Officers may in the first instance be appointed to act in the new post for a

specified period with a view to testing him in his new post.

3:1:8 Selected candidates (Other than those already holding permanent or temporary appointments in the Public Service) who have already been medically examined will be required to undergo a medical examination by a Government Medical Officer to test their physical fitness to serve in any part of the Island.

4. Terms of Engagement :

4:1 Public officers appointed to permanent and pensionable posts should contribute to the 'Widows and Orphans' Pension Scheme from their salary an amount equivalent to the percentage the Government requires to recover from their salary.

4:2 Public officers appointed to permanent or temporary posts on Provident Fund basis will be required to contribute 6% of their consolidated salary to the Public Service Provident Fund. The Government will contribute as its share of contributions an amount equal to 150% of the compulsory contributions credited to the fund at the close of the Financial Year.

4:3 Officers who hold pensionable appointments in the Public Service and who are released for appointments to pensionable posts in the Local Government Service and those officers in the Local Government Service who hold pensionable appointments and who are released for appointments to pensionable posts in the Public Service will be allowed pensionability in their posts in the Local Government Service and Public Service respectively.

4:4 Regular Force personnel in the Army, Navy and Air Force who are released for appointments to posts in the Public Service which are pensionable under the Minutes on Pension will be allowed pensionability in their posts in the Public Service. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Minutes the unforfeited full pay service of any member of the Armed Forces who is released to accept an appointment as a Public Officer in a post which has been declared to be pensionable under these Minutes shall be reckoned for the purpose of any pension or gratuity payable under these Minutes.

5. Serving Officers in the Public Service :

5:1 Applications from officers of the Public Service who possess all the necessary qualifications must be forwarded through the Heads of their respective Departments. In the case of applications from Public Officers holding post in the permanent establishment in the Public Service. Heads of Departments in forwarding such applications should state whether the applicants could be released or not to take up the new appointment, if selected.

5:2 Candidates may be required to present themselves for interview at an appointed time and place. No travelling or other expenses will be paid in this connection.

5:3 Anyone desiring to recommend a candidate should do so by giving a testimonial. Any form of canvassing or any attempt to influence the selection of a candidate will disqualify such candidates.

5:4 Any statement in the application which is found to be incorrect will render the applicant liable to disqualification if the inaccuracy is discovered before the selection and to dismissal if discovered after the selection.

5:5 Application not conforming in every respect with the requirements of the advertisement will be rejected.

6. Definition of Salary for the purpose of Eligibility :

6:1 Salary for purposes of eligibility means only the consolidated salary and does not include any action salary, allowances etc.

7. New National Policy on Recruitment and Promotions :

Recruitment and Promotion in the Public Service, Provincial Public Service, Public Corporate Sector and Companies fully owned by the Government will be done in accordance with the policy laid down in the Public Administration Circulars No. 15/90 of 09.03.1990, 15/90 (I) of 25.03.1990 & 15/90 (ii) of 15.06.1990 with effect from 01.01.1990 subject to amendments that will be done by subsequent Public Administration Circulars.

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

The Set of rules any Instructions Published under the title 'Rules and Instructions for examination Candidates' in all previously published Gazette notifications is hereby revoked, and henceforth the set of rules and Instructions published in this Gazette shall be in force.

A. K. S. Indika Kumari Liyanage,
Commissioner General of the Examinations.

At the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,
22nd July, 2026.

All examination candidates are bound to act in compliance with the provisions of the Public Examinations Act, No. 25 of 1968 which was amended by No. 19 of 1976 and other rules and regulations imposed from time to time.

The following conditions restrictions are hereby imposed through the Sentence No. 20 of the Public Examinations Act, No. 25 of 1968 which was amended through No. 19 of 1976 as per the powers assigned to the Commissioner General Examinations.

All Examination candidate are bound to abide by the rules given below and a candidate who violates any of these rules is liable to one or more of the following penalties mentioned below at the discretion of the Commissioner General of Examinations.

- I. Debarring to appear for the whole examination or part of it which was under investigation.
- II. Disqualifying from one subject or from the whole examination which was under investigation.
- III. Imposing lifetime ban for all the examinations conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.
- IV. Department from appearing for examinations conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka for a certain period of time.
- V. Issuing a letter with suspended department of examination.
- VI. Suspension of the certificate for a specific period.
- VII. Handing over the examination candidate to the police to file a criminal case under the Public Examinations Act or complaining the police regarding such act.
- VIII. When the examination candidate is a government employee reporting the appointing authority of such examination candidate (to take disciplinary actions) regarding the conduct of such examination candidate.

The Commissioner General of Examination reserves himself the right to take actions with respect of such examination candidate prior to during or after the examination or at any stage. His decision with respect to that should be deemed final.

1. Every examination candidate should act in the examination hall and at the examination premises in such a manner that any disturbance or obstruction should not take place for the examination supervisor and his staff as well as for other examination candidates Moreover, examination candidates should not vandalize the property of the examination premises or damage the private property of the examination staff.

2. Examination candidates should act in compliance with the instructions given by the examination supervisor and his staff when the examination is in progress and before the commencement of the examination as well as immediately after the end of the examination.

3. No examination candidate will be admitted to the examination hall after the lapse of half an hour subsequent to the commencement of the question paper at the examination. Also, no examination candidate will be permitted to leave the examination hall until the examination ends. Actions should be taken to participate for practical tests or oral tests on time.

4. Every examination candidate should sit on the seat reserved for him/her bearing the respective Index Number and not any other seat. Unless with the special permission of the examination supervisor, no candidate should change his/her seat. The occupation of a seat other than the one assigned to him/her is liable to be considered as an act committed with dishonest intention.

5. Absolute silence should be maintained in the examination hall. A candidate is forbidden to speak to or exchange messages or to have any dealing with any person within or outside the examination hall for any matter other than a member of the examination hall staff.

6. Since the answer script of an examination candidate will be solely identified through the candidate's Index Number, it is completely prohibited to write one's name on the answer script, put a certain mark or note to distinguish the answer script, write indecent or unnecessary things on the answer script and attaching currency notes with the answer script. Further, writing other examination candidate's Index Number on one's answer script could be considered as an attempt to commit a dishonest act. Answer scripts bearing Index Numbers those are difficult to decipher are liable to be rejected.

7. Examination candidates should not write on question paper or desk or any other place except on the papers (paper given to answer with in invigilator's short signature and the date with regard to the day on which the examination is conducted supplied at the examination hall. Acting non-compliance with these instructions will be considered as an act committed with dishonest intention.

