

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK, LANDS AND IRRIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF EXPORT AGRICULTURE**

**Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment
to Grade III Posts of the Sri Lanka Technological
Service – 2026**

(FARM MANAGER, EXTENSION OFFICER AND
TECHNOLOGICAL OFFICER)

THE Department of Export Agriculture invites applications from qualified Sri Lankan citizens to fill existing vacancies in the posts of Farm Manager, Extension Officer, and Technological Officer in Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service, as at 31.12.2024.

Position number	Job title	Total number of vacancies	Proposed number to be recruited on a limited basis (30%)
01	Farm manager	09	03
02	Extension Officer	38	11
03	Technical Officer	05	01

02. This post is governed by Salary Code MN-3 as per Circular dated 25.03.2025. The applicable salary scale is Rs. 52,250 – 10 x 800 – 11 x 1,190 – 10 x 1,320 – 10 x 1,350 – 100,040. You will be entitled to this salary with effect from 01.01.2027, and salaries will be paid in accordance with the provisions of Schedule III of the relevant circular from the effective date of appointment.
03. This position is permanent and pensionable, subject to future policy decisions of the Government regarding pension schemes. Appointees are required to contribute to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme / Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme, and to make the necessary payments and contributions as prescribed by the Government from time to time.
04. Applicants must have obtained all the required educational and professional qualifications by the closing date of applications.

Educational Qualifications:

- Applicants must have passed the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in one sitting with six (06) subjects, including a Credit pass in Sinhala / Tamil / English Language, Science, Mathematics, and one other subject.

Professional Qualifications

Applicants must possess one of the following qualifications:

- I. A Diploma in Agriculture of at least one year duration, awarded by an institution approved by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).
OR
 - II. Successful completion of the Agriculture Diploma Course conducted by the Department of Agriculture in 2020.
OR
 - III. National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 6 certification relevant to the field of employment.
OR
 - IV. Any other Technological qualification recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) as equivalent to the above-mentioned qualifications, upon consultation with and approval from the Ministry of Higher Education and the relevant certifying institutions.
05. *Experience* - A minimum of five (5) years of active and satisfactory work experience in the relevant field, in a permanent and departmental position within the primary or a higher service category.
06. *Physical Qualifications* - Applicants must be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of the island and to effectively perform the duties of the post.
07. Other
1. Must be of excellent character.
 2. An applicant will be deemed to have satisfied the required qualifications to appear for the competitive examination for recruitment to the service only if all prescribed qualifications have been duly fulfilled in every respect on or before the date specified in the notice calling for applications.
08. How to Apply:
- (a) The application must be prepared in accordance with the specimen format provided at the end of this notice. It should be printed on both sides of A4 size paper (21 cm × 29 cm).

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Applicants must ensure that all required information is provided clearly and accurately in their own handwriting. Completed applications should be submitted in the prescribed language when applying for the examination.

- (b) Applicants may apply for one or more posts, and it is not necessary to submit separate applications for each post. The application must clearly indicate the order of preference for the posts applied for, using the relevant code numbers given below. Once submitted, the order of preference cannot be changed under any circumstances.

Serial number	Position	Code Number
1	Farm Manager	001
2	Extension Officer	002
3	Technological Officer	003

- *Illustration* : An applicant who wishes to apply for the posts in the following order of preference: Extension Officer – 1st preference/ Technological Officer – 2nd preference/Farm Manager – 3rd preference :should indicate the corresponding code numbers for these posts in the column titled “Code Number” in Table 02 of the application form, as shown below.

Serial number	Preference priority	Position	Code number
1	1st preference	Extension Officer	002
2	2nd preference	Technology Officer	003
3	3rd preference	Farm Manager	001

- (c) *When preparing applications*: For Sinhala applications, the name of the examination should be written in Sinhala as well as in English. For Tamil applications, the name of the examination should be written in Tamil as well as in English.

- (d) Duly completed applications must be sent on or before 08.06.2026 by registered post to the address: **Director General, Department of Export Agriculture, 1095, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha, Getambe, Peradeniya**. The name of the examination must be clearly indicated on the top left corner of the envelope.

