
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK, LAND AND IRRIGATION**

Land Commissioner General's Department

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
RECRUITMENT TO GRADE III OF THE POST OF
COLONIZATION OFFICER IN SUPERVISORY
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT TECHNICAL
SERVICE CATEGORY OF LAND COMMISSIONER
GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT – 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited from candidates who fulfill the qualifications mentioned in 02 below, to fill fifty-eight (58) vacancies in the post of Grade III of Colonization Officer in the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service category of the Land Commissioner General's Department.

1. Method of Recruitment –

Vacancies in the post of Colonization Officer in the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service category will be filled by the Land Commissioner General, as authorized by the Public Service Commission, based on the results of a written examination and a general

interview conducted for persons who have fulfilled the qualifications specified in 02 below.

2. Qualifications –

I. Educational Qualifications - Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination at one and the same sitting in three (03) subjects selected from among Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, and Agro-Technology and

Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in one and the same sitting with passes in six (06) subjects, including Credit passes in Sinhala/Tamil/English Language, Science, Mathematics, and one other subject

II. Professional Qualifications - Should possess a two-year Diploma in Agriculture awarded by an institution recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC)

III. **Physical Qualifications** - Should be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of the island and to discharge the duties entrusted to the post.

IV. **Other Qualifications**

- Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- Should be of excellent moral character
- Should have fulfilled all qualifications required for recruitment to the post in all aspects by the date specified in the *Gazette* notification.

3. Salary Code and Salary Scale -

The monthly consolidated salary scale applicable to this post:

Rs. 52,250 - 10 × 800 - 11 × 1,190 - 10 × 1,320 - 10 × 1,350 - 100,040/-

Salary Code - MN3 – 2025

4. Age Limit

Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 30 years of age as at the closing date for acceptance of applications. (Accordingly, only those whose date of birth falls on or before 31.07.2008 and on or after 31.07.1996 are eligible to apply.)

5. Conditions of Service

- I. This post is permanent and pensionable. Officers recruited to this post shall be subject to any policy decisions that may be taken by the Government from time to time regarding the pension scheme.
- II. Appointees to this post will be required to serve a probation period of three (03) years.
- III. In terms of Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and the circulars incidental thereto, officers shall acquire proficiency in the other official language within three (03) years of joining the service, in addition to the language medium through which they entered the service.
- IV. The prescribed link language proficiency requirements shall be fulfilled in accordance with the Minute of the Sri Lanka Technological Service.
- V. This appointment is subject to the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission, the Service Minute of the Sri Lanka Technological Service and any amendments made or to be made thereto, the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Government Financial Regulations, the Scheme of Recruitment of the post of Colonization Officer in the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service category of the Land Commissioner General's Department, departmental orders, and any other regulations issued by the Government from time to time.

6. Method of Examination

- I. This examination will be conducted by an institution approved by the Land Commissioner General, and the examination will be held only in the city of Colombo on a date determined by the head of that institution.
- II. The examination will be conducted in both Sinhala and Tamil mediums. Candidates shall not be permitted to change the language medium indicated in their application at a later stage.
- III. A candidate must answer all questions in the examination in one and the same language.

7. Syllabus of the Written Examination

<i>Name of the Question Paper</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
1. Intelligence Quotient	This question paper consists of multiple-choice questions designed to assess the candidate's logical thinking, analytical skills, and decision-making capacity. (Duration 01 hour – Total marks 100)
2. Subject related technical examination	This paper shall consist of structured questions covering the land tenure system in Sri Lanka and its evolution, land reform movements in Sri Lanka, the agricultural economy of Sri Lanka, and settlement planning and management. Candidates are expected to possess a basic understanding of the following subject areas. (Duration 03 hour – Total marks 100) i. Land tenure system in Sri Lanka and its Evolution - History of the land tenure system in Sri Lanka. - Confirmation of land ownership through the registration of documents. - Registration of land titles in Sri Lanka. ii. Land Reform Movements in Sri Lanka - The Waste Lands Ordinance introduced by the British and the social changes resulting from it. - The implementation of the Land Development Ordinance in 1935 and the alienation of land ownership to the peasantry. - The Land Reform Commission Act introduced in 1972 and the land reforms resulting from it. iii. Agricultural economy of Sri Lanka - Agricultural policies in Sri Lanka. - Main food crop production and food security in Sri Lanka. - Development and conservation of land through land development. - Contribution of agriculture to the national production in Sri Lanka. - Crop diversification. - Water management. - Soil conservation. iv. Settlement planning and management - Basic elements of settlement planning and management. - Socio-economic surveys. - Resettlement. - Community development. - Basic infrastructure development.

08. Interview

A number of candidates equal to the expected number of recruits will be called for the general interview, in the order of merit based on total marks from among those who score 40% or more for each subject in the written examination. No marks will be awarded at the interview, and it will be conducted solely to verify the certificates and physical qualifications of the candidates.

