

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

LIMITED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR FILLING THE VACANCIES IN GRADE III OF SRI LANKA ARCHITECTS' SERVICE 2025 (2026)

APPLICATIONS are hereby called from officers who are serving in Public Service/ Provincial Public Service who possess following qualifications to fill 03 posts which have fallen vacant in Grade III of Sri Lanka Architects' Service in Ministries/ Departments/ Provincial Councils where approved posts of Sri Lanka Architects' Service, as per the order of Public Service Commission.

- ❖ The application has been published on the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka www.doenets.lk, through the "Online Applications – Recruitment Exams/E.B. Exams" under the "Our Services" section and applications can strictly be submitted online. Acceptance of online applications commences on 29th of June 2026 at 9.00 a.m. and ends on 24 th of July 2026 at 9.00 p.m.
- ❖ Officers serving in the public/ provincial public service at present should hand over a copy of the application to their respective Heads of Institutions to be included in their personal files and a copy of the application certified by the Head of the Institution and a letter of confirmation of service must be submitted at the interview.

- ❖ The applicant must bear any adverse consequences resulting from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date.

01. This examination will be conducted in Colombo in the month of October 2026 by the Commissioner General of Examinations, subject to orders made by the Public Service Commission. In the event of a special situation arising within the country, arrangements may be made to conduct the examination island-wide. Furthermore, if an insufficient number of candidates have applied for a particular examination center, those who opted for such center will be directed to another examination center. The Commissioner General of Examinations reserves the power to postpone or cancel this examination, subject to the orders of the Public Service Commission.

In this notice, the 'Appointing Authority' shall mean the Public Service Commission.

02. Method of recruitment to the service

Recruitments to Grade III of Sri Lanka Architects' Service shall be made on the results of a written examination and structured interview.

A number equivalent to twice the number of recruitments to be made out of those who have secured 40% or above for each subject of this examination shall be called for the structured interview on the order of merit of marks. Recruitments shall be made on the order of merit of the aggregate they receive when the marks they obtain at the structured interview are added to the marks they secure at the written examination.

03. Number of vacancies: 03

Number of appointments and effective date shall be determined on the order of Public Service Commission.

In case where there is no sufficient number of qualified applicants under the limited stream, the recruitment to be made under limited stream shall also be made under the open stream.

04. Conditions for employment in the service

4.1 Selected candidates shall be appointed to Grade III of the relevant post, subject to the general terms and conditions governing appointments in the Public Service, the provisions of the Minute of the Sri Lanka Architects' Service published in the Extraordinary *Gazette* No. 1877/28 dated 28.08.2014, Departmental Orders, the provisions of the Establishments Code and Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Procedural Rules) published in the Extraordinary *Gazette* No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022, as well as any amendments already made or which may be made hereafter to the aforementioned terms, conditions, orders, provisions, regulations and rules.

4.2 These posts are permanent and pensionable. Selected candidates shall be subject to any policy decisions made by the Government in the future with regard to the pension scheme. Contribution shall be made to the Widows' and Orphans/ Widowers' and Orphans pension scheme. Contributions for the same must be paid by you in the manner prescribed by the Government from time to time.

4.3 These appointments are subject to a probation period of one year. The First Efficiency Bar examination must be passed as specified in the Service Minute within three years of recruitment to the service.

4.4 Officers shall obtain language proficiency at the relevant level as per Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and consequent circulars.

4.5 An appointee shall be bound to serve in any part of the island as may be determined.

4.6 The Appointing Authority reserves the power to cancel the appointment of any candidate who fails to assume duties of the post offered on the prescribed date and/or refuses or avoids the assumption of duties in a designated post or an assigned area.

05. Salary Structure and Salary Scale:

The monthly salary scale applicable to this post as per Schedule II of the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025 is Rs. 82,150 – 10 x 2,400 – 8 x 2,940 – 17 x 3,900 – 195,970/- (SL-1-2025) and this salary scale will be effective from 01.01.2027. Until then, salaries will be paid according to Schedule III of the aforementioned circular. In addition, you will be entitled to other allowances paid by the Government to public officers from time to time.

06. Qualifications for recruitment:

6.1 Educational/ Professional Qualifications and Age Limit:

6.1.1

I.

i. Shall have obtained a five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree from a recognized university as per the provisions of Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2025;

or

ii. Shall have obtained a three-year Bachelor of Science degree in Built Environment from a recognized university with a Postgraduate Diploma in the relevant field, as per the provisions of Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2025;

or

iii. Shall have obtained a three-year Bachelor of Science degree in Built Environment from a recognized university with 05 years of experience in the relevant field, as per the provisions of Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2025;

and

Officers who have satisfied the above qualifications and completed five (05) years of active and satisfactory service in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service and are drawing salaries under salary codes MN 2 or above as per Public Administration Circular 06/2006.

