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ATTENTION is drawn to the Notification appearing in the 1st week of every month, regarding the latest dates and times of acceptance of Notices for publication in the weekly *Gazettes*, at the end of every weekly *Gazette* of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

All Notices to be published in the weekly *Gazettes* shall close at 12.00 noon of each Friday, two weeks before the date of publication. All Government Departments, Corporations, Boards, etc. are hereby advised that Notifications fixing closing dates and times of applications in respect of Post-Vacancies, Examinations, Tender Notices and dates and times of Auction Sales, etc. should be prepared by giving adequate time both from the date of despatch of notices to Govt. Press and from the date of publication, thereby enabling those interested in the contents of such notices to actively and positively participate please note that inquiries and complaints made in respect of corrections pertaining to notification will not be entertained after three months from the date of publication.

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Examinations, Results of Examinations, & c.

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Colonization Officer Grade III of the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category in the Department of Provincial Land Commissioner of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service - 2026

APPLICATIONS are hereby invited from qualified both parties of Sri Lankan males and females who are permanent residents of the North Western Province to fill 06 vacancies in the post of Colonization Officer Class III of the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category in the Department of Provincial Land Commissioner of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service. It is hereby notified that this examination will be conducted by the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission in **May 2026** at an examination center established in **Kurunegala town**.

Note: Any person holding a clerical or monastic status in any religious denomination is ineligible to sit for this examination.

01. Educational and Professional Qualifications:

1.1 Educational Qualifications :

Passing the G.C.E. (O/L) examination in six subjects at one sitting, including Sinhala / Tamil / English Language, Science, and Mathematics, with at least four credit passes.

and

Passing all subjects at once at the G.C.E. (A/L) examination, specifically in Chemistry and Biology, along with either Agricultural Science or Physics.

Note: The language in which a credit pass is required in the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination is considered to be the language in which the examination is applied.

1.2 Professional Qualifications :

I. Possession of a Two-year Diploma in Agriculture issued by the Schools of Agriculture in Kundasale, Angunakolapelessa, Pelwehera, Labuduwa, Karapincha, Wariyapola, Bibile, Vavuniya and Anuradhapura;

or

II. Possession of the National Diploma in Technology (Agriculture) awarded by the Hardy Advanced Technological Institute, Ampara;

or

III. Possession of a Two-year Diploma in Agriculture issued by Aquinas College.

or

IV. Possession of a Two-year Diploma in Agriculture awarded by an approved government-affiliated institution.

Note:

1. *Two-year agriculture diploma certificates issued by any other government approved agriculture colleges at the time of this recruitment will also be valid.*
2. *A government-affiliated institution is an institution registered with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission under the Ministry of Higher Education and Vocational Education.*

02. Salary Scale:

The monthly salary scale applicable to this post, in accordance with MN 3 – 2025 under Schedule I of Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 01.01.2025, is: Rs. 52,250 - 10 x 800 - 11 x 1190 - 10 x 1320 - 10 x 1350 - Rs. 100,040/- (Salaries will be paid until 01.01.2027 in accordance with the provisions of the said circular as specified in its Schedule III.)

03. Other Qualifications:

- 3.1 Applicants should be of excellent character.
- 3.2 Every candidate should possess adequate physical and mental fitness to serve in any area within the North Western Province and to perform the duties associated with the post.
- 3.3 Applicants should prove own residence at the interview by submitting a Certificate on Residence (DS 04 Grama Niladhari Certificate) issued by the Grama Niladhari, confirming that the person has been a permanent resident of the North Western Province for at least the three years immediately preceding the closing date of applications. Applicants whose permanent residence in the North Western Province is less than the immediate three years by the closing date should also confirm their actual period of residency through a DS 04 Grama Niladhari Certificate.
- 3.4 In cases where the applicant's permanent residency in the North Western Province is less than the immediate three years by the closing date of applications, if the applicant's spouse has been a permanent resident of the North Western Province for at least three years, such applicants will also be considered in accordance with Clause 3.3 above. The spouse's Certificate of Residence (DS 04 Grama Niladhari Certificate) and the Marriage Certificate should be produced at the interview.
- 3.5 Applicants should be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age as of the closing date for applications.
- 3.6 Applicants should be considered to have met the qualifications to sit for the competitive recruitment examination only if they have fulfilled all relevant qualifications and the prescribed age limit in every respect by the closing date for applications.