8. Any paper or answer books supplied to examination candidates should not be torn up or crushed Each and every sheet of paper used for rough work should be clearly crossed out and attached to the answer script or submitted with the answer script at the end of the examination or the candidate should do the needful as per the given instructions. It is forbidden to take out anything written inside the examination hall. If a question has been answered twice in two different places, the unnecessary answer should be clearly crossed out.

9. It is forbidden to take out the papers or any other material supplied to answer at the examination out of the examination hall. All such materials are belonged to the Commissioner General of Examinations and breach of this rule will be considered as a punishable act.

10. When examination candidates appear for the examination in the examination hall. They should not keep in their possession or by their side other note books, papers with notes or paper pieces except the stationery supplied to them form answering at the examination and the materials which were authorized in written for each examination. Also, keeping mobile phones, electronic communication instruments/ devices in one's possession or by one's side and obtaining assistance from external parties through such instruments/ devices and sending information to other parties and social media while the examination is in progress are considered to be dishonest acts and punishable offences.

11. In case electronic communication instruments/ devices are revealed to be used for the purpose mentioned in the above paragraph no 10, such instruments/ devices will be taken into the custody of the Commissioner General of Examination until the investigations are concluded.

12. After sitting in the examination hall an examination candidates is strictly forbidden to keep any unauthorized material or instrument in his/her possession prior to the examination or when the examination is in progress. In case the supervisor of the examination staff orders, each candidate is bound to declare everything he/she has with him/her and get them checked Breach of these requirements should be considered as an attempt to commit an act of dishonesty.

13. It is an offence. In case a candidate copies or attempts to copy from the answer script of another candidate or a book or a script or a paper containing notes or through signals or any other source or acts dishonestly Also, helping another candidate and getting held from another candidate or a person or exam staff are also offences and every completed answer sheet should be kept underneath the sheet on which the answer is being written papers should not be strewn all over the desk.

14. A candidate will under no circumstance whatsoever be allowed to leave the examination hall even for a brief period during the course of the paper after the commencement of the examination. However, in case an examination candidate needs to go outside for a brief period under the surveillance of an officer belongs to the to the assistant staff of the examination supervisor. He/She shall be subject to search before leaving the examination hall as well as when re-entering it.

15. Impersonation before commencement of answering at the examination hall or after is a punishable act. Tempering with identity cards or presenting false identity card is considered to be an act of dishonesty.

16. Assistance given to a candidate in an improper and dishonest manner by a candidate or a person, who is not a candidate, is considered to be a serious offence.

17. Examination candidate should adhere to the following instructions.

I. Every examination candidate should take actions to the signature in their admission paper attested and get the subjects amended prior to the examination. after inquiring the Department of Examinations. Sri Lanka in case there is any discrepancy between the subjects applied and the subjects applied and the subject indicated in the admission paper.

II. It is appropriate to arrive the examination hall. half an hour prior to the commencement of the examination and if you are not quite certain of the location of the examination hall make inquiries on a day prior to the date of examination and be sure of its exact location.

III. Candidate should produce their identity cards and get their identities confirmed at every paper they sit when appearing for the examination.

(a) Actions will be taken to cancel the candidature in case a candidate fails to produce the identification documents at the examination hall and in case a candidate forgets to bring such documents into the examination hall, that fact should be brought to the notice of the supervisor and arrangements should be made to produce them before the examination ends.

(b) Every candidate should be in the examination hall during the examination period in such a way that his/her face should be clearly recognizable to display his/her identity in a clearly visible manner.

IV. Examination candidates should keep their ears openly and in a clearly visible manner so as to confirm that they are not using electronic communication instruments/ devices like Bluetooth.

V. No paper other than those issued at the examination hall should be used for answering questions. Excess paper and other materials should be left on your desk in good condition in a reusable manner.

VI. Examination candidates should bring their own pens, pencils, erasers, foot rulers, geometrical instruments, boxes of coloured pencils and boxes of coloured chalks, etc.

VII. When you start answering, you should promptly write down the Index Number clearly on the answer book used and each sheet of paper. Write answers clearly and legibly on both sides of the paper. You should leave at least a single blank line after providing the answer to a part of a question before starting to answer the next part of such question. You should provide answers in a fresh page for each question.

VIII. The left-hand margin of the answer sheet is set apart to enter the question number Since the right-hand margin is reserved for the examiner's use, nothing should be written there actions should be taken to number the question you answered correctly as incorrect numbering leads to confusion.

IX. When mathematical questions are answered, give all details of calculations and any rough work in their serial order as part of the solving of the sum. The sketches and diagrams drawn in the relevant places should be accurate and sufficiently large.

X. You should read carefully the instructions given at the head of the questions paper with regard to the compulsory questions and the other questions which should be selected. Marks will not be granted for answers provided disregarding the given instructions in the question paper.

XI. At the end of answering for each question, in addition to the answer book use, the answer sheets should be collected according to the page number and then should be tied/ attached at the top left-hand corner in a non-detachable manner. Make sure whether you have attached all the answer sheets prior to handing over the answer script. Any answer sheet taken out of the examination centre will not be evaluated after the handing over of such answer scripts.

XII. Your answer scrip should be handed over to the examination supervisor or to an officer of his/her staff. You should remain in your seat until the answer scripts are collected. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your answer script and your being treated as an absentee for a certain subject.

XIII. If it becomes necessary for you to speak to the examination supervisor or an officer of his/her staff due to a certain matter. you should sing him by tapping two times on the desk without disturbing others.

Commissioner General of the Examinations.

At the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.
Pellawatta,
Battaramulla.

Post - Vacant

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Open Recruitment to the Post of Legal Officer (Executive Officer Service Category Grade III) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism - 2025

Applications are hereby called from citizens of Sri Lanka who possess the qualifications specified in this notification for filling three (03) vacancies in the post of Legal Officer, Grade III of the Executive Service Category of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism.

1. Method of Recruitment

Recruitment shall be made from among the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications specified in this notification, on the results of a Structured Interview for Evaluation of Merit conducted by an Interview Board appointed by the Public Service Commission. The interview shall be conducted in accordance with the marking scheme approved by the Public Service Commission. (As specified under Paragraph 06) Appointments shall take effect from the date determined by the Public Service Commission.

2. Required Qualifications

I. Educational/ Professional Qualifications

Having been sworn in as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

II. Experience

Applicants shall have obtained not less than three (03) years of active professional experience as an Attorney-at-Law after having been sworn in as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court. (For the purpose of providing such active professional experience, documentary evidence indicating the period of service, together with the official seal of the certifying officer and the date of certification, shall be produced at the interview.)

or

Applicants shall have obtained not less than three (03) years* of experience in a legal post in a Government institution after having been sworn in as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court. Such experience shall be certified by the Secretary/ Head of Department/ Head of Institution. The relevant certificate shall also specify the minimum qualifications required for recruitment to the legal post/ posts* held by the applicant.

