

## Examinations, Results of Examinations & c.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

#### RECRUITMENT ON OPEN BASIS FOR THE POST OF LEGAL OFFICER GRADE III IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE CATEGORY - 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited by order of the Public Service Commission from the citizens of Sri Lanka those who have fulfilled the qualifications mentioned in this notification to fill vacancies in the post of Legal Officer in Grade III in the Executive Service Category. Applications prepared as per the specimen form given at the end of this notification should be sent under registered post on or before the closing date given below to reach the addressed of Director General, Department of Animal Production and Health, P.O. Box 13, Getambe, Peradeniya. The words “Post of Legal Officer in the Department of Animal Production and Health” should be clearly mentioned in the top hand corner of the envelope.

(a) Closing date for calling applications is 10.07.2026

Note : Complaints regarding the loss or delay of an application or letter related to the same in the post will not be considered. The applicant himself should sustain all the losses that may cause due to the delay in forwarding the applications until the last day. Further, applications of candidates those who have not fulfilled the basic qualifications will be rejected.

#### 01. Mode of Recruitment

(i.) Out of the applicants those who have fulfilled the qualifications stated in this notification, the applicant who scores the highest marks at the eligibility evaluation interview conducted by a Board of Panel appointed by the Public Service Commission will be recruited for this post. The eligibility evaluation interview will be conducted in compliance with the marking scheme (stated under No. 08) approved by the Public Service Commission.

(ii.) The effective date of the appointment will be decided by the Public Service Commission.

#### 02. Terms of Engagement in Service

(i.) This post is permanent and pensionable. You are subject to policy decisions taken by the Government in the future in respect of the pension scheme you are entitled to. Further, you should contribute to the Widows' and Orphans'

Widowers' and Orphans Pension Scheme (W&OP) as specified by the Government from time to time.

(ii.) Selected applicant will be appointed to the Post of Legal Officer Grade III in the Executive Service Category which exists vacant in the Department of Animal Production and Health.

(iii.) The applicant appointed to the post should acquire the relevant level of competency in language as per the provisions and incidentals there to in the Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and dated 16.10.2020. Your medium of recruitment will be the medium in which you completed your Degree. An officer who qualifies to be appointed in a language medium deviating from the official language should acquire level III competency in an official language before confirmation in his post.

(vi.) This appointment is subjected to the Procedural Rules of the Public Services Commission, Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Financial Regulations of the Government and other Departmental Orders.

#### 03 Salary Scale

This post is entitled to a monthly Salary Scale of- Rs. 82,150 – 10x2,400 – 8x2,940 – 17x3,900 - Rs.195,970/- ( SL – 1 – 2025) as per schedule II of P. A. C. No. 10/2025 and dated 25.03.2025. Salaries will be paid in terms of the Schedule III of the provisions of this Circular.

#### 04. Educational Qualifications

Should have obtained a Degree in Law from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or should have taken oaths as a Lawyer of the Supreme Courts.

#### 05. Experience

Should have an active professional experience of not less than 03 years after taking oaths as a Lawyer of the Supreme Courts (A service certificate issued by a Senior Lawyer is required in proof of active professional experience. If serving in a Government Institute, Semi-government Institute, non-government organization registered in the Government (registered number should be stated in the letter heading) at present it is required to have a letter issued by the head of the relevant Institute to prove experience. Date of issue, service period and the official stamp should be clearly indicated in such documents to be produced at the interview);

or

Should have gained experience not less than 03 years in the field of law in a state institute after taking oaths as an Attorney-a-Law related to the below mentioned activities;

- a) Legal actions in respect of cases and coordinating with the Attorney General's Department;
- b) Legal activities connected with agreements;
- c) Legal activities connected with relevant Acts & Ordinances;
- d) Compilation of legal documents such as draft of bills, circulars, regulations;
- e) Laws imposed by various Statutory Institutions, court procedures or investigations.

#### 06. Age Limit

Applicants should not be less than 21 years and not more than 45 years as at the closing date of receiving the applications. (Original copy of the birth certificate issued by the Divisional Secretariat should be produced)

#### 07. Physical Fitness

Every applicant should be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of the island and to perform duties of the post and health condition should be proved through a medical certificate.

#### 08. Other qualifications

- (i) Applicants should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Should be of excellent character (A DS 04 certificate issued by the Grama Niladhari of the Division where the applicant is residing and another character certificate obtained within 06 months should be produced to prove the same)
- (iii) Should have satisfied all the qualifications required for the recruitment to this post as at the closing date of receiving applications mentioned in the notification of calling applications/Gazette notification.

#### 09. Interview

Eligibility evaluation interview (marks will not be given)

<i>Fields Checked for Allocation of Marks</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>
<p><b>9.1 Additional Educational Qualifications</b></p> <p>9.1.1 Post Graduate Degree relevant to the field of Law obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission. (20 marks)</p> <p>9.1.2 Post Graduate Diploma the field of Law or Post Diploma in Law issued by an institute recognized by the Government (not less than on year) (Marks per Diploma 05x04 = 20 marks)</p> <p>9.1.3 Four year Degree in other fields obtained from an institute recognized by University Grants Commission.</p> <p>9.1.3.1 For First Class - 10 marks</p> <p>9.1.3.2 For Second Class Upper - 07 marks</p> <p>9.1.3.3 For Second Class Lower - 05 marks</p> <p>(Marks will be given only for one maximum qualification)</p>	20
<p><b>9.1 Additional Professional Qualifications</b></p> <p>9.2.1 For a diploma of which the duration is more than 01 year in the relevant field of Law offered by an institution recognized by the Government. (10 marks per Diploma)</p> <p>9.2.2 For a Diploma of which the duration is more than 06 months and less than 01year in the field of Law offered by an institute recognized by the government. (05 marks per Diploma)</p>	

