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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

LIMITED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO GRADE III OF SRI LANKA SCIENTIFIC SERVICE - 2025

APPLICATIONS are called from qualified officers in public service for the Limited Competitive Examination for recruitment to **23 posts** in Grade III of Sri Lanka Scientific Service which remain vacant at ministries/ departments where approved posts exist in Sri Lanka Scientific Service.

The application for this purpose is published in the website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka and the applications can strictly be submitted online. Accepting online applications will commence on the **29th of December 2025 at 9.00 hours and end on the 23rd of January 2026 at 21:00 hours.**

01. The examination shall be held in Colombo on in the month of April 2026 by the Commissioner General of Examinations subjected to the terms made by the Public Service Commission. The examination shall be held island wide only in the event of a special situation that may arise in the country. However, in the event that a sufficient number of candidates have not applied for a particular examination center, candidates who have

expressed their preference for the said center will be directed to another examination center. Commissioner General of Examinations has the power to postpone or cancel this examination subjected to the terms of the Public Service Commission.

The “Appointing Authority” mentioned in this notification means the Public Service Commission.

02. Method of recruitment to the service:

2.1 Indicating the preference:

An applicant can apply for several posts if he/ she has satisfied the qualifications required for recruitment to each post. The applicants should indicate their order of preference for each post when applying.

N.B: Candidates shall not be allowed to change the order of preference indicated in the application at a later occasion, when applying for more than one post. Requests claiming to obtain appointments to posts for which the applicant has not indicated his/ her preference will not be considered under no circumstance.

2.2 Written examination: This competitive examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Maximum marks</i>	<i>Pass Marks</i>
Subject related knowledge	03 hours	100	40
Intelligence Test	01 hours	100	40

Note: Intelligence Test paper is a common question paper for all the departments and the question paper to test the subject related knowledge is a paper, which consists of multiple choice questions, short written and semi structured questions, prepared in accordance with the syllabus indicated in the relevant approved Scheme of recruitment.

2.3 Interview:

Based on the results of the written examination, candidates who secure 40% or more marks for each question paper will be interviewed in the order of marks and candidates who verify their qualifications will be recruited. The number of candidates that should be interviewed will be determined by the Public Service Commission and the qualifications of the candidates will be verified by a Board of Interview approved by the Public Service Commission. A General Interview or a Structured Interview will be conducted in the manner prescribed in the approved Scheme of recruitment.

2.4 Appointment to each post will be made based on the preference indicated in the application in respect of each post and on the order of aggregate of marks of the written examination.

In case where the number of qualified candidates who have secured same marks exceeds the number of remaining vacancies and there is a service requirement to fill the said vacancies at that time, Public Service Commission will decided to make a further selection from the candidates who have secured same marks. This selection procedure consists of two parts.

- I. Written test to evaluate the capability of the candidates
- II. Merit based interview

Written test will be conducted by an institution approved by the Public Service Commission.
Board of Interview will be appointed by the Public Service Commission.

Further information on the structure and content of this selection procedure is published on the following web page of the official website Public Service Commission www.psc.gov.lk.

Home Page → Downloads → Procedures → Special Selection Procedure

2.5 The number of appointments to be made for each post and the effective date of the appointments will be determined by the Appointing Authority. Appointments will be made strictly based on the order of marks obtained and the preference indicated so as to fill the number of vacancies allocated for the relevant posts. The Appointing Authority has the power to fill or not fill all the vacancies in any post or to fill or not fill a certain number of vacancies.

03. Number of vacancies : 23

Further distribution of the number of vacant posts according to the ministries/departments to which those posts belong is given under Educational qualifications and experience in 6.2 of this notification.

04. Conditions of employment:

4.1. The selected candidates will be appointed to Grade III of the said post subject to the general terms and conditions governing the appointments of the public service, provisions in the Scientific Service Minute published in the *Gazette Extra Ordinary* No: 1877/27 dated 28.08.2014, departmental orders as applicable, provisions of the

Establishments Code and Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022 (hereinafter referred to as Procedural Rules), approved recruitment procedures relevant to each post, the revisions that have already been made or could be made in future to the directions, conditions, orders, provisions, regulations and rules.