Note :

Copies of documents establishing the basic qualifications, duly certified by the applicant, shall be attached to the application. Applications unsupported by certificates clearly indicating the commencement and completion dates of service may be rejected without prior notice.

A "Legal Post" means a post which possession of a Law Degree or swearing in as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court is prescribed as a basic qualification for recruitment.

III. Physical Fitness

Every applicant shall possess the physical and mental fitness required to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform satisfactorily the duties attached to the post.

IV. Other Requirements

Applicants shall -

- be citizens of Sri Lanka;
- be of excellent moral character;
- have fulfilled all qualifications relating to educational and professional qualifications, experience, physical fitness and age, in every respect, as at the closing date of applications.

3. Age Limit

Applicants shall have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years and shall not have exceeded the age of forty-five (45) years as at the closing date of applications.

4. Salary Scale

This post carries the salary scale SL1-2025: Rs. 82,150 - 10 x 2,400 - 8 x 2,940 - 17 x 3,900 - Rs. 195,970/- (per month) in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025. Salary shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the said Circular and Schedule III thereto.

5. Terms and Conditions of Service

- This post is permanent and pensionable. The appointee shall be subject to any policy decisions that may be taken by the Government in future regarding the pension scheme. The officer shall contribute to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme or the Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme, as applicable, and shall make the prescribed contributions in accordance with Government regulations in force from time to time.

- II. Appointment shall be subject to a probation period of three (03) years. The officer shall pass the First Efficiency Bar Examination within three (03) years from the date of appointment, in accordance with the Scheme or Recruitment.
- III. The appointee shall acquire proficiency in the prescribed Official Language(s) in terms of the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 dated 16.10.2020 and the relevant circulars issued thereto.
- IV. The appointment shall be governed by the provisions of the revised Scheme of Recruitment approved by the Public Service Commission under No. PSC/EST/5/1/24/2/2012 and dated 31.05.2024 in respect of the post of Legal Officer of the Executive Service Category of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with any amendments made or to be made thereto, the general conditions governing appointments in the Public Service, the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission, the Establishment Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the Financial Regulations of the Government, departmental orders and circular instructions issued by the Government from time to time.
- V. The medium of language applied for shall not be changed subsequently. Eligibility for appointment shall be determined on the basis of the language medium indicated in the application.

6. Marking Scheme for the Structured Interview for Evaluation of Merit

Serial No.	Main Criteria for Awarding Marks	Marks	Maximum Marks																		
1	Additional Educational Qualifications (a) Postgraduate Degree in Law obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission (b) Postgraduates Diploma in Law obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or Post-Attorney Diploma awarded by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the Sri Lanka Law College. (c) LL.B Degree obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission with: • First Class Honours • Second Classs (Upper Division) Honours • Second Class (Lower Division) Honours • Pass Degree (d) First Class Pass at the Final Examination of the Sri Lanka Law College Second Class Pass at the Final Examination of the Sri Lanka Law College Note I : The above 05 marks shall be awarded only if the candidate has passed the Final Examination of the Sri Lanka Law College with Honours. Note II : Marks shall be awarded only for the highest qualifications.	25 20 15 10 07 05 10	25																		
2	Additional Professional Experience Preparation of pleadings and appearance before open court <table><tr><th>Court</th><th>Preparation/ Filling of Case Documents (Per case)</th><th>Appearance and Oral Submissions before Court (per case)</th></tr><tr><td>Supreme Court</td><td>03</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>Court of Appeal</td><td>03</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>High Court/ Commercial High Court/ Civil Appellate High Court</td><td>02</td><td>02</td></tr><tr><td>District Court/ Magistrate's Court</td><td>02</td><td>02</td></tr><tr><td>Tribunal</td><td>02</td><td>02</td></tr></table>	Court	Preparation/ Filling of Case Documents (Per case)	Appearance and Oral Submissions before Court (per case)	Supreme Court	03	04	Court of Appeal	03	04	High Court/ Commercial High Court/ Civil Appellate High Court	02	02	District Court/ Magistrate's Court	02	02	Tribunal	02	02		35
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Serial No.	Main Criteria for Awarding Marks	Marks	Maximum Marks
	Note : Applicants shall produce certified copies of the relevant judgments or a certified copy of the relevant case record indicating the last date on which the case was taken up before court, as proof of the above experience, at the interview.		
3	Language Proficiency (a) Degree obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission with English as a major subject 15 (b) Demonstrated proficiency in English at recognized international or national Moot Court Competitions. 12 Individual Competitions - First Place/ Best Oralist - 12 marks - Second Place - 10 marks - Third Place / Other Merit Award - 08 marks Group Competitions - First Place/ Best Team - 10 marks - Second Place - 08 marks - Third Place / Other Merit Award - 06 marks (c) Diploma in English obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission, or an SLQF Level 3 or above Diploma in English awarded by another recognized institution, or a Diploma in English obtained after successfully completing a course comprising not less than 1,500 learning hours conducted by a Government training institution or an institution affiliated to a Government training institution. 10 (d) Distinction Pass in English at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination or Edexcel/ Cambridge Advanced Level Examination, or an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component, obtained within two (02) years immediately preceding the closing date of applications, or TOEFL IBT score of 79 or above, TOEFL CBT score of 213 or above, or TOEFL PBT score of 550 or above. 08 (e) Higher Certificate in English awarded by a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or an SLQF Level 2 Certificate in English awarded by another recognized institution. 05 <i>Note :</i> Marks shall be awarded only for the highest qualification.		15
4	Knowledge of Information Technology (a) Having studied Information Technology or Computer Science as a major subject for a degree at a university recognized by the University Grants Commission. 10 (b) Diploma in Information and Communication Technology Law obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission, the Sri Lanka Law College, or another Government-recognized professional institution. 08		10

Serial No.	Main Criteria for Awarding Marks	Marks	Maximum Marks
	(c) Diploma in Computer Science or Information Technology obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission, or an NVQ Level 5 or above Diploma in Computer Science or Information Technology obtained from another recognized institution.	05	
	(d) Certificates obtained upon completion of courses or training programmes in the field of Information and Communication Technology Law conducted by a University recognized by the University Grants Commission, the Sri Lanka Law College, or another Government-recognized professional institution (02 mark for each certificate, subject to a maximum of two certificates)	04	
	Note : Marks shall be awarded only for the highest qualifications.		
5	Performance at the Interview Marks shall be awarded based on the candidate's responses to questions designed to assess the following competencies required for the effective discharge of the duties attached to the post: • General knowledge and intellectual ability - 05 marks • Knowledge of contemporary development in the field of law - 05 marks • Ability to express ideas clearly and personality - 05 marks		15
	Total		100

7. Identity of Applicants

- Only those applicants who have submitted duly completed applications in all respects shall be called for the Structured Interview for the Evaluation of Merit.
- Applicants shall produce the original copies of all certificates together with copies thereof duly certified by the applicant at the interview.
- The following documents shall be accepted for the Purpose of establishing the Identity of applicants at the interview.
 - (i) A valid National Identity Card issued by the Commissioner General for Registration of Persons.
 - (ii) A valid Passport.