09. Examination fees

Examination fee is Rs. 500.00. This examination fee should be credited *via* any branch of Bank of Ceylon to Account No. 7042571 maintained at the **Battaramulla Branch of Bank of Ceylon** in favour of “**Land Commissioner General, Land Commissioner General’s Department**” and the bank slip obtained should be affixed firmly in the space provided

in the application form. Please note that no additional charges will be levied apart from this examination fee. The fee paid for this examination will not be refunded, either in full or in part, under any circumstances. It will be useful to retain a photocopy of the payment receipt.

10. Submission of Applications

- (a) The application should be prepared so that headings 01 to 04 appear on the first page and the remaining sections on the subsequent pages. The relevant information must be completed clearly in the applicant's own handwriting. The name of the examination stated in the heading of the application must be written in English in addition to Sinhala in Sinhala applications and in English in addition to Tamil in Tamil applications. Incomplete applications and applications that do not conform to the specimen application published in this notification will be rejected without notice. Therefore, before submission, applicants should carefully verify that the application conforms to the specimen application in the *Gazette* notification, has been completed correctly with all required information, and that the prescribed examination fee has been paid, the relevant details entered in the application, and the receipt affixed. Applicants are also advised to retain a photocopy of the completed application for future reference.
- (b) The application, prepared in accordance with the specimen attached to this notification, should be sent by registered post to reach the **Land Commissioner General, Land Commissioner General's Department, "Mihikatha Medura", No. 1200/06, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, on or before 31 July 2026.** Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.
- (c) It is mandatory to clearly indicate '**Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment of Officers to Grade III of the Post of Colonization Officer in the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category of the Land Commissioner General's Department - 2026**' on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application.
- (d) The applicant's signature on both the application and the admission card must be attested by a person authorized to attest signatures. In the case

of officers currently serving in the public service or provincial public service, the signature must be attested by the relevant Head of Department or an officer authorized to act on his or her behalf. For all other applicants, the signature must be attested by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Oaths, Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Principal of a Government School, an officer holding a permanent staff-grade position in the public service, a commissioned officer of the tri-forces, or a gazetted officer of the Police Service.

11. Admission to the Examination

- (a) Admission cards will be issued by the Head of the institution conducting the examination to candidates who fall within the prescribed age limits and who have submitted duly completed applications, together with the relevant receipt for payment of the prescribed examination fee, on or before the closing date for the acceptance of applications. The issuance of admission cards will be based on the presumption that only candidates who possess the qualifications specified in the *Gazette* notification have applied. A notice will be published on the website of the Land Commissioner General's Department (www.landcom.gov.lk) immediately after the admission cards have been issued. Any candidate who does not receive an admission card may make inquiries in the manner specified in that notice. Candidates appearing for the examination must produce their duly attested admission cards to the Supervisor of the Examination Centre. Candidates who fail to produce their admission cards will not be permitted to sit for the examination. The duly attested admission card must be handed over to the Examination Supervisor on the first day the candidate appears for the examination.
- (b) Candidates must establish their identity to the Supervisor of the Examination Centre by producing one of the following documents:

- i. **National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons**
- ii. **Valid Passport.**

12. Examination Results

In accordance with paragraph 07 of this notification, the Head of the institution conducting the examination shall submit to the Land Commissioner General a

results sheet containing the total marks obtained by candidates who have secured 40% or more in each subject of the written examination, arranged in order of merit. The Head of the institution conducting the examination shall also take the necessary steps to individually notify all candidates who sat for the examination of their results.

13. The issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be construed as confirmation that the candidate is eligible to sit for the examination or has satisfied the qualifications prescribed for the post.
14. Candidates appearing for the examination shall be subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Head of the institution conducting the examination with regard to the conduct of the examination. Any candidate who violates such rules and regulations shall be liable to penalties imposed by the Head of the institution conducting the examination. The decision of the Head of the institution conducting the examination regarding the examination and its results shall be final.
15. Candidates must exercise utmost care in providing accurate information when completing the application

form. If, at any stage before, during, or after the examination, it is found that a candidate does not satisfy the qualifications or requirements prescribed under the rules and regulations governing this examination, his/her candidature may be cancelled.

16. The Land Commissioner General reserves the right to clarify / make decisions on any matter for which provision has not been made in this notification.
17. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the Sinhala, Tamil, and English medium notifications herein, the Sinhala medium notification shall be deemed correct and acted upon.

CHANDANA RANAWEERA ARACHCHI,
Land Commissioner General.

At Land Commissioner General's Department,
"Mihikatha Medura", No. 1200/06,
Rajamalwatta Road,
Battaramulla
On 17th June, 2026.