- 4.2. This post is permanent. It is pensionable. Applicant shall be subjected to a policy decision made in future by the Government with regard to the pension scheme. You should contribute to the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Scheme/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pensions Scheme. You should make the contribution in the manner determined by the Government from time to time.
- 4.3. Officers appointed to this post are subject to a probation period of one year and they should pass the first Efficiency Bar examination within three (03) years from the date of recruitment.
- 4.4. Language proficiency at the level relevant to the post should be acquired in accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and consequent circulars.
- 4.5. An appointee is liable to serve in any part of the Island in which they are called upon to serve.
- 4.6. The Appointing Authority reserves the right to cancel the appointments of the applicants who fail to assume duties of the post offered to him/her and / or reject or avoid assuming duties of a post or in an area where he/she is appointed, on the due date.

05. Salary Scale:

As per Schedule II of Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025, the monthly salary scale applicable to this post is **Rs. 82,150-10x 2,400-8x 2,940-17x 3,900- Rs.1,95,970/- (SL-1-2025)**, and said salary will be paid with effect from 01.01.2027. Salaries will be paid as per Schedule III of the above circular until then. In addition to this, other allowances paid to the public officers by the government from time to time are also entitled to this post.

06. Qualifications for Recruitment:

6.1 General Qualifications :

- i. Shall be of an excellent character.
- ii. Shall have the physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.
- iii. Shall have completed a satisfactory period of service within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are considered.
- iv. Shall not have received disciplinary punishment as per the provisions stipulated in Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.
- v. Shall not have sat for the written examination more than twice.
- vi. All the qualifications required for recruitment to the post should be fulfilled in every respect as at the closing date of applications indicated in the *Gazette* Notification of calling for applications.

6.2 Educational qualifications and experience :

<i>S/ No:</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
01	Department of National Botanical Gardens	Assistant Director	01	<p>(a) Shall be an officer with a degree in Botany or Biology or Agriculture from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission as a degree awarding institution and receiving salaries under salary code MN4 and have completed an active and satisfactory service period of at least 05 years;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>(b) Shall be an officer promoted to Grade I of Sri Lanka Technological Service and completed an active and satisfactory service period of at least 05 years in Grade I and serving at the Department of National Botanical Gardens;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>(c) Shall be an officer in Special Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service serving at the Department of National Botanical Gardens;</p>
02	Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services	Assistant Director	02	<p>Shall have obtained a BSc degree including Physics as a subject from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission as a degree awarding institution;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>(a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shall be a Metrology Experimental Officer in the Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services. ii. Shall have completed an active and satisfactory service period of 10 years in the relevant post. iii. Shall have completed a satisfactory period of service within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are considered. <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shall be a District Metrology Investigation Assistant in the Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services. ii. Shall have completed an active and satisfactory service period of 10 years in the relevant post.

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				<p>iii. Shall have completed a satisfactory period of service within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are considered;</p> <p>or</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>i. Shall be an Assistant Superintendent of Measurement Units, Standards and Services</p> <p>ii. Shall have an active and satisfactory service period of 05 years as a , including service as an Inspector of Measurement Services and Devices</p> <p>iii. Shall have completed a satisfactory period of service within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are considered.</p> <p>or</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>i. Shall be a Inspector of Measurement Services and Devices or Laboratory Assistant of Sri Lanka Technological Service;</p> <p>ii. Shall have completed an active and satisfactory service period of 10 years in Grade I of Sri Lanka Technological Service;</p> <p>iii. Shall have completed a satisfactory period of service within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are considered;</p> <p>or</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>i. Shall be an Inspector of Measurement Services and Devices in Special Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service;</p> <p>ii. Shall have completed a satisfactory period of service within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are considered.</p>

