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Government Notifications

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THE JUDICATURE ACT, No. 2 OF 1978

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978.

HARSHANA NANAYAKKARA,
Minister of Justice and National Integration.

Colombo,
28th May, 2025.

Regulations

The Justices of the Peace (Appointment, Suspension, Cancellation and Code of Conduct) Regulations No. 3 of 2023 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2360/22 of November 27, 2023 and subsequently amended by Regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2371/13 of February 13, 2024 are hereby further amended as follows, without prejudice to any appointment already made under such regulations or anything done thereunder :-



(1) in regulation 2 thereof -

(a) By the substitution for the words "appointed as a Justice of the Peace, shall :-" of the words "appointed as a Justice of the Peace for an administrative district, shall :-";

(b) By the repeal of paragraph (b) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following:-

"(b) be not below the age of thirty years and not above the age of Seventy-five years;"

(c) by the repeal of paragraph (i) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following :-

"(i) be a person who has passed six subjects at the G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination in one sitting with two Credit passes one for Sinhala or Tamil language and the other for any other subject; and";

(2) by the insertion immediately after regulation 2 thereof of the following new regulation:-

"(2A) A person eligible to be appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the Republic of Sri Lanka shall be a Justice of the Peace for an administrative district who has held such office for a period of not less than five years and shall have passed one subject in G. C. E. Advance Level Examination.";

(3) in regulation 3 thereof, by the substitution for all the words from "their application in writing to the Minister." to the end of that regulation, of the words "his application in writing to the Minister along with a medical certificate issued by a medical practitioner registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council confirming that the applicant is in good physical and mental condition. The Minister may, upon receiving a duly completed application, appoint any person qualified in accordance with these regulations to be a Justice of the Peace.";

(4) in regulation 4 thereof, by the substitution for the words "for life." of the words "until reaching the age of Seventy-five years.";

(5) in regulation 6 thereof -

(a) In sub - regulation (1), by the substitution for the words "the Divisional Secretary," of the words "the Divisional Secretary, along with a medical certificate issued by a medical practitioner registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council confirming that the Justice of the Peace is in good physical and mental condition"; and

(b) in sub - regulation (2), by the substitution for the words "who fails to submit such Certificate of Life" of the words "who fails to submit such Certificate of Life along with the medical certificate referred to in Sub - regulation (1)";

(6) by the repeal of regulation 11 thereof and the substitution therefor, of the following regulation :-

"11. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires -

"Medical Practitioner" shall have the same meaning assigned to such expression under the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105);

"Minister" means the Minister assigned the subject of Justice in terms of Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution;

"Secretary" means the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister and includes any Additional Secretary to whom the power is delegated by such Secretary in writing;

"Sri Lanka Medical Council" means the Sri Lanka Medical Council constituted by section 12 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105)."; and

(7) in Schedule II thereof, by the insertion of the following immediately after item 2.1 (i) (d):-

"(e) shall not certify a document prepared in English, unless the relevant Justice of the Peace has passed the subject of English Language within the six subjects at the G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination as specified in paragraph (i) of regulation 2."

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