II. Officers who have passed Part I of the Standard Course at Sri Lanka Architects' Institute and have completed an active and satisfactory service period of 10 years in public service/ provincial public service.

III. Draftsmen in Special Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service who have completed satisfactory service period of 05 years within the immediately preceding period.

6.2.2 **Age Limit:** Not applicable

6.2 Other qualifications:

- I. Shall be a citizen of Sri Lankan.
- II. Shall be of an excellent character.
- III. Shall have the physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of the Island and to perform the duties of the post.
- IV. Should have not been subjected to any disciplinary punishment in accordance with the provisions stipulated in Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.
- V. Shall have been confirmed in the service.
- VI. All required qualifications for recruitment must have been fulfilled in every respect on or before the date on which the *Gazette* notification of calling for applications is published.

07. **Method of Recruitment :** On the results of a written and structured interview

7.1 Written examination: This examination shall be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

No.	Subjects	Maximum marks	Pass marks	Duration
01	Knowledge related to the subject of Architecture	100	40	03 hours
02	General question paper	100	40	02 hours

All candidates shall sit for both question papers prescribed for this examination.

Subject No.01 - Knowledge related to the subject of Architecture

This question paper shall be designed in the following manner.

Duration – three hours

Two compulsory questions shall be answered from Part I and II (20 each) four questions shall be answered out of the 6 questions in the other three parts. (15 each)

Part I – Practical role of an architect in public service

1. Difference of the practice of Architecture between public and private sector.
2. Scope, advantages and disadvantages of the role of Architect.
3. Responsibilities towards general public.
4. Responsibilities towards organization.

Part II –1. Basic studies and investigations

2. Conceptual design and approach to basic estimates.
3. Planning and formulating procedures and obtaining necessary approvals and clarifications
4. The set of plans to be prepared for obtaining approval from relevant local government institutions.
5. Comprehensive field plans and specifications on Architecture.
6. Preparation of detailed data with the coordination of other consultants (Structural and service plans)

Part III – Tasks of the organization and operational medium

1. Vision and mission of the organization
2. Role and task of the organization
3. Organization structure

4. Duties, responsibilities and interrelationship of each division in the performance of the tasks of the organization.
5. Links with other public institutions.

Part IV – Contribution of Architects to the project within the preconstruction period of the project.

1. Bid documents and estimate of institutions.
2. Procurement guidelines.
3. Pre tender meetings and tender activities.
4. Technical evaluation and the types of tender boards.
5. Agreements and awarding contracts.

Part V – Contribution of the Architects during the implementation process and post contract period of the project.

1. Progress review meetings at the site.
2. Quality control procedures.
3. Maintaining the coordination with construction groups.
4. Estimating the built environment and activities on post analysis.
5. Maintenance registers.

Subject No. 02 – General question paper

This question paper is limited to 02 hours. It consists of two parts.

Part I: This question paper consists of questions related to scientific matters in wide range covering all subjects.

Part II: This shall consist of questions related to other general subjects such as economics, politics, culture and art.

Structure of the question paper:

- Above question papers shall consist of multiple choice or semi structured questions or combination of both.
- All questions shall be answered.

7.2 Structured interview: Marks will be awarded at the structured interview as follows :

Based on the results of the written examination, candidates who have passed the examination by securing 40% or more marks for each paper shall be called for a structured interview in the order of merit, up to twice the number expected to be recruited. Candidates who prove their qualifications at the interview shall be recruited only for the number of existing vacancies.

Allocation of marks and verification of qualifications shall be made in the following manner by a board of interview appointed by the Public Service Commission.