8. Method of Submission of Applications

- (i) Applications shall be sent under registered post to reach the following address on or before **2026.09.14**. Applications received after the closing date shall be rejected.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,
Republic Building,
Colombo 01.

- (ii) A specimen application form is appended to this notification. Applications shall be prepared on A4 size paper, with the first page containing Items 1 to 3, the second page containing Items 4 to 8, and the third page containing Items 9 to 11, and shall be completed in the Applicant's own handwriting.
- (iii) The words '**Recruitment to the Post of Legal Officer, Grade III**' shall be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application.
- (iv) The signature of the Applicant appearing on the application shall be attested by one of the following persons:

the Principal of a Government School; a retired Government Officer, the Grama Niladhari of the Applicant's division; a Justice of the Peace; a Commissioner for Oaths; an Attorney-at-Law; a Notary Public; a Commissioned Officer of the Tri-Forces; a permanent Staff Grade Officer in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service; the Chief Incumbent or Head Priest of a Buddhist Temple; or a member of the clergy holding a distinguished position in charge of a place of worship of any other religion.

(v) Officers presently serving in the Public Service or the Provincial Public Service shall forward their application through the Head of the Department in which they are serving.

(vi) Applications which do not conform to the specimen application form appended to this notification shall be rejected. No complaints regarding loss or delay of applications in transit shall be entertained.

9. Furnishing False Information

If any information furnished in the application is found to be false or incorrect prior to recruitment, the candidature of the applicant shall be cancelled. If any such false or

incorrect information is detected after appointment, the Officer shall be liable to dismissal from service, subject to the applicable disciplinary procedures.

10. The final decision as to whether all, part, or none of the vacancies shall be filled shall vest with the Public Service Commission.

11. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy among the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this *Gazette* Notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

12. Any matter not provided for in this notification or any issue arising in connection with this recruitment process shall be decided by the Public Service Commission, and its decision shall be final.

By order of the Public Service Commission,

**Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and
Tourism,
Republic Building,
Colombo 01,**

Specimen Application Form

Open Recruitment to the Post of Legal Officer (Executive Officer Service Category Grade III) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism - 2025

(For office use only)

Please write the appropriate number in the box)

Sinhala - 2/ Tamil - 3/ English - 04

Note : The medium of application cannot be changed later.

- 1.0 1.1 Name in Full (Mr/Mrs/Miss) :
(in Sinhala/ Tamil)
- 1.2 Name in Full :
(In English block capitals)
- 1.3 Name with Initials (Mr/Mrs/Miss) :
(in Sinhala/ Tamil)
(Eg : K. M. T. Balasuriya (Mr./Mrs./Miss))

1.4 Name with initials :
(in English block capitals)

2.0 2.1 Permanent Address :
(In Sinhala/ Tamil)

2.2 Permanent Address :
(in English block capitals)

3.0 3.1 Gender : Male 0 Female 1 (Write the relevant number in the box)

3.2 Civil status : Married 1 (Write the relevant number in the box)
Unmarried 2

3.3 Date of Birth : Year: Month : Date :

3.4 Age as at 14.09.2026 : Year : Month : Date :

3.5 National Identity Card Number :

4.0 Telephone Number : Fixed

: Mobile

5.0 Educational Qualifications :

5.1 Degree	Institution	Date
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6.0 Date of taking oaths as an Advocate of the Supreme Court :

6.1 Date of completion of 03 years of experience after taking oath in the Supreme Court :

6.2 Date of completion of 03 years of experience in a legal position in a public institution :

* Certificates/ documents providing basic qualifications should be certified as true by the applicant himself and submitted with the application.

7.0 Details regarding each qualification under No. 06 of the Call for Applications Notice :

7.1 Additional Educational Qualifications

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7.2 Additional Professional Experience

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7.3 Language Proficiency

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7.4 Proficiency in Information

Technology

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* Documents providing additional qualifications do not need to be sent with the application, and it is the applicant's responsibility to keep such documents ready for presentation at the interview.

8.0 Have you ever been convicted of any charge by a Court of Law?

(If yes, explain)

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9.0 Declaration of the Applicant :

I do hereby declare that the particulars furnished by me are true and accurate, that all sections have been duly completed, that if the statement made by me is found to be false, I am aware that I will be disqualified before appointment and liable to dismissal after appointment, and that I will abide by all the rules and regulations.

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Signature of Applicant.

Date :

10.0 Attestation of the Signature of the Applicant :

I do hereby certify that Mr./Mrs./Miss who is forwarding this application is known to me personally and that he/she placed his/her signature before me on

.....,

Signature of the officer attesting.

Name in Full :

Designation :

Date :

(Please confirm by placing the official stamp)

11.0 Certificate of the Head of the Department (Only for candidates who are already in the Public Service)

I hereby certify that Mr./Mrs./Miss whose details are mentioned above, is working in this institution, that the information provided by him/her is correct, that his/her attendance are satisfactory, that there is no charge against him/her, and that he/she may be released from the service of this institution if selected for this post.

.....,
Signature of Head of Department/ Institution.

Name :

Designation :

Address :

Date :

(Please confirm by placing the official stamp)

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SRI LANKA POLICE

Applications are invited for Posts in the Police Support Service of the Sri Lanka Police

WITH reference to the notice published in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2497 dated 10.07.2026, Part I, Section II (A), under the heading "Notices", appearing on pages 15 to 37, the closing date for accepting applications has been extended until 14.09.2026.

PRIYANTHA WEERASOORIYA,
Inspector General of Police.

Done at Police Headquarters,
Colombo 02,
on this 06th day of August 2026.

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Examinations, Results of Examinations & c.

