
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

Open Competitive Examination for the Recruitment to Post in Grade III of the Engineering Assistants' Service in the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation - 2026

APPLICATIONS are hereby called from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the **open** competitive examination to be held for the recruitment to Post in Grade III of the Engineering Assistants' Service in the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation. This examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations in the District of Colombo in October 2026. The Director General of Irrigation has the authority to postpone or cancel this examination.

- The application has been published through “Online Application-Recruitment Exams/ E.B. Exams” under “Our Services” 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 22.06.2026 at 9.00 a.m. and will be ended on 20.07.2026 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 upon for the Interview.

1. Posts expected to be recruited

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>	<i>Grade to be recruited</i>
01.	Engineering Assistant	102	Recruited to Grade III. However, to officers who are recruited directly, an in-service training at the Irrigation Department will be given during the first 06 months.

1.1. Nature of the duties of posts

Following duties assigned under the supervision of an Irrigation Engineer as per the regulations of the department:

- Preliminary investigations for effective operational work of constructions/ improvements/ rehabilitation/ operation and maintenance of new or ongoing gravity/ lift/ micro irrigation, flood-water and salt-water prevention schemes and of productive water controlling, surveying and leveling according to full investigations, preparing limited scale drafts and civil engineering designs, preparing relevant plans, quantity surveying, rate analysis and preparing estimates
- Preparing of procurement documents according to the standard specifications, supervision of work, quality control of the organization
- Management of machinery, fuel, materials and stores at field work sites and relevant accounting.
- Development and training of institutional organization, supervising the duties of work supervisors/ technical aides, field assistants, and labourers as the officer-in-charge of fields/units, project manager of irrigation schemes.
- Field work related to the duties assigned to the department by the Irrigation Ordinance and other Acts, and duties of other engineering sub professions.

2. Method of recruitment

- 2.1. Recruitments will be made based on the results of the written competitive examination to be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations and the general interview. Qualified persons will be selected from applicants who passed the written examination, by subjecting a number of passed applicants to the number of expected recruitments, to the general interview according to the merit order of their total marks.
- 2.2. The general interview is solely for checking the physical fitness and certificates of the applicants and no marks will be given for the interview.
- 2.3. Following the consent of the Director General of Irrigation, results will be issued in person or via online, to all applicants who sat for the examination.

1.4. Direct Recruitment

- I. For the apprentices who are recruited under direct recruitment, seniority will be determined according to the merit order of passing the theory and practical test conducted after a training of six months (06) which includes both theoretical and practical training, as prescribed by the Irrigation Department.
- II. If the one year field training obtained by these apprentices were obtained in the Irrigation Department successfully, they shall be exempted from the aforesaid six months (06) training, and they all shall be required to sit for the practical test.

3. Salary Scale

As per the Schedule II of the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025, the monthly salary scale applicable for this post is Rs.52250-10x800-11x1190-10x1320-10x1350-Rs.100,040/= (MN3-2025).

4. Service Category- Supervisory Management Assistant /Technical

- 4.1. Grades - Grade III
Grade II
Grade I
Special Grade

4.2. Nature of the post - This appointment is permanent and pensionable. You shall be subjected to the policy decisions taken by the government in future, regarding the pension scheme. Contributions shall be made to the Widow/Widowers' & Orphan's pension fund.

5. Conditions for engagement in service and service conditions:

- 5.1. Apprentices, who are recruited under direct recruitment, shall be subjected to a probationary period of 03 years from the date of accepting the appointment to the Engineering Assistant Grade III and the First Efficiency Bar Examination shall be passed within the said period.
- 5.2. As per the Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and circulars incidental thereto, it is mandatory to achieve the relevant level of language proficiency within the prescribed period of time.

5.3. This appointment is subjected to the Provisions of Sections 10-12 in the Chapter II of the Establishment Codes of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Procedural Rules of Public Services Commission and other Departmental orders.

5.4. Selected applicants shall have the ability to serve in any part of the island.

6. Age limit:

Minimum age shall be not less than 18 years and the maximum age shall be not more than 30 years as at the closing date of applications.

7. Required Qualifications:

7.1. Educational Qualifications

Shall have passed G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination in six (06) subjects with Credit passes for Sinhala/Tamil, English Language, Mathematics, Science and one other subject at one sitting,

and,

Shall have passed G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination with subjects relevant to the fields of Physics, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Chemistry as per the old syllabus at one sitting,

or

Shall have passed G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination in three (03) subjects of Higher Mathematics or Combined Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry as per the new syllabus at one sitting.