04. Service Conditions:

- 4.1 This position is permanent. It is subjected to future policy decisions taken by the Government regarding the pension scheme applicable to the service.
- 4.2 Who are appointed to this post shall be subjected to a probation period of three (03) years. If their performance and conduct during the probationary period have been satisfactory, and if they have passed the First Efficiency Bar Examination and fulfilled all other requirements for confirmation of service, they will be confirmed in their post at the end of the probationary period.
- 4.3 Officers recruited through a language medium that is not an Official Language should acquire the prescribed Official Language Proficiency during the probation period.
- 4.4 In accordance with Public Administration Circular No: 18/2020 dated 16.10.2020 and its subsequent circulars, proficiency in the other Official Language/Languages—additional to the language medium of recruitment—should be acquired within 03 years after joining the service.
- 4.5 A proficiency in the English Language, equivalent to a Credit Pass (C) at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level), should be obtained before completing 05 years in Class III.
- 4.6 In addition to the regulations in the recruitment/promotion procedure for this post and the duties assigned thereunder, all officers are bound to act in accordance with the regulations of the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the North Western Provincial Procedural Rules, the North Western Provincial Financial Code, the Disciplinary Code, departmental orders, the Service Minute of the North Western Provincial Council Technical Service, and any other regulations or orders issued and updated from time to time by the Government and the North Western Provincial Council.

05. Recruitment Procedure:

- 5.1 Recruitment for all vacancies will be carried out based on the results of an Open Competitive Examination conducted by the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission.
- 5.2 Applicants who obtain 40% or more marks for each question paper of the written examination will be ranked according to the combined total marks of the two subjects, and a number equal to the vacancies will be called for the interview for verification of qualifications. No marks will be awarded for the interview. The interview will be conducted to verify basic qualifications including educational, professional and to test physical fitness.

06. Written Examination :

- 6.1 For the written examination can be sat in any one of the Sinhala, Tamil, or English language medium. No candidate will be allowed to change the language medium applied for later.
- 6.2 This examination consists of two question papers. The detailed examination syllabus is provided below.

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Pass Mark Percentage</i>
1. Intelligence Test	01 Hour	100	40%
2. Subject-related Technical Test (Multiple Choice Question Paper)	01 Hour	100	40%

Syllabus

Intelligence Test

Consists of questions designed to assess the candidate's logical reasoning, analytical skills, time management, and decision-making abilities."

Subject-related Technical Test

01. Contribution of Agriculture to the Economic Development of Sri Lanka:
 - (a) Contribution of Agriculture to the Gross National Product (GNP);
 - (b) Engage in Employments;
 - (c) Export and Import status of Agriculture;
02. Knowledge regarding the climatic zones of Sri Lanka.
03. Soil and Plant Nutrition:
 - (a) Soil structure, texture, physical and chemical salinity, and its impact on crop cultivation.
 - (b) Plant nutrition, soil/plant nutrition management.
 - (c) Special facts regarding plant nutrition
04. Soil chemistry, the importance of soil conservation and various soil conservation methods.
05. Irrigation methods and water management.
 - (a) Appropriate irrigation methods for various crop types and its water management.
 - (b) Micro-water management methods.
 - (c) Drainage and its importance