SRI LANKA RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Posts of Transport Costing Officer- Grade III in the Associate Officer Service Category in Sri Lanka Railway Department – 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited from the qualified Sri Lankan citizens for the Open Competitive Examination for the recruitment to the Grade III in the posts of Transport Costing Officer in the Associate Officer Service Category in Sri Lanka Railway Department.

- 1.1 By this Examination, recruitment will be made to the Grade III in the post of Transport Costing Officer in the Associate Officer Service Category in Sri Lanka Railway Department.
- 1.2 The closing date of calling application is on 14/09/2026.

Note: The complaints that an application or a related letter is lost or delayed in the post will not be considered. The applicants themselves should be liable for any loss or damage incurred due to delay in submitting applications till the last date.

Written Examination:

The examination will consist of two papers:

- i. Intelligence Test
- ii. Costing & Statistics

Date of Examination: This Examination will be held in the month of September 2026. The General Manager-Railways reserves the right to postpone or cancel this Examination.

02. It will be made 02 appointments. If there are candidates with equal marks exceeding the number of vacancies, the filling of vacancies will be decided by the order of the Public Service Commission as per the clause 91 in the Minutes of Procedural Rules.

03. Conditions of Service :

- 3.1 A selected candidate will be appointed to the Grade III in the service on the general conditions governing appointments in the Public Service and on the terms and conditions set out in the recruitment procedure in Associate Officer Service Category in Sri Lanka Railway Department, approved on 19.04.2016 by the

Public Service Commission No. PSC/EST/04-01-43/02/2015 and subject to any amendments made or to be made hereafter to that procedure, provisions in the establishment code and Financial Regulations and of the Minutes of procedural rules of the Public Service Commission published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2310/29 of 14.12.2022.

- 3.2 This post is permanent. You should be liable for any policy decision taken by the Government in future on the pension scheme you are entitled.
- 3.3 This post is subjected to a probation period of three years. The First Efficiency Bar Examination should be passed within 03 years from the date of appointment to the Grade III in the post Transport Costing Officer in Sri Lanka Railway Department as cited in the Recruitment Procedure.
- 3.4 It is required to achieve the proficiency of the due official language /languages within five years after the recruiting to the post, in terms of the provisions of the public Administration Circular No.01/2014 & consequent circulars.
- 3.5 The General Manager- Railways has authority to cancel the appointments of Candidates who fail to assume duty on the due date & or refuse or evade to take up duties in a post or in an area they are appointed.

04. Monthly Salary scale:

In terms of the schedule II of the public Administration circular 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025 the Salary scale relevant to this post is Rs.53,060-10 * 800 -11 *1,190 -10 *1,320 - -5*1,350 - Rs.94,100 / = (MN-4 - 2025). You will be paid salary as per the provisions of the said circular as mentioned in schedule III thereof. In addition to this, you will also be entitled to other allowances given by the Government to the Government Officers from time to time.

05. Recruitment qualifications/ experience :

- i. Be a citizen in Sri Lanka
- ii. Have a sound moral character
- iii. Be physically & mentally fit to serve in any part in the island

(a) Educational Qualifications

- i. Having obtained a degree with one of the subjects; Commerce, Business Management, Information Technology, Economics, Statistics, Cost Management, Mathematics, Science from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission.
- or
- ii. Having experience of 02 years in Cost Management with a degree in any stream from a recognized university.

Note - The effective date of the degree must be on or before the closing date for applications.

Age:

Applicants must be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age and not more than thirty-five (35) years of age as at the closing date for applications.

Other:

- (i.) All the qualifications required for recruitment to the post as mentioned above must be fulfilled in every aspect as at the closing date of receipt of applications mentioned in the notification of calling applications / Gazette /web site.
- (ii.) No person ordained in religious sect shall be permitted to sit this examination.

06. Examination Fee:

The examination fee is Rs. 1,200.00. It can be paid at any People's Bank branch in the island as on the last date of receipt of applications in favour of the General Manager of Railways, Mid-City Branch, People's Bank Account No. 176-1001090-27314. The receipt issued for this purpose should be affixed indelibly in the prescribed place on the application form. Money orders or stamps will not be replaced for the examination fee. The examination fee will not be refunded or transferred to another examination under any circumstance. It may be useful to keep a photocopy of the receipt.

07. Application Method:

- (a) The application should be in accordance with the specimen form of application attached to this announcement, and it should be prepared on both sides of the paper on an A4 size paper with the headings 1.0 to 2.12 on the first page and 3.0 to 7.0 on the second page. Computerized/ typewritten applications can also be used for this purpose. The information mentioned in the application should be filled in clearly with your own handwriting,

and as applications that do not conform to the specimen form of application or those with incomplete information will be rejected without notice, it should be considered to re-check whether it conforms to the specimen form of application annexed in the examination notification and whether the application has been duly completed by including all the information and to check whether the details have been entered in the application form and pasted the receipt, before submitting the application. It may also be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application form and a photocopy of the receipt of payment of the examination fee.

- (b) The applicant must complete the application in the language in which he/she intends to sit for the examination. When preparing the application, it is essential to mention the name of the examination in English language as well, in applications prepared in both Sinhala and Tamil media.

- (c) The duly completed application for the examination should be sent to the following address by registered post to be received on or before 24.08.2026. The envelope containing the application should be clearly marked "**Open Examination for Recruitment to the post of Transport Costing Officer - Grade III in Sri Lanka Railways - 2026**". No any application received after that date will be entertained.

General Manager - Railways,
Sri Lanka Railway Department,
P.O. Box 355,
Olcott Mawatha,
Colombo 10.

- (d) The applicant's signature on the application form and on the admission card for the examination must be attested by a Principal of a Government school, a Justice in Peace, a Commissioner for Oaths, an Attorney-at-law, a Notary Public, a commissioned Officer of the Tri-Forces, an Officer holding a Gazetted post in the Police Service or a Staff Grade Officer holding a permanent post in the Government whose monthly salary is more than Rs. 71,240.00.
- (e) Any applications which is not complete in every aspect is liable to be rejected. No complaint that an application has been lost or delayed will be considered.

- (f) Receipt of applications will not be acknowledged. As soon as the admission cards are issued to the candidates, a notice will be published on the website of the Sri Lanka Railways; www.railway.gov.lk stating the same. If the admission card is not received even after 2 or 3 days of such a notification, steps should be taken to inform to the Sri Lanka Railway Department as mentioned in the notice. In such notification, it should be mentioned the title of the Examination, full name of the candidate, National Identity Card Number and the address. In case of applicants outside Colombo, a letter of request furnishing a WhatsApp number to which the admission card should be forwarded to the fax number cited in the notification with the object of sending a photocopy of the admission card by fax. In the instance of such an enquiry it would be advisable to keep photocopies of the application form, the receipt of payment of the Examination fee and receipt of registration post at your possession.

