

Filling the vacancies in the posts of Non - Technical Archaeological Assistant III / Watcher III of the Primary Level of the Department of Archaeology which is under the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Applications are invited to recruit on open basis for the posts of (Non - Technical) Archaeological Assistant III / Watcher III of the Primary Level vacant at present at the Archaeological sites of the Department of Archaeology situated throughout the island.

Post		No. of Vacancies existing on open basis
(i)	Archaeological Assistant III	191
(ii)	Watcher III	324

02. Salary Scale - Salary Scale as per PL-01-2025 in terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025 is Rs. 40,000 - 10x450 - 10x490 - 10 x 540 - 61,880/-.

03. Educational Qualifications - Shall have passed six (06) subjects at least with two credit passes in not more than two sittings at General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination.

Professional Qualifications - Experience acquired in the relevant field will be treated as a special qualification.

Physical Qualifications - Every candidate shall be of sufficient physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties in the post.

Age - Minimum Limit : Not less than 18 years
- Maximum Limit : Not more than 45 years.

* All the qualifications above shall be fulfilled as at the closing date of applications.

Other i. Shall be a permanent resident in the Province during the past succeeding 05 years. (This shall be proven by a Grama Niladhari's certificate.)

ii. Applicant shall be of moral character.

iii. The above qualifications required for making recruitment for the post shall be fulfilled in every respect as at the date mentioned in the notification of calling applications.

Notes

(a) Regarding Educational Qualifications ;

- * The number of subjects passed at the Examination will be decided treating the pair of Science Subject Nos. 41 and 44 as one subject and pair of Mathematics Subject Nos. 42 and 45 as one subject as per the subject categorization of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka.
- * If the written examination of the subject Technology has been failed at the G.C.E. (O/L), it is treated as fail in the entire subject (even though the practical examination of such subject has been passed.)
- * As the Optional Sinhala, Tamil and English subjects are not included in to the Subject stream of the G.C.E. (O/L), passing such subjects will not be treated as a subject for passing G.C.E. (O/L) Examination.

04. Method of Recruitment

(a) Marks will be given through a Structured Interview for the above post and applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications will be called for the relevant interview. More than 40% marks shall be obtained from the relevant interview for qualifying. Those who secured merit marks as per the sequence of obtaining marks based on the marks obtained at the Interview will be recruited on the number of vacancies.

(b) Marks will be given for the following field at the structured Interview.

i. Educational Qualifications	20 Marks
ii. Sport skills	10 Marks
iii. Experience in the field related to the post	45 Marks
iv. Membership in Voluntary Societies inclusive of Archaeology Society	05 Marks
v. Other Professional certificates	15 Marks
vi. Personality	05 Marks

05. Terms of Engagement in Service

(a) This post is pensionable. You shall subject to the policy decision to be made by the Government in future regarding the Pension Scheme you are entitled to. An applicant, who are selected subjecting to the General conditions which govern appointments of the Public Service, all the conditions related to the Scheme of Recruitment of the PL-01 posts of the Non - technical Service Category of the Department of Archaeology approved by the Public Service Commission on 15.09.2011 and the amendments already made or the amendments to be made to the Scheme of Recruitment in future, will be appointed to the post in Grade III (PL -01).


(b) Applicants shall be Sri Lankan Citizens.

(c) Shall be of moral character and good physical health condition.

(d) Those who recruit shall be bound to serve in any part of the Island.

06. Applicants shall send photocopies of the following documents along with the application. (Not the originals)
- (a). Certificates of Birth
 - (b). Two Certificates of Character obtained recently (From Non related referees)
 - (c). Certificates top rove Educational Qualifications
 - (d). Grama Niladhari's Certificates to prove the residency
 - (e). Certificates of highest achievements in sports
 - (f). Other Professional certificates
 - (g). Certificates related to working experience
 - (h). Copies of National Identity Card
07. Applications of the applicants already in the Public Service shall be attested and sent through the Heads of the relevant Departments and the applications of the other applicants shall be submitted attesting the same by Religious monk or priest in charge of the Religious place / a Justice of Peace / a Principal of a Government School or an officer who holds a permanent post in the Public Service obtaining an Initial Annual salary scale of not less than Rs. 985,800/-.
08. Action shall be taken to send the applications prepared as per the format appended herein below to reach the Director General, Department of Archeology, P.O. Box 532, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 07. The top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing applications shall be marked the post applied for and send the same to reach on or before 06.07.2026. Incomplete applications or applications received after closing date of applications as well as the applications which do not comply with the format herein will be rejected without any intimation.
09. The candidature of an applicant will liable to be cancelled if it is found that he /she does not eligible at any time before the interview of testing eligibility, at the event of holding interview or after the interview. If it is found that a candidate has furnished information with knowledge that they are false or suppressed any important fact with knowledge, he / she will be liable for dismissal from the service.
10. The Director General of Archaeology reserves the final decision of filling these vacancies, not filling or filling a part of vacancies and on all the other facts.

On 03.10.2026 Day of June 2026.
Department of Archaeology
Colombo 07


E. A. Senarath Wickramasinghe
Director General of Archaeology (Actg.)

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