

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, LAND AND IRRIGATION

Open Competitive Examination for the Recruitment to posts of Technical Aide (Irrigation) Grade III and Technical Aide (Mechanical) Grade III in the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation - 2025

APPLICATIONS are hereby called from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the open competitive examination to be held for the recruitment to above posts in the irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation. This examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examination, in the District of Colombo in April 2026. The Director General of Irrigation has the authority to postpone or cancel this examination.

- ❖ The application has been published through "Online Applications-Recruitment Exams/ E.B. Exams" under "Our Service" on the website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, and the applications can strictly be submitted online. Accepting online applications will be commenced on 12th of January 2026 at 9.00 a.m. and will be ended on 06th of February 2026 at 9.00 p.m.
- ❖ Applicants who are currently in Public Service/ Provincial Public Service shall hand over a copy of the application to the Head of Institution, to be attached to their personal file. A copy of the application certified by the Head of Institution and a letter of service confirmation shall be provided when called for the Interview.
- ❖ Any unfavorable situation occurred due to delaying the submission of applications until the closing date shall be incurred by the applicants.

01.0 Posts expected to be recruited

Serial No.	Designation	Number of vacancies	Grade to be recruited
1.	Technical Aide (Irrigation)	13	III Grade
2.	Technical Aide (Mechanical)	08	III Grade

1.1 Nature of the duties :

Serial No.	Designation	Assigned duties
1.	Technical Aide (irrigation)	<p>Following tasks assigned under the supervision of an Engineering Assistant,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To supervise the work of new constructions, improvements and repairs in the field. • To perform the assigned responsibilities of such work as per the approved standards of Irrigation Department, • To supervise operational and maintenance work of irrigation, lift irrigation and flood prevention projects in the relevant field. • To be vigilant and to protect the irrigation, lift irrigation, flood prevention and saltwater prevention projects, buildings, roads and their reservations owned by the Irrigation Department.
2.	Technical Aide (Mechanical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To take over machines and vehicles brought to the mechanical workshop for repairs. • To supervise the duties of the junior employees attached to the machinery division.

02. Method of recruitment :

2.1 Recruitments will be made based on the results of the written competitive examination to be held by the Commissioner General of Examinations and a general interview. From those who passed the written examination, qualified persons will be selected by subjecting a number of applicants equal to twice the number of expected recruitment to the general interview according to merit order of the total marks they obtained.

2.2 The general interview is for checking the certificates and physical fitness of the applicant and not marks will be given.

2.3 Upon the agreement of the director General of Irrigation, results will be issued personally to the applicant or posted online.

03. Salary scale : As per the Schedule I of Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025, the monthly salary applicable for this post is Rs. 50,090-10x540-11x630-10x1,010-10x1,190-Rs.84,420/- (MT1-2025).

04. Service Category - Management Assistant - Technical Segment 3

4.1 Grades - Grade III

Grade II
Grade I

05. Conditions for engagement in service and service conditions :

5.1 This appointment is permanent. However, you shall be subject to a probationary period of three (03) years.

5.2 This appointment is pensionable. You shall be subject to policy decisions taken by the government in future, regarding the relevant pension scheme.

5.3 First Efficiency Bar Examination shall be passed within 03 years after being recruited to Grade III of Technical Aide as per the Scheme of Recruitment.

5.4 As per the Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and circulars incidental thereto, the relevant level of language proficiency shall be obtained within the prescribed period of time.

5.5 This appointment is subject to the procedural Rules of Public Service Commission, the Establishment Codes of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Financial Regulations of the Government, the Scheme of Recruitment and the amendments made time to time and other Departmental orders.

06. Age limits -

Age shall be less than 18 and not more than 35 years at the closing date of applications.

❖ Accordingly, only those who were born on or before 06.02.2008 and on or after 06.02.1991 are qualified to apply for this.

07. Required Qualifications

7.1 Educational Qualifications : Technical Aide (Irrigation)/ Technical Aide (Mechanical)

Shall have passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in six (06) subjects including Language or Literature, Mathematics and Science in not more than two sittings

7.2 Vocational qualifications :

Technical Aide (Irrigation)

Shall have obtained the relevant certificate (NCT-Civil) for passing three year part time course of National Certificate in Technology (Civil) at a technical college recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission or shall have obtained the National Certificate in Technology - Civil (Irrigation Technology) after gaining a theoretical and practical training at an Irrigation Training Institute upon recruited to the Irrigation Department as Apprentice Technical Aide (Irrigation) on the Educational qualifications in 7.1 above, or shall have obtained a similar certificate issued by an institution recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

Technical Aide (Mechanical)

Shall have obtained the relevant certificate (NCT-Mechanical) for passing the three year part time course of National certificate in Technology (Mechanical) at a technical college recognize by the Tertiary and Vocational Commission or shall have obtained a similar certificate issued by an institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

7.3 Physical Fitness : Every applicant shall be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.

7.4 Other qualifications :

- i. Shall be citizen of Sri Lanka
- ii. Shall be of excellent moral character
- iii. No person who is obtained in a religious order is eligible to appear for this examination
- iv. Qualifications required for appearing for the examination are accepted as fulfilled only if the applicant has completed all the relevant qualifications in all aspects by the date mentioned in the notification for calling the applications.