- (e) The examination fee should be paid by money order, in accordance with the number of posts applied for, as specified below:

The money order must be obtained from any post or sub-post office within the country and should be made payable to the **Director General of Export Agriculture at the Peradeniya Post Office**. Applicants are advised to retain a photocopy of the money order for future reference. No additional payments will be required apart from the prescribed examination fee. Please note that the examination fee is non-refundable and cannot be transferred to any other examination under any circumstances.

Number of positions applied for	Examination fee
For the position of Farm Manager and/or Extension Officer	Rs. 1000.00
For the position of Technological Officer	Rs. 1000.00
For the post of Farm Manager and/or Extension Officer and the post of Technological Officer	Rs.1150.00

- (f) Applications that do not conform to the model application form referred to in this notice, applications that are incomplete in any respect, and those received after the closing date will be rejected without prior notice. The Department of Export Agriculture shall not be held responsible for any postal delays or losses.

Therefore, applicants are advised to carefully refer to the model application form provided in the examination notice before submission. Please ensure that the application is duly completed in all respects, that all required information has been accurately entered, and that the relevant examination fee has been paid.

Applicants should also verify that the details of the money order have been correctly entered

and that it has been properly affixed to the application. It is further recommended to retain a photocopy of the completed application form as well as a photocopy of the money order for future reference.

- (g) The applicant's specimen signature must be duly attested on both the application form and the admission card for the examination. The applicant's signature must be certified either by the Head of the institution or by an officer authorized by him.

Providing false information – Applicants are advised to exercise utmost care when completing the application form and to provide only accurate and truthful information. If any candidate is found to be ineligible in terms of the rules of this examination, whether before, during, or after the examination, his or her candidature may be cancelled. If it is subsequently discovered that any information furnished by a candidate is incorrect, or that the candidate has deliberately concealed any material fact, such candidate will not be considered for appointment. Furthermore, any appointment granted on the basis of such information may be cancelled, and if already in Government service, the candidate may be subject to dismissal.

09. Examination Procedure :-

- (a) Examination admission cards will be issued to candidates who have submitted duly completed applications, along with the relevant receipt, and have paid the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date for applications. This will be done on the assumption that only candidates who meet the qualifications specified in the examination notification have applied. Applications that do not meet the required qualifications will be rejected without prior notice.

When appearing for the examination, candidates must present their admission card and obtain permission from the examination hall supervisor at the designated examination centre. Any candidate who fails to produce the admission card will not be permitted to sit for the examination.

- (b) The examination will be conducted in Kandy

only. A notice to this effect will be published on the official website of the Department of Export Agriculture (www.dea.gov.lk) once the admission cards have been issued. Candidates will also be notified via SMS or through the email address provided in the application, at least 14 days prior to the examination.

- (c) If admission cards are not received within 04–05 days after the publication of the relevant notice, candidates should inform the Department of Export Agriculture as indicated in the advertisement. (Telephone No: 0812 068381).

- (d) It would be useful to have the following information handy:

- (i). Exam name
- (ii). Candidate's full name
- (iii). Address
- (iv). Date of registration of the application, registered post office and number
- (v). Money order number, date and post office where the examination fee was paid

- (e) No travel expenses or any other allowances will be paid to the candidates for appearing for the examination.

- (f) Identity:- A candidate must prove his identity in the examination hall to the satisfaction of the invigilator for each subject in which he appears . For this purpose,

- (i). National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons or
- (ii). Valid passport or
- (iii). Valid Sri Lankan driving license is accepted.

Candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their faces and not wearing electronic communication devices so that their identity can be verified. Candidates who fail to verify their identity will not be allowed to sit for the examination.

- (g) **Syllabus :-**

A common examination will be conducted for both the Farm Manager and Extension Officer positions .

<i>Subject number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time Hours</i>	<i>Maximum score</i>	<i>Passing score</i>	<i>Relevant position</i>
01	Intelligence test	1	100	40%	For all positions
02	Common Test I (Technological and Subject-related Test)	3	100	40%	For the posts of Farm Manager and Extension Officer
03	Common Test II (Technological and Subject-related Test)	3	100	40%	For the position of Technological Officer

(i) **Intelligence Test :- (Applicable to all posts)**

It consists of questions to determine the candidate's logical and analytical thinking skills and decision-making ability.

