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PART I: SECTION (I) – GENERAL

Government Notifications

Minute of the Combined Drivers' Service for Motor Vehicle Drivers in the Public Service

Amendment No. 01

THE Service Minute of the Combined Drivers' Service for Motor Vehicle Drivers in the Public Service, published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1875/39 dated August 15, 2014, and approved by the Public Service Commission on June 13, 2013, is hereby amended as follows All other matters and conditions mentioned therein remain unchanged.

On the order of the Public Service Commission

N.U. NISHAN MENDIS.

Director General of Combined Services,
Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and
Local Government.

19th December, 2025.



6.2 Combined Carder: 6839

For the purpose of grading promotions, Grade III, II, I and Special Grades shall be treated as belonging to combined cadre.

7.2.2.1 Educational Qualifications

Shall have passed six subjects in G.C.E. Ordinary Level with at least two credits including Sinhala/ Tamil language at not more than two sittings.

7.2.2.2 Professional Qualifications

(1) Shall possess a valid driving license for at least ‘C’ and ‘CI’ vehicle classes according to the old driving license classes issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic for driving motor cars and dual-purpose vehicles, or a valid driving license for at least ‘B’ class according to the new driving license, obtained at least 03 years prior to the date of recruitment.

7.2.2.3 Experience

Shall possess three years of experience as a vehicle driver after obtaining the driving license. (Experience shall be verified by certificates.)

7.2.4 Method of Recruitment

- I. By means of a written examination, a trade test, and a general interview.
- II. The marks obtained in the written examination shall not be added to the marks of the trade test.
- III. A number of candidates equal to the number of vacancies shall be called for the trade test.

7.2.4.1 Written Examination

- I. The written examination shall be conducted by an institution nominated by the Commissioner General of Examinations or the Appointing Authority.
- II. The written examination consists of 02 question papers, namely the Aptitude Test and the General Question Paper.
- III. *Aptitude Test* - A question paper consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions shall be provided, to be answered within a duration of 01 hour. Out of a total of 100 marks for the paper, a minimum of 40 marks or above must be obtained to pass.
- IV. *General Question Paper* - A question paper of 01 hour duration, consisting of multiple-choice and short-answer questions, will be provided to test the General Knowledge, knowledge on Road Rules, Road Signs, and Motor Mechanism. Out of a total of 100 marks for the paper, a minimum of 40 marks or above must be obtained to pass.
- V. To pass the written examination, a candidate must obtain 40 marks or above for each of the two question papers mentioned above.
- VI. Candidates who obtain the highest marks in the written examination will qualify for the trade test, based on the district population ratio and the number of available vacancies.

7.2.4.2 Trade Test

(The table currently included under this section is hereby removed.)

- I. A total of 20 marks shall be allocated for the trade test, and a minimum of 10 marks or above must be obtained to pass.
- II. In this test, driving proficiency shall be examined, including the practical application of knowledge on road rules and basic knowledge of motor mechanism.

7.2.4.2.1 Authority conducting the Trade Test

The Director General of Combined Services shall approve the composition of the Trade Test Board as follows:-

The trade test shall be conducted by an interview board consisting of not less than three members, comprising the following officers:-

- (I) An officer of Executive Level from a Ministry or a Department, as a representative;
- (II) An Examiner of Motor Vehicles from the Department of Motor Traffic;
- (III) An officer from the Police Traffic Division.

7.2.4.3.1 Appointing authority of the general interview board

Director General of Combined Services

13. Absorption as per the Grading system

- II. Officers who have satisfied the qualifications for promotion to Class II 'A' of the Combined Drivers' Service shall be absorbed into Grade II.

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