8. Procedure of Examination ;

Examination is a written test consisting of two subjects. The examination shall be conducted in Sinhala and Tamil media and the medium applied for cannot be changed subsequently.

Subject	Duration	Total Marks	Pass Marks
Intelligence Test	01 hour	100	40
Subject related Technical Test	01 hour	100	40

8.1 Syllabus for the examination :

Technical Aide (Irrigation) Grade III

i. Intelligence Test

Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
Intelligence Test	This question paper consists of questions to judge the logical thinking, analytical thinking power and decision making ability of the candidate

ii. Subject related technical test

Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
Subject related Technical Test	This question paper consists of questions to assess the basic mathematical knowledge and basic Civil Engineering knowledge

iii. Technical Aide (Mechanical) Grade III

1. Intelligence Test

Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
Intelligence Test	This question paper consists of questions to judge the logical thinking, analytical thinking power and decision making ability of the candidate.

2. Subject related technical test

Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
Subject related Technical Test	This question paper consists of questions to assess the basic mathematical knowledge and basic Mechanical Engineering knowledge

9. Method of Application :

- 9.1 Online application shall be filled in English language only. The applicants will be notified that the soft copies submitted online are accepted/ not accepted as a valid application by the Department via SMS sent to the mobile number used to access the system via e-mail. Download the instructions sheet prepared on applying for examination before filling in the online application. Strictly adhere to the said instructions when filling in the application. Any amendment made in the application after taking a printed copy of the application will not be considered as a valid amendment. Incomplete applications shall be rejected without notice.
- 9.2 It is mandatory to indicate clearly whether you wish to apply for the post of Technical Aide (Irrigation) or for the post of Technical Aide (Mechanical), using a (✓) mark in the relevant space.
- 9.3 Candidates must get their signature on the admission card attested and present such attested admission card to the Examination Supervisor. No candidate shall be allowed to sit for the examination without a duly attested admission card.
- 9.4 The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue admission cards only online to applicants those who have paid the prescribed examination fee and submitted the duly completed application on or before the last day for receiving applications, based on the presumption that only those who have the qualifications mentioned in the Gazette notification have applied. Immediately after the admission cards are issued, applicants will be notified via a web notice/ a short message the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka. If any applicant did not receive their admission card, they must inquire from the institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, as stated in the notice. When inquiring as such, the applicant is required to correctly mention

the name of the examination applied for, full name of the applicant, National Identity Card Number and address. For applicants residing outside of Colombo, It will be more effective to send a request letter mentioning the aforesaid details to the e-mail address mentioned in the notice. When making such an inquiry, it will be useful to keep the printed copy of the completed application, copy of the receipt obtained by paying the examination fee kept at your possession to confirm any information requested by the Department of Examinations.

9.5 Issuance of an admission card to a candidate sit for the examination shall not be considered as an acceptance that he/she fulfilled the qualifications to sit for the examination or for the post.

9.6 After checking the admission card, if there needed any amendments, Department of Examinations must be contacted in advance to make such amendments according to the application, Requests for amendments to be made at the examination hall will not be entertained.

9.7 All applicants are required to be bound by the General Examination rules and regulations stated in this *Gazette* notification.

10. Examination fees

❖ **Examination fee is Rs. 600/=.** Payment of examination fee shall be made strictly using the following methods provided by the online system.

- I. Through any Bank Credit Card
- II. Any Bank Debit Card with the facility of internet transaction
- III. Online Banking method of Bank of Ceylon
- IV. Any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon

Note :

(a) Instructions on making the payment through the above methods are published under the technical instructions related to the examination in the *website*.

(b) The receipt of payment will be acknowledge *via* SMS or e-mail. The full amount of the examination fee shall be paid and, applications of the candidates who have made payments more or less than the due examination fee, will be rejected. Department

of Examinations shall not bear responsibility on the errors that occur when paying the examination fees through above methods.

(c) Under no circumstances shall the examination fee be refunded or allowed to be transferred in favour of another examination.

11. Identity of the Candidates :

11.1 Candidates shall prove their identity to the satisfaction of the supervisor for all subjects they appear for in the examination hall. Only the following documents will be accepted for this purpose :

- (i) National Identity Card
- (ii) Valid Passport
- (iii) Valid Driving License

Also, examination candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears allowing their identity to be confirmed and to ensure that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Applicants who refuse to prove their identity will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, from the moment they enter the examination hall until they leave the examination is over, they must remain without covering their face and ears.

12. Penalties for furnishing false information :

12.1 If it is revealed that a candidate does not possess the required qualifications, his/her candidature will be cancelled at any stage before, during, or after the examination. If it is revealed that a candidate has submitted any false information with his/her knowledge, or if he/she has willfully suppressed any important information, he/she will be dismissed from government Service.

13. General Matters:

13.1 Candidates shall be subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations for the purpose of conducting the examination. If any candidate is to violate those rules and regulations, He or she will be liable to be subjected to punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations. The decision of Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the results of the examination shall be the final decision.

- 13.2 If there is any matter not provided for in this notification, such matter and anything with regard to filling these vacancies will be determined by the Public Service Commission and the Director General of Irrigation.
- 13.3 In case of any inconsistency among the language texts of this notification published in Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages, the Sinhala medium notification shall be treated as the correct one and action will be taken accordingly.

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Colombo 07,
On 15th of December, 2025.