08. Entrance to the examination:

- (a) The General Manager of Railways will issue admission cards on the prior assumption that only the qualifiers have applied as per the *Gazette* Notification, to candidates who have submitted duly completed applications along with the relevant receipt after payment of the examination fee on or before the last date of receipt of applications. Any candidate who fails to produce his admission card will not be permitted to sit the examination.
- (b) A Candidate must sit the Examination at the examination hall assigned to him. Every candidate presenting himself for the examination must produce his admission card on which his signature has been attested, to the supervisor of the Examination center on the first day. The candidate must use the same National Identity Card Number as mentioned in his application form in the Examination Hall. If any other number is entered, the results of that candidate will be suspended. A set of rules to be observed by all candidates is published in this *Gazette*. Candidates are subjected to rules & regulations imposed by the General Manager-Railways on conducting the Examination. He is liable to a Punishment imposed by the General Manager- Railways for breach of these rules.

Note :- The issue of an admission card to a candidate does not mean that he/she has fulfilled the requisite qualifications for an appointment or to sit the examination.

09) Identity of candidates: -

A candidate will be required to prove his identity at the Examination Hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each subject he sits for. For this purpose, any of the following documents will be accepted.

- National Identity card issued by the Department of Registration of persons
- Valid passport
- Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Candidates must also enter the examination hall without covering their faces and ears so that their identity can be verified. Candidates who refuse to do so will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, candidates must remain without covering their faces and ears so that the examination authorities can identify them from the moment they enter the examination hall until the examination is over and they leave.

10. Penalty for providing false information

If any candidate is found to be ineligible to appear for this examination in accordance with the regulations applicable to it, his or her candidature may be cancelled at any instance before, during or after the examination.

11. Any matter not provided for in these regulations will be dealt with as determined by the General Manager-Railways

12. Examination method and examination medium

- The examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium.
- The candidate should sit the examination in the language in which he passed the qualifying degree examination or in an official language.
- The candidate who has passed subjects at the qualifying degree examination in more than one language, should sit the examination in the language in which he passed the majority of subjects at such examination or in an official language.
- The candidate with a special degree who has passed the principle subject in one language and the subsidiary subject in another language should sit the examination in the language in which he passed the principle subject or in official language.

Note –

- The term "qualifying degree" in (b) and (c) above refers to the degree qualification referred to in paragraph 5 (a).

- ii. A candidate must sit all the papers in the examination in one and the same language.
- iii. A candidate will not be allowed to change the language medium of the examination indicated in the application.

recruitments will be made in the order of highest scoring.

- (ii) The Structured Interview Board will be appointed by the General Manager - Railways and the date of the interview will be decided by the General Manager -Railways.

13. Scheme of Recruitment:

13.1 Written examination

A written examination will be conducted with two (02) papers for the following subjects. The subjects and the minimum marks required to pass each subject are as follows.

Subject	Maximum Marks	Minimum Passing Marks
01. Intelligence test	100	40
02. Costing and Statistics	100	40

Candidates must sit for all papers.

Written examination syllabus:

01. Intelligence test

A question paper consisting of 50 multiple choice and short answer questions designed to test the candidate's language skills, logical ability, decision-making ability and mathematical skills. All questions must be answered (Time 01 hour).

02. Costing and Statistics:

- (i) Utilizing costing methods in making management decisions.
- (ii) Identifying material, labour and overhead costs.
- (iii) Analysis
- (iv) Utilizing costing methods and costing theories such as variable cost, fixed cost, direct and indirect cost, long-term and short-term cost, economic cost, etc.
- (v) Providing statistical information for management decision making and cost and financial analysis.
- (vi) A short answer and structured type question paper to assess the knowledge of data collection, analysis and statistical predictions. All questions must be answered (Time - 03 hours).

13.2 Structured Interview:

- (i.) A number of candidates equivalent to twice the number of vacancies out of the candidates who passed the written examination will be called for a structured interview in order of merit, and here

- (iii.) The main headings for awarding marks are as follows.

	Main Headings of awarding marks	Maximum Marks
01	Additional educational qualifications	10
02	Professional Qualifications	20
03	Experience	25
04	Knowledge of Information Technology	20
05	English language proficiency	20
06	Skills demonstrated at the interview	05
	Total	100

Note - When awarding marks under experience, marks will be awarded in the structured interview only for additional experience in addition to the 02 years considered for recruitment, when recruiting based on the qualifications specified under 5 (a) (ii). The said experience is considered for the period prior to the closing date of the Applications.

N.B.: Facing the structured interview should not necessarily mean that the candidate has fulfilled the requisite qualifications to receive an appointment.

14. The Sri Lanka Railways Department will take steps to personally inform all candidates who sat for the examination of the results or to publish them on the website www.railway.gov.lk.

15. If there is any discrepancy or inconsistency between the texts of this notification published in the Sinhala, Tamil and English media, the Sinhala notification shall prevail.

RAVINDRA PATHMAPRIYA,
General Manager - Railways.

Sri Lanka Railway Department,
P.O. Box 355, Olcott Mawatha,
Colombo 10,
On 29th July, 2026.

(For office use only)

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Grade III in the Post of Transport Costing Officer in the Associate Officer Service Category in Sri Lanka Railway Department – 2026

1.0 Medium
Language Medium of Examination

Sinhala - 2

Tamil - 3

English - 4

(Write the relevant number in the cage)

The application form should be in the Language Medium in which the candidate intends to sit the Examination.

2.0 Personal Particulars :

2.1 Name in Full (In English Block Capitals):-
(Ex.: HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE SAMAN KUMARA GUNAWARDHANA)

2.2 Name in Full: (In Sinhala/ Tamil):

2.3 Name with Initials (English): (Ex: KARUNARATHNE, H.M.S.K) :

2.4. Name With Initials (In Sinhala/ Tamil):

2.5 Permanent address (In English Block Capitals):
[Admission Card will be posted to this address]

2.6 Gender :- [Please write the relevant number in the cage]

Female - 1

Male - 2

2.7 National Identity Card Number:

2.8 Civil status: - [Please write the relevant number in the cage]

Unmarried – 1

Married – 2

2.9 Ethnicity (Sinhala – 1 , Tamil – 2, Indian Tamil – 3, Muslims – 4, Others – 5)
[Please write the relevant Number in the cage]

2.10 Date of Birth: Year : Month : Date :

2.11 Age as at the date of calling for application.

Years : Months :

Days :

2.12 Mobile Number:

3.0 Date of Graduation : -
University / Institute : -
Registration Number : -
Internal / External : -
Degree :-
Subjects :-
Class :-
Upper/ Lower : -
Effective Date of Degree : -
Language Medium of Examination : -

4.0 Payment of Examination Fee:

Examination Fee

- i) Branch of People's Bank at which the fee was paid
ii) Amount paid
iii) Date of payment

Paste the original copy of the receipt of the deposit here. (It is advisable to keep a photocopy of the receipt with you)

5.0 Declaration of the Candidate :-

I hereby declare that all the particulars furnished by me in this application are true & accurate to best of my knowledge & I have pasted the receipt. I agree to follow the rules & regulations in this Examination & if it is found to be disqualified as per the Service Minute recruitment inclusive of the Provisions on the Examination, I am liable to be cancelled my candidature prior or during or after the examination. Further, I am liable to follow the rules & regulations, imposed by the General Manager- Railways.