Common Test I (Technological and Subject-related Common Test) :- (Applicable to the posts of Farm Manager and Extension Officer)

- General Agriculture and Principles
- Crop production and principles of agronomy
- Soil and fertilizer, plant nutrition, environmental impacts
- Crop propagation methods
- Diseases and pests, symptoms and damage
- Agricultural policies, past, present and future potential
- Botanical facts, climatic factors, fertilizer effects and nutrition, diseases and pests, post-harvest technology related to export agricultural crops, pepper, cinnamon, coffee, cocoa, cardamom, cloves, nutmeg, betel, areca, vanilla and other crops.
- Export crop sales and export potential
- Organic farming
- Farm management, production of plants and planting materials and nursery management and organic farming
- Agricultural Extension Methods and Extension Science

(ii) **Common Test II (Technological and Subject-related Common Examination) – (Applicable to the post of Technological Officer)**

- Agricultural principles
 - Climatic zones of Sri Lanka and their impact on crop production
 - Types of soil , Soil Conservation , Plants Nutrition And Water Conservation
 - Pest identification, classification and control
 - Plant propagation, nursery management and tissue culture
 - Agriculture and Environment
 - Plantation, field cropping, mixed cropping and agroforestry
 - Post-harvest technology
 - Definition, propagation, field establishment, maintenance, disease and pest control and harvest processing of export agricultural crops
 - Farm management and planning
- The contribution of public and private institutions related to agricultural development in Sri Lanka
- Identify, use and clean laboratory equipment and safely use and store chemicals.

(i) This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil, and English mediums. Candidates are required to sit for all relevant papers in the same language medium selected in their application. Requests for a change of medium will not be entertained under any circumstances.

10. Conditions of Employment : -
- (i) Selected candidates must be prepared to serve in any part of the island.
 - (ii) Candidates appointed to this position will be subject to a probationary period of three (03) years.
 - (iii) Once appointed to a particular position, transfers to another position will not be permitted.
11. Recruitment Method : - Candidates who obtain 40% or more marks in each paper of the written competitive examination will be called for an interview, in a number equivalent to three times the number of vacancies, based on the order of merit of their total marks. No marks will be allocated for the interview. Candidates who have confirmed their eligibility at the interview will be recruited strictly in the order of merit based on the total marks obtained at the examination.
- Upon completion of the recruitment process, the Director General of Export Agriculture will provide all candidates who sat for the examination with a results sheet indicating the marks obtained for each subject and the total marks.
12. The issuance of admission cards for the competitive examination shall not be considered as confirmation that the applicant has fulfilled the required qualifications

for the post. Eligibility will be verified at the interview stage in accordance with the Gazette notification. If it is found that a candidate does not possess the required qualifications, such candidate will be deemed ineligible for appointment.

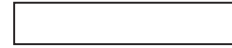
13. Any matter not provided for herein will be determined by the Director General of Export Agriculture, who is the appointing authority. All candidates are required to comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in this Gazette notification.

14. Candidates will be subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Central Provincial Council Public Service Commission during the conduct of the examination and the release of results. Any violation of these rules will render the candidate liable to penalties imposed by the Director General of Export Agriculture.

15. In the event of any inconsistency among the Sinhala, Tamil, and English versions of this notice, the Sinhala version shall prevail.

M. K. S. R. D. SAMARASINGHE,
Director General of Export Agriculture.

27th of April, 2026.



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*30% of the total vacancies will be filled through limited recruitment. In the absence of suitably qualified candidates under the limited category, the entire number of vacancies will be filled through open recruitment.

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- Applicants must have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in one sitting with three (03) passes in subjects such as Biology, Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Technology, Biotechnology, or Technology, with at least two (02) subjects from the Science or Technology streams.

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submit their applications through the Head of their respective institution.

- The applicant's signature must be certified either by the Head of the institution or by an officer authorized by him. In all other cases, the signature should be attested by a responsible person such as a Principal of a school, a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Oaths, a Notary Public, or an officer holding a permanent position in the Government or Provincial Public Service at the tertiary or senior level, in accordance with the grading specified in P.S.C. Circular No. 10/2025.
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- Identify, use and clean laboratory equipment and safely use and store chemicals.

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08. *Conditions of Employment* :-

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