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03.	Department of Meteorology	Meteorologist	03	<p>(a) Shall have obtained a BSc. Special/ Honours Degree in Physics or Mathematics from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission as a degree awarding institution and completed an active and satisfactory service period of 15 years in Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Department of Meteorology (except the training period);</p> <p>or</p> <p>(b) Shall have obtained a BSc General Degree including Physics and Mathematics as a subject from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission as a degree awarding institution and completed an active and satisfactory service period of 15 years in Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Department of Meteorology (except the training period).</p>
04	Department of Forest Conservation	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Forest Management)	03	Shall be a Forester belonging to the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service of the Department of Forest Conservation.
05	Department of Forest Conservation	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Research)	01	Shall be a Forester belonging to the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service of the Department of Forest Conservation.
06	Department of Forest Conservation	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Education)	01	Shall be a Forester belonging to the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service of the Department of Forest Conservation.
07	Department of Export Agriculture	Assistant Director (Research)	03	<p>(a) Shall be an officer in Grade I or Special Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Department of Export Agriculture in the post of Technological Officer of the said service with an active and satisfactory service of 10 years;</p> <p>or</p>

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				(b) Shall be an officer, who has obtained a BSc. degree or Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission or an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission as a degree awarding institution and completed an active and satisfactory service period of 10 years in Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Department of Export Agriculture.
09	Department of Irrigation	Engineering Materials Superintendent	01	Shall be an officer in Special Grade in the post of Research Assistant of Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Engineering Materials Division in the Department of Irrigation or an officer who has completed an active period of 10 years in Grade I.
10	Department of Irrigation	Civil Engineering Materials Survey Superintendent	01	Shall be an officer in Special Grade in the post of Civil Engineering Materials Surveyor of Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Irrigation or an officer who has completed an active service period of 10 years in Grade I.
11	Department of Irrigation	Hydraulics Superintendent	01	Shall be an officer in Special Grade in the post of Research Assistant of Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Hydraulics Division in the Department of Irrigation or an officer who has completed an active service period of 10 years in Grade I.
12	Department of Irrigation	Land Use Superintendent	02	Shall be an officer in Special Grade in the post of Soil Cartographer, Soil Surveyor or Research Assistant (General) of Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Irrigation or an officer who has completed an active service period of 10 years in Grade I.
13	Department of Irrigation	Assistant Soil Chemist	01	Shall be an officer in Special Grade in the post of Soil Surveyor or Research Assistant (General) of Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Irrigation or an officer who has completed an active service period of 10 years in Grade I.
14	Department of Irrigation	Instrument Superintendent	01	Shall be an officer in the post of Research Assistant in Special Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service of the Equipment Division connected to Hydraulics Research Laboratory at the Department of Irrigation or an officer who has completed an active period of service of 10 years in Grade I.
15	Department of Archeology	Assistant Director (Chemical Conservation)	01	Shall have obtained a Special or General BSc. degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission; and Shall be an officer in Grade I of Sri Lanka Technological Service at the Department of Archeology who has completed a satisfactory service period of 05 years or an officer in Special Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service.