Date: -

.....,
Signature of the applicant

6.0 Attestation of the candidate's Signature (Be in terms of the 7(d) in the *Gazette* Notification.)

I do hereby certify that the applicant(Full Name) is personally known by me & the relevant examination fee has been paid & pasted the receipt & placed his signature in my presence on

.....
Date

.....,
Signature of the Attester

Full Name of the Attester: -

Designation: -

Address: -

(Must attest by an official stamp)

7.0 Recommendation of the Head of the Institution: - (Only for the candidates who are in Government /Local Governments /State Corporations.)

I do hereby certify that the applicant Mr./Mrs./Miss is serving as a in this Ministry /Department /Institute & forward his/her application with my recommendation. He can /cannot be released from the service, if he has been selected.

.....,
Signature of the Head of the Department.

Name: -
Designation: -
Date: -
(Must attest by an official stamp)

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DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, SRI LANKA

Catholic Dharmacharya Certificate Examination – 2026

STATUTE AND SYLLABUS

APPLICATIONS are hereby called for Catholic Dharmacharya Certificate Examination for year 2024 and 2025, and arrangements have been made to conduct the examination in the month of November 2026.

2. Examination Centers: - Examination centers will be established in each district as per the Schedule 01 according to the number of applicants. If there is no sufficient number of applicants for an examination center, such centers will be cancelled and the relevant candidates will be directed to a nearby examination center.

3. Language Medium: - This examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages. However, a candidate will be allowed to appear only in one language medium according to his/her consent.

4. Qualifications: - All applicants applying for this examination should have acquired at least one of the following qualifications.

4.1 Should have passed Catholic Daham Pasal Final Certificate Examination conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.

4.2 Should have passed Dharmacharya Examination or Dharmacharya Special Examination or Honors in Dharmacharya Examination conducted by the National Catechetical Center.

4.3 Should have passed G.C.E. (A.L.) Examination conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka with three subjects including either Christianity or Christian Civilization.

4.4 Should have passed 06 subjects in G.C.E. (O.L.) Examination including Credit Pass for Catholicism

in not more than two sittings or should have passed Senior School Certificate Examination or National General Certificate in Education with Credit Pass for Catholicism in not more than two sittings and be a teacher with the experience in teaching for not less than one year in a Catechism School registered under the Department of Christian Religious Affairs.

Note :- All applicants should submit application with the affirmation of the Head Teacher of Catechism Schools approved by the Department of Christian Religious Affairs or with the affirmation of Parish Priest of respective mission as to the candidate has acquired at least one of the qualifications stipulated in para 4 above.

5. Method of Application :-

5.1 These applications which should be submitted only through the Head of the registered Catechism Schools have been sent to the Catechism Schools by post. Application can also be downloaded from the department's web site www.donets.lk

5.2 Applicants will not be permitted to appear as external candidates. However, applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications in Para 4 above may apply for the examination by paying an examination fee of Rs. 200/- through the Catechism School nearest to the applicant's residence. Instructions in this regard will be sent to the Heads of all Catechism Schools.

5.3 Name of the applicant in the application should be written in accordance with the name mentioned in the birth certificate of the applicant and apart from printing errors, the requests for name revisions will not be considered after issuing results. Information given in applications should be clear and accurate. Applications submitted contrary to the instructions will be rejected without any notification.

5.4 Computer number assigned for the Catechism School and the address should be accurately

mentioned and changes in the address of Catechism School should be informed with the contact number which will be convenient to contact the Head Teacher of the Catechism School.

5.5 The Head Teacher or Parish Priest certifying the application and applicant's qualifications will be responsible for the attestation in this regard.

5.6 The closing date of applications will be **14th of September, 2026**. Applications should reach the Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examinations Organization Branch, Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before the closing date.

6. *Examination Fee:-* The prescribed examination fee for this examination will be Rs. 200/-. Applicants appearing for this examination for the first time are exempted from the examination fee. The examination fee for an under passed subject will be Rs.50/-.

6.1. Payment of examination fee: - Examination fees of all applicants of the respective Catechism School should be collected by the principal and should be paid through any Post Office on the island to be credited to the revenue head 20-03-02-13 of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka and the receipt obtained for the total payment should be firmly affixed to the application. (Keeping a photocopy of the receipt may be useful.)

6.2. Examination fee paid for this examination will not be refunded or transferred to any other examination.

7. *Admission Card:-* The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue an Admission Card for each candidate applied for this examination to receive through the Head Teacher of the respective Catechism School who has submitted applications.

7.1 Candidates appearing for this examination should handover their duly attested Admission Cards to the Supervisor of the Examination at the initial moment of appearing for the examination. The candidacy of any applicant who refrains from handing over the Admission Card or appearing for the examination in an examination center where the Commissioner General of Examinations has not assigned for the candidate will be suspended.

7.2 The signature of the candidate in the Admission Card should be attested by the Head Teacher of

Catechism School or the Parish Priest of respective mission.

7.3 If the admission card is not received before 07 days to the scheduled date of the examination should be notified in that regard to the Commissioner General of Examinations by the respective Head Teacher of the Catechism School without any delay. Such notices should carry the following details together with a photocopy of registration receipt.

1. Name of the examination
2. Name of the Catechism School
3. Address of Religious School
4. Computer number assigned for the Catechism School
5. Full name of the applicant
6. Examination center/ town applied

8. *Identity:-* Candidates should be in a position to prove their identity to the Supervisor of the Examination when appearing for each paper. Any of the following documents would be sufficient in this regard.