06. Farm Mechanization:
 - (a) Advantages and disadvantages of farm mechanization
 - (b) Agricultural machinery used for land preparation.
 - (c) Agricultural machinery used for irrigation and plant protection
 - (d) Operation and maintenance of the above-mentioned machinery.
07. Agricultural Extension:
 - (a) Agricultural extension strategies and methodology.
 - (b) Agricultural extension communication methods.
08. Tissue Culture:
 - (a) Knowledge of the basic principles and historical background of tissue culture.
 - (b) Applications of tissue culture with examples.
 - (c) Advantages and disadvantages of tissue culture.
09. Knowledge regarding plant quarantine.:
 - (a) Knowledge regarding plant quarantine regulations.
 - (b) Plant quarantine methods.
10. Plant conservation:
 - (a) Importance of plant conservation (Plant/Germplasm)
 - (b) Methods of plant conservation (Plant/Germplasm).
11. Genetic technology:
 - (a) Importance of DNA.
 - (b) What is a gene and its function.
 - (c) Occasions of using DNA technology.
 - (d) The potential to improve plants through genetic engineering techniques.
12. Knowledge regarding land settlement schemes and the Mahaweli Development Programme in Sri Lanka:
 - (a) Locations where land settlement schemes are established.
 - (b) Areas belonging to the Mahaweli Development Programme.
13. Knowledge regarding land-use planning.
14. Knowledge regarding map-related matters:
 - (a) Anemometer, Road Tracer, Dumpy Level, and Theodolite.
 - (b) Details regarding 1:50,000 – 1:10,000 inch maps and Final Village Plans (FVP).
15. Knowledge of the existing lands in Sri Lanka and the related departments and institutions:
 - (a) Land Categories - crown lands / private lands / ancestral (praveeni) lands.
16. Knowledge regarding land development and distribution:
 - (a) Understanding of current national programs for land development and distribution, and identifying landless individuals.
 - (b) The Bimsaviya Program.
 - (c) The 'Land for a Lakh' (Idam Kebali Lakshaye) Program.

17. Understanding of the documents used for the exclusion of land ownership from the royal era to the present day:
- Sannas (Royal Grants), Nindagam.
 - Leaseholds, Swarnabhoomi, Jayabhoomi, Rathnabhoomi, Ranbima.

07. Examination Fees:

An amount of Rs. 1,200/- as examination fees should be paid to be credited to the North Western Provincial Council revenue head No. 2003-02-13. The original N.W.P. F02 receipt obtained from any Divisional Secretariat in the North Western Province should be pasted in the designated space on the application. No other receipts or money orders will be accepted. It should be noted that the examination fee is non-refundable under any circumstances and cannot be transferred to any other examination. (*A photocopy of the receipt should be kept for future reference.*)

08. Method of Application:

- 8.1 The application form should be prepared on A4 size paper using both sides, in accordance with the specimen application form provided at the end of this notification. Completed applications should be sent *via* registered post or postal courier service to the address below, to be received on or before 18.05.2026.

Secretary,
North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission,
North Western Provincial Council Office Complex,
Kurunegala.

The words “**Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade III of Colonization Officer - 2026**” should be clearly mentioned on the top left corner of the envelope containing the application.

- 8.2 Applications that are not in accordance with the prescribed specimen form, those which the examination fees have not been paid by the due date, late submissions, or those which are illegible or incomplete will be rejected without any prior notice. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the completed application strictly adheres to the specimen form provided in the examination notification. The candidate must bear any loss resulting from the failure to complete the application properly. No acknowledgment of receipt of applications will be issued. (It will be useful to keep a photocopy of the application.)

Important:

Great care should be taken to provide accurate information when filling out the application. No amendments to such information will be allowed under any circumstances.

- 8.3 **The closing date for applications is 18.05.2026.**

09. Attestation of Applicant's Signature:

The applicant's signature on the application should be attested by a Principal of a Government School, a Justice of the Peace (JP), a Commissioner for Oaths, an Attorney-at-Law, a Notary Public, a Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces, an officer holding a Gazette post in the Police Service, or a permanent Government Staff Officer drawing a basic monthly salary of over Rs. 71,240/-.

10. Identity of Candidates:

Candidates should prove their identity for every subject they sit for in the examination hall to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. Only the following documents will be accepted for this purpose:

- National Identity Card (NIC).
- Valid Passport.
- Valid Sri Lankan Driving License.

Furthermore, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears so that their identity can be confirmed and it can be verified that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Applicants who refuse to confirm their identity in this manner will not be admitted to the examination hall. Additionally, the face and ears must remain uncovered from the moment of entering the examination hall until leaving after the conclusion of the examination.

Note: If a candidate fails to prove their identity at the examination hall, he/she will consider disqualified from sitting for the examination.