<i>Fields Checked for Allocation of Marks</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>
<p>9.2.3 For a Certificate course of which the duration is more than 03 months and less than 06 months in the field of Law offered by an institute recognized by the Government (03 marks for a course)</p> <p><i>N.B.</i> Marks will be given only for other certificates excluding the certificates for those marks given under no. 9.1</p> <p>9.2.4 For serving as a Company Secretary in the Private Sector/Semi-government sector – 03 marks for a completed year.</p> <p>9.2.5 For serving in the post of Notary – 03 marks for a completed year</p> <p>9.2.6 For serving as a Lecturer/Visiting Lecturer in a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or in a Government registered institute for higher education registered – 03 Marks for a completed year</p> <p>9.2.7 For a position/member of a government recognized tribunal- 03 marks for a completed year</p>	15
<p><b>9.3 Additional Experience</b></p> <p>9.3.1 Other than the 03 years of service period that is required for the basic qualification mentioned in the notification for calling applications (05 marks for each year of experience gained in addition to the first 03 years)</p> <p>9.3.2 By 05 marks for each year, maximum will be 30 marks.</p> <p>9.3.3 More than 06 months and less than one year – 02 marks</p> <p>(A service certificate issued by a Senior Lawyer is required in proof of active professional experience. If serving in a Government institute, Semi-government institute, Non-government organization registered in the Government (registered number should be stated in the letter heading) at present it is required to have a letter issued by the head of the relevant institute to prove experience. Date of issue, service period and the official stamp should be clearly indicated in such documents to be produced at the interview)</p>	30
<p><b>9.4 Language Proficiency</b></p> <p>9.4.1 Postgraduate Degree/Postgraduate LLB Degree /LLB/other Degree studied in English Medium. (15 marks) (relevant medium should be mentioned in the detailed result sheet)</p> <p>9.4.2 For a Diploma Course in English of which the duration is 01year/not less than 1500 hours obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or from an Institute recognized by the Government. (10 marks)</p> <p>9.4.3 For a Certificate Course in English from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or from an Institute recognized by the Government. 06 months/720hours. (07 marks) 03 months/360hours. (05 marks) (Marks will be given only for one maximum qualification)</p>	15
<p><b>9.5 Knowledge on Information Technology</b></p> <p>For Information Technology as a main subject for a Degree offered by a University recognized by University Grants Commission. (15 marks)</p> <p>For a Certificate Course in Information Technology offered by an Institute recognized by the Government.</p>	15

<i>Fields Checked for Allocation of Marks</i>		<i>Maximum Marks</i>
9.5.2.1	06 months/720 hours (10 marks)	
9.5.2.2	03 months/360 hours (05 marks) (Marks will be given only for the maximum qualification)	
9.6	<b>Performance at the interview</b> General knowledge and intelligence Knowledge on modern trends in the legal field Capacity in expression of ideas clearly and personality	05
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

*Note* – If relevant time duration is not stated in the certificates which are submitted at the Interview, it is the responsibility of the candidate, in respect of such certificates; to submit written documents on the time duration proved by respective Institutions. Certificates in which the time duration is not stated or not verified will not be considered for marks.

**10. Identity of Candidates.** – Only the candidates who have submitted duly completed applications will be called for the interview.

Originals and duly certified copies of all certificates in 02 files should be submitted at the Interview.

Any of the following should be submitted to prove the identity of the candidate at the Interview:

01. National Identity Card issued by the Commissioner of Registration of Persons;
02. Valid Passport;
03. Valid driving License.

**11. Submission of applications:**

- I. Applications should be sent by registered post to reach the below mentioned address on or before 10.07.2026. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

Director General,  
Department of Animal Production & Health,  
P.O. Box 13,  
Getambe,  
Peradeniya.

- II. Specimen of the application to be submitted is attached at the end of this Notification.

Candidates should prepare themselves the application on A4 size paper including No. 1.1 to 3.1 on first page and No. 3.2.to 4.7 on second page and No. 5 to 8 on the third page. The applicant should fill the application in his/her own handwriting.

- III. The words “**Application for the post of Legal Officer – Grade III**” should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope in which the application is enclosed.
- IV. Signature of the candidate on the application should be certified by a Principal of a Government School/ Justice of peace/ Commissioner of Oaths/ Attorney-at-Law/ Notary Public/ Commissioned Officer of Three armed forces/ an officer holding a Permanent post in Public Service or Provincial Public Service and receiving a monthly consolidated Salary of Rs. 82,150.00 or more than that.
- V. Candidates those who are already in Public or Provincial Public Service or Semi government should submit their applications through the relevant Head of Institution.

VI. Applications, which are not in compliance with the specimen attached herewith, will be rejected.

VII. No complain on the applications lost or delayed will be entertained.

## 12. Furnishing false information

If any information furnished in the application is found to be false or incorrect before recruitment, your candidature will be cancelled.

If so found after recruitment, you are liable to be dismissed from service subject to relevant action.

## 13. Other Provisions

- I. The Public Service Commission reserve the right to take decisions in respect of the provisions not set out in this Gazette Notification.
- II. The final decision of filling or not filling the vacancies is vested in the Public Service Commission.
- III. In case of any inconsistency or contradictory among the texts in Sinhala, Tamil and English in this *Gazette* notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
- IV. If a candidate is found that he has not fulfilled the qualifications, his candidature will be cancelled.
- V. If a candidate is found that he has produced false information.
- IV. A candidate may be dismissed if it is revealed that he/she has knowingly presented any fact that is false, or if he/she has deliberately suppressed any important fact.

By order of the Public Service Commission,

Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,  
..... 2026.