- National Identity Card
- Valid passport
- Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears in order to prove their identity. Further, any Candidates who refuses to assist for proving his/her identity will not be allowed to enter the examination hall. The candidates should remain the examination hall from the time of entering to the time of leaving the examination hall without covering face and ears enabling the examination authorities to identify the candidate.

9. Pass marks and issuing of results :-

9.1 Number of prescribed subjects of this examination is five and candidates should pass all five subjects to receive pass grade. However, if a candidate failed only in one subject out of the total five subjects will be considered as an underpass candidate. The underpass subject should be passed by the candidate within three (3) consecutive examinations from the initial sitting. To complete the underpass subject, the candidates should appear for the underpass subject only.

9.2 Each question paper of each subject carries 100 marks and the marks range, grading and relevant symbol given for passing stages are as follows.

Marks Range	Grade	Symbol
0-34	Failure	F
35-54	Pass	S
55-69	Credit Pass	C
70-100	Distinction Pass	D

9.3 Results schedules of the candidates will be sent by post to the Heads of the Catechism Schools.

10. *Certificates:-* Action will be taken by the Department of Examinations to issue a certificate to those who pass this examination. The relevant certificates will be sent by post to the Head Teacher of the Catechism School by the Department of Examinations. Any candidate who has passed the examination and have not received a certificate should inquire from the Department of Examinations through a letter signed by addressed to the Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examinations Results Branch, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

11. *Answer scripts re-scrutiny:-* Re-scrutiny of answer scripts will be permitted only on a request by the Head Teacher of the Catechism School. Requests for re-scrutiny may be submitted by a specimen form issued by the Department of Examinations within 14 days from issuing of results. Charges in this regard would be revised from time to time and the prescribed charges

will be mentioned in the application. The applicants or their representatives will not be given permission under any circumstance to check the answer sheets.

12. *Details of the Examination:-* This examination will be comprising with five (5) papers. The allotted time for each paper will be three (3) hours. The question papers are as follows.

1. The Holy Bible
2. Liturgy and Sacraments
3. The Church History (Global and Sri Lanka Context)
4. Catechism
5. Social Doctrine of the Church

13. Structure of the question paper: -

- Each question paper will comprise three parts, i.e. Part I, Part II, Part III.
- Part I will comprise 10 questions requiring short answers and all questions should be answered.

Four (4) marks will be given for each question. (Marks 4 X 10 = 40)

- Part II will comprise five (5) structured questions of which four (4) questions should be answered as per preference. Each question will carry twelve (12) marks. (Marks 12 X 4 = 48)
- Part III will comprise with 2 essay type questions. Only one question should be answered as per preference. Twelve (12) marks will be given for this part. (Marks 12 X 1 = 12)

14. *Syllabus and Proto type question papers:-* Forward your queries to “Director, National Catechetic Center, Balcombe Place, Kotta Road, Colombo 08 or to the contact number 0112685459 with regard to the Catholic Dharmacharya Certificate Examination scheduled to be organized and conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.

15. All applicants of the examination are bound by the regulations of this statute and syllabus sheet and any other fact not regulated herein shall be determined according to the discretion of the Commissioner General of Examinations.

16. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

A. K. S. INDIKA KUMARI LIYANAGE,
Commissioner General of Examinations,
On the 14th of August, 2026,
At the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

SCHEDULE 01

District/ Town Number	District/ Town
01	Colombo
02	Gampaha
03	Kalutara
04	Kandy
05	Matale
06	Nuwara Eliya
07	Galle
08	Matara
09	Hambantota
10	Jaffna

<i>District/ Town Number</i>	<i>District/ Town</i>
11	Mannar
12	Vavuniya
13	Mullaitivu
14	Kilinochchi
15	Batticaloa
16	Ampara
17	Trincomalee
18	Kurunegala
19	Puttalam
20	Anuradhapura
21	Polonnaruwa
22	Badulla
23	Monaragala
24	Ratnapura
25	Kegalle

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

First, Second and Third Efficiency Bar Examinations Prescribed for the Development Officers' Service - 2024(II)2025

Paragraph 5.0 of the examination notification for the "First, Second and Third Efficiency Bar Examinations prescribed for the Development Officers' Service - 2024(II)" published in the *Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2,458 dated 10.10.2025 is hereby amended as follows.

5.0 New applicants must be completed the application for this examination via online. For that, the relevant examination application can be completed by visiting the official website of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration www.slida.lk and using the "Apply for Examinations" extension. The last date for receipt of applications is extended to 04th of September, 2026 and the completion of the examination application can be done only between 8.00 am on 15th of August 2026 and 12.00 midnight on 04th of September 2026. This examination will be held in November 2026.

Furthermore, candidates who previously submitted

applications for this examination please be informed that you can access the system directly via the extension <https://examinationportal.slida.lk/app/applied-exams> and obtain information about the application status using the user account you have created.

The application status is defined as follows:

- I. Approved - The application has been approved and no further action is required.
- II. Draft - Any deficiencies or incomplete information in the application should be revised and resubmitted.
- III. Reject - The application has been rejected, and for the reasons stated in the system.
 - a. Payment related issues - Submit a confirmation of correct payment (photocopy of payment receipt) to doeb2025@slida.gov.lk by e-mail with the name and appointment number (e.g. - A. B. C. D. Perera - CS/DOS/00001) as the subject.
 - b. Applications submitted by selecting the wrong examination - Applications should be submitted by selecting the correct examination again and submit a new application along with the previously paid receipt. (eg. Grade I officers of the Development Officer Service III Efficiency Bar Examination, Grade II officers of the Development Officer Service II Efficiency Bar Examination, Grade III officers of the Development Officer Service I Efficiency Bar Examination).
 - c. Promotion related issues - Officers who have not been promoted cannot apply under the relevant P.S.C. Circular No. 02/2023.

Inquiries regarding technical issues arising during the submission process of this new application can be made through the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration's telephone numbers 011-4513368 and 011-4513366.

If you have any additional questions related to the examination, please call the phone numbers below and submit your concerns.

- Appointment No. CS/DOS/00001 - CS/DOS/52500 and above CS/DOS/A/90000:011-2673560 (Development Officers recruited before 2020.01.01)

- Appointment No. CS/DOS/52501 - CS/
DOS/90000:011-2684223 (Development Officers
recruited on and after 2020.01.01)

N. U. NISHAN MENDIS,
Director General of Combined
Services.

02. It is hereby announced that the others provisions mentioned in the *Gazette* Notification No. 2,458 dated **10.10.2025** will remain in force and Application Status Approved Officers will not need to submit their applications again due to this amendment.

Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils &
Local Government,
Independence Square,
Colombo 07,
31st of July, 2026.

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