11. Examination admission cards, along with a copy of the examination timetable, will be issued to candidates who have submitted accurately completed applications with the relevant receipt after paying the due examination fees on or before the closing date, based on the pre-assumption that only who possess the qualifications specified in the examination notification have applied. As soon as admission cards are issued to the applicants, a notice will be published on the website of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission (www.psc.nw.gov.lk). If the admission card is not received 03 days prior to the date of the examination, the Examinations Division of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission should be notified.
12. If a candidate is found to be ineligible to sit for the examination according to the rules and regulations of the examinations, their candidacy may be cancelled at any time—before, during, or after the examination. If any information submitted by a candidate is found to be false at any stage, he or she is liable to be dismissed from the North Western Provincial Public Service. The issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be considered an acceptance that he or she has fulfilled the eligibility requirements to sit for the examination.
13. In the event of any matter regarding the notification calling for applications, or any matter not covered by or provided for in this notification, the decision of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission shall be the final.
14. The final decision regarding the holding, postponement, or cancellation of this examination, the selection or non-selection of candidates after the exam, or the number of vacancies shall be the sole discretion of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission.
15. In the event of any inconsistency or mismatch between the language versions of this notification published in Sinhala, Tamil, and English the Sinhala medium notification shall be considered as the correct version.

By order of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission.

N. M. J. FERNANDO,
Secretary,

North Western Provincial Council Public Service Commission.

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

(For Office Use Only)

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Colonization Officer Grade III of the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category in the Department of Provincial Land Commissioner of the North Western Provincial Council Public Service - 2026

Language Medium of Examination (Mark \sqrt in the relevant box)

Sinhala Tamil English

01. 1.1 Name with Initials (In Sinhala/Tamil):

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1.2 Name with Initials (In English Capital Letters): (Mr./Miss/Mrs.)

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1.3 Full Name (In Sinhala/Tamil):

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1.4 Full Name (In English Capital Letters):

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1.5 National Identity Card (NIC) Number:

02. 2.1 Permanent Residential Address (In Sinhala/Tamil):

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2.2 Permanent Residential Address (In English Capital Letters):

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2.3 Address to which the Admission Card should be sent (In English Capital Letters):

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2.4 Telephone Number:

2.5 Email Address:

03. 3.1 Sex : Female : Male :

3.2 Date of Birth: Year: Month : Date :

3.3 Age as at 18.05.2026 : Years: Months : Days:

04. 4.1 Administrative District of Residence:
- 4.2 Divisional Secretary's Division:
- 4.3 Grama Niladhari Division:
- 4.4 Period of Permanent Residence in the North Western Province as at 18.05.2026:
Years:..... Months: Days:

5.0 Educational and Professional Qualifications:

5.1 G.C.E. (Ordinary Level)

Year of Examination:..... Month: Index Number:.....

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade</i>		<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade</i>
1.			6.		
2.			7.		
3.			8.		
4.			9.		
5.			10.		

5.2 G.C.E. (Advanced Level)

Year of Examination: Month: Index Number:

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade</i>
1.		
3.		
3.		
4.		

5.3 Professional Qualifications:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Course Followed</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Grade/Pass</i>	<i>Certificate No. & Date</i>

6.0 Details of the Examination Fee Payment Receipt:

6.1 Receipt Number: Amount: Date:

Divisional Secretariat where the payment was made:

Paste the receipt here

7.0 Applicant’s Certification:

- (a) I hereby certify that the information provided by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to bear the loss that may occur due to the non-completion of any part or incorrect completion of this application.
- (b) I am aware that if this declaration made by me is proven to be false, I am liable to be disqualified before being appointed to this post and to be terminated from service after being appointed.

.....
Date

.....
Signature of the Applicant.

8.0 Attestation of Applicant’s Signature :

The applicant’s signature should be attested by a Principal of a Government School /a retired Head of an Institution/ the Grama Niladhari of the Division / a Justice of the Peace / a Commissioner for Oaths / an Attorney-at-Law / a Notary Public / a Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces / a *Gazetted* Officer of the Police Service / a Staff Officer holding a permanent post in the Government Service drawing a basic monthly salary of over Rs. 71,240/- / the Chief Incumbent of a Buddhist Temple or a Nayaka Thero / or a person holding a position of authority in a place of worship of any other Religion.

I certify that Mr./Mrs./Miss who is submitting this application, is personally known to me and that he/she placed his/her signature in my presence on this day of 20....

Signature:
Name of the Attestor:
Designation and Official Seal:
Date:

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