07. Examination Conditions

- 7.1 Examination shall be conducted strictly in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums. Candidates can sit the examination in any one of these languages of their choice. Candidates should answer all question papers relevant to all the posts they apply for and select only one medium of language for all the papers. Candidates will not be allowed to change the medium of examination produced by them in the application form.
- 7.2 Online applications should be perfected in **English medium only**. The candidates will be notified that the soft copy submitted online is accepted/not accepted by the department as a valid application by the department through SMS sent to the mobile number or by an e-mail sent to the e-mail address. Download the common instructions sheet prepared for applying for the examination before perfecting the online application. Strictly follow the instructions when perfecting the application. A printed copy of the application submitted online should be submitted to the Head of the Institution and a copy of the application attested by the Head of the Institution should be submitted at the interview. Delayed requests for a copy of Application will not be considered. Applicant shall bear any adverse impact resulting from delaying the submission of application until the closing date.
- 7.3 Fee for this examination is Rs. 1,200/=. Payment of examination fees should be made strictly using the following methods provided by the online system:-
- Through any Bank Credit Card;
 - Any Bank Debit Card with the facility of internet transaction;
 - Online Banking method of Bank of Ceylon;
 - Any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon.
- Note: The instructions on payment through the above methods are published under the technical instructions related to the examination in the website www.doenets.lk. The receipt of payment shall be acknowledged through SMS or e-mail. The due examination fee should be paid and applications of the candidates, who have made payments more or less than the prescribed examination fee, shall be rejected. Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka shall not bear Responsibility on the errors that occur when paying the examination fees through the above methods. Under no circumstances the examination fee shall be refunded or allowed to be transferred in favor of another.
- 7.4 The signature of the applicant in the printed copy of the application kept with the applicant and the admission card should have been attested by the Head of the Institution or an officer authorized by him.
- 7.5 The Commissioner General of Examinations shall issue admission cards strictly online to the applicants, who have paid the prescribed examination fees and submitted the duly completed applications on or before the closing date of applications, on the presumption that only those who have the qualifications mentioned in the examination notice have applied. Immediately after the issuance of admission cards applicants will be notified by the Department of Examinations through a web notice/ SMS. If the admission card is not received, steps shall be taken to notify the Institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations in the manner specified in the advertisement. It would be advisable to make an enquiry by sending an e-mail including the name of the examination, Full Name, National Identity Card Number and Address of the Applicant to the email address mentioned in the web notice. It would be advisable to keep the following in hand to prove any matter inquired by the Department of Examinations: *i.e.* A photocopy of the perfected application and the photocopy of the receipt obtained by paying the examination fee. Candidates must examine the admission card and contact the Department of Examinations in advance to make any necessary revisions according to the application. Requests for revisions made at the examination hall or during the interview will not be considered.

Note: No candidate is allowed to enter the examination hall without the admission card. Only an admission card in which the signature of the candidate is attested should be presented to the supervisor on the date of commencement of the examination.

- 7.6 The issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be treated as an acceptance that he/she has fulfilled the qualifications to sit for the examination or for a post.
- 7.7 The candidate's signature in the admission card shall have been attested. The signature of the candidate shall have been attested by the respective Head of the Institution or an officer authorized by him or her.
- 7.8 Candidates must sit for the examination at the examination center specifically assigned to them.
- 7.9 Candidates are subjected to rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations on conducting the examination. He or she shall be liable to be subjected to a punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations in case of violation of these rule and regulations. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations with regard to the results of the examination shall be final.
- 7.10 Candidates shall be required to prove their identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each subject they offer. Only the following documents shall be valid for this purposos.
 - i. National Identity Card
 - ii. Valid Passport
 - iii. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their face so that their identity can be confirmed and without covering their ears to be able to verify that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Those who refuse to verify their identity as such shall not be permitted to enter the examination hall. Further, candidates should remain in the examination hall from the moment of entering and leaving the examination hall without covering the face and ears.

08. Penalty for furnishing false Information:

If a candidate is found to be ineligible, his/ her candidature is liable to be canceled at any stage prior to, during or after the examination. If it is revealed after the appointment that any false information has been furnished by a candidate with his/ her knowledge or if he/ she has willfully suppressed an important fact, his/ her appointment will be canceled and all sums of money already paid to him/ her under this appointment as salaries and allowances by the Government/ Provincial Council will be recovered.

09. Medium of examination:

- (a) Examination shall be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums.
- (b) The medium in which the candidate sit for the examination will be treated as the medium of appointment.
- (c) Candidates should answer all question papers in one medium of language.
- (d) Candidates will not be allowed to change the medium of examination mentioned in the application.

10. Once the Appointing Authority informs the suitable date for issuing the results, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will take steps to send a result sheet indicating the marks obtained for each subject/total marks to all the candidates who sat for the examination, by post or to issue the results through the website www.results.exams.gov.lk.

11. The Appointing Authority reserves the right to make decisions on the matters not provided for in this notice.

12. In case of any inconsistency among Sinhala, Tamil and English texts, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

On the order of Public Service Commission,

S. ALOKABANDARA,
Secretary.

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Councils and Local Government.

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