7.2. Vocational Qualifications

- I. Having obtained the certificate upon following the Diploma in Irrigation Engineering at an Irrigation Training Institute at Galgamuwa, Kotmale,

Or

- II. Having obtained the certificate upon following the National Diploma in Technology (Civil Engineering) at the University of Moratuwa, Katubedda,

Or

III. Having obtained the certificate upon following the Higher National Diploma in Engineering (Civil Engineering) conducted by Sri Lanka Institute of Advance Technological Education, Mattakkuliya,

Or

IV. Having obtained the certificate upon following the National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (Civil-Engineering) conducted by the Institute of Engineering Technology, Katunayake,

Or

V. Having obtained the certificate upon following the Diploma in Technology (Civil Engineering) conducted by the Open University,

Or

VI. Having obtained the certificate upon following a course similar to any of above courses recognized by the University Grants Commission or the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

These courses shall be of NVQ level 06.

Applicants who have completed the course but have not yet obtained the certificate are also eligible to apply and such applicants will be required to produce the relevant certificate at the interview. However, the effective date of the certificate must be prior to the closing date of applications.

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 a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. Applicants shall be of excellent moral character.

iii. No person who is ordained in a religious order is eligible to appear for this examination.

iv. Qualifications required for appearing for the examination for recruitment to the post are accepted as fulfilled only if the applicant has completed all the relevant qualifications in all aspect by the date mentioned in the notification for calling applications.

8. **Procedure of Examination:**

This examination consists of a question paper with multiple-choice questions and will be conducted in Sinhala, English and Tamil media. The medium applied for cannot be changed later.

Question paper/ Subject area	Duration	Highest Marks	Pass Marks
Intelligence test	01 Hour	100	40

8.1. Syllabus for the examination:

Question paper	Syllabus
Intelligence test	Knowledge of the candidate in logical and analytical thinking, decision making ability and making judgments is assessed.

9. **Method of Application:**

9.1. Online applications shall be filled in English language only. Applicants will be notified whether the soft copy submitted online is accepted/not accepted as a valid application by the department *via* SMS sent to the mobile number used to access the system or *via* an e-mail. Before filling the online application, download the instructions sheet prepared on applying for examination. Strictly adhere to the said instructions when filling 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 will be rejected without notice.

9.2. Candidates must get their signature on the Admission Card attested and present such attested Admission Card to the Examination Supervisor on the day of the Examination. No candidate will be allowed to sit for the examination without a duly attested Admission Card.

- 9.3. The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue admission cards strictly online to applicants who have paid the prescribed examination fee and submitted the duly completed application on or before the closing date of applications, based on the presumption that only those who have fulfilled the qualifications mentioned in the gazette notifications have applied. Immediately after the admission cards are issued, applicants will be notified via a web notice and a short message by 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, it will be more effective to send a request letter by the applicant to the e-mail address mentioned in the notice, mentioning the name of the examination applied for, full name of the applicant, National Identity Card number and address. 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 at your possession to confirm any information requested by the Department of Examinations.
- 9.4. Issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be considered as an acceptance that he/she has fulfilled the qualifications to sit for the examination or for the post.
- 9.5. After checking the admission card and if there needed any amendments, such amendments shall be made according to the application by contacting the Department of Examinations. Requests for amendments to be made at the examination hall will not be entertained.
- 9.6. 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. 1,200/=.** Payment of examination fees shall be made strictly using the following methods provided by the online system.
 - I. Any Bank Credit Card;
 - II. Any Bank Debit Card with the facility of internet transactions;
 - III. Online Banking Method of Bank of Ceylon;
 - IV. Any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon.

Note -

- (a) Instructions on making the payment through above methods are published in the website under the technical instructions relevant to the examination.
- (b) The receipt of payment shall be acknowledged via a short message (SMS) or e-mail. The full amount of the examination fee shall be paid and, applications of the candidates who have made payments less or more 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 Sri Lankan Driving License

Also, examination candidates must enter the examination hall without covering the face allowing their identity to be confirmed and without covering ears to ensure that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Applicants who do not agree will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, from the moment applicants enter the examination hall until they leave after the examination is over, they must keep their faces and ears uncovered at all times.

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, actions will be taken to dismiss him/her from the public service.

13. General Matters :

- 13.1. Candidates shall be subjected 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 a punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the results will be the final decision.
- 13.2. Once the appointing authority informs the appropriate date for the release of results, steps shall be taken by the Department of Examinations to issue a results sheet mentioning the marks obtained for each subject/ total marks at the written examination to all candidates who sat for the examination by post or via the website www.results.exams.gov.lk
- 13.3. If there is any matter not provided for in this notification, such matter and anything regarding filling these vacancies will be determined by the Public Service Commission and the Director General of Irrigation.
- 13.4. In case of any inconsistency among the language texts of this notification published in Sinhala, Tamil, and English languages, the Sinhala medium notification shall prevail, and actions will be taken accordingly.

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