<i>Sections to which marks shall be allocated after examining</i>	<i>Maximum marks</i>	<i>Total marks</i>
1. Additional educational qualifications		20
I. Post Graduate degree obtained from a university recognizer by the University Grants Commission.	10	
II. Full professional qualification	10	
2. Additional professional qualifications	05	20
I. Publications submitted in relation to the present field of service (It shall be confirmed whether the ISBN numbers have been obtained and the media in which such publications appeared shall be mentioned) (01 mark per each publication)		

<i>Sections to which marks shall be allocated after examining</i>	<i>Maximum marks</i>	<i>Total marks</i>
II. Posts held at local/ foreign institutions in relation to the field of service (Relevant service certificates should be submitted – 01 mark for each shall be allocated)	05	
III. Awards/ commendation received (Should be proved by form general 230 or acceptable certificates - 01 mark for each shall be allocated)	05	
IV. Innovations made in relation to the field of service (The certificate issued by the institution which recognized such innovation shall be submitted) (01 mark for each)	05	
3. Professional experience		55
I. Activities of architects regarding single building. - Houses - Public Offices (Houses and public Offices of the government with the extent of 300Sq to 500Sq)	15	
II. Architectural works related to Semi storied -Housing schemes -Mixed development buildings. (2to 5 floors)	10	
III. Architectural works related to elevated buildings - Housing schemes - Mixed development buildings (Storied building projects over 6 stories)	10	
IV. Settlements and main project plans -Housing schemes -Master Plan - Mixed development buildings	10	
V. Other -Additional designs (E.g. Exhibition grounds) -Contribution for social services -Housing clinic -Other educational courses related to the profession (E.g. Green buildings) (Acceptable certificates should be submitted to prove the above facts)	10	
4. Merit displayed at the interview		05
Total marks		100

7.3 Appointments to the post will be made based on the order of merit of the aggregate marks secured at the written examination and the structured interview, as applicable to the post.

In case where there are several qualified candidates with equal marks for a remaining number of vacancies when filling the vacancies in the order of merit and if there is a service requirement to fill such vacancies at that time, the Public Service Commission may decide to conduct a further selection among the candidates who have secured equal marks. This selection procedure consists of two parts as follows:

- I. Written examination for the assessment of the abilities of the candidates.
- II. Merit based interview.

The written examination will be conducted by an institution approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Board of Interview will be appointed by the Public Service Commission.

Further information with regard to the structure and content of this selection procedure has been published on the official website of the Public Service Commission at www.psc.gov.lk under the following web page:

Home Page —→ Downloads —→ Procedures —→ Special Selection Procedure

- 7.4 The number of persons to be appointed for the post and the effective date of such appointments shall be determined by the Appointing Authority. Appointments will be made based on the order of merit (marks obtained), to fill the number of vacancies allocated for the respective posts. The Appointing Authority reserves the power to fill all or none of the vacancies, or to fill or not to fill any part of the vacancies.
- 7.5 Once the Appointing Authority notifies the suitable date for releasing the results, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will take steps to send a result sheet indicating the marks obtained for each subject/ total marks, to all candidates who sat for the examination by post or to release the results through the website www.results.exams.gov.lk
- 7.6 The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations on the results of the examination shall be the final.

8.0 Conditions of the examination

- 8.1 The examination will be held strictly in Sinhala, Tamil and English media. Candidates shall sit for the examination in a language of their preference. Candidates must sit all the papers of the examination in one and the same language. A candidate shall not be permitted to change the language medium of the examination, indicated in the application.
- 8.2 Online applications shall be perfected in English medium only. It shall be informed through SMS to the mobile number or through e-mail as to whether the Department accepts/ does not accept the softcopy submitted online by the applicant as a valid application. Download the common instructions sheet prepared for applying for the examination before perfecting the online application. Strictly follow these instructions when perfecting the application. A printed copy of the application submitted online must be obtained. The applicant's signature on the said copy must be certified and the certification of the Head of the Institution should also be obtained as applicable by the applicants serving in the Public/Provincial Public Service and the said copy should be kept by the applicants. This certified printed copy must be submitted when appearing for the interview. Subsequent requests to obtain a copy of the application will not be considered.

Examination fee is Rs. 1200/-. Payment of examination fees should be made strictly using the following payment methods provided by the online system:

- i. Through any Bank Credit Card,
- ii. Through any Bank Debit Card with the facility of internet transaction,
- iii. Online Banking Method/ Flex App of Bank of Ceylon,
- iv. Through any branch of the Bank of Ceylon.

Note: The instructions on payment through the above methods are published under the technical instructions related to the examination in the website www.doenets.lk. The receipt of payment shall be acknowledged through SMS or e-mail. The total examination fee should be paid and applications of the candidates, who have made payments more or less than the prescribed examination fee, shall be rejected. Department of Examinations

shall not bear responsibility on the errors that occur when paying the examination fees through the above methods. Under no circumstances the examination fee shall be refunded or allowed to be transferred in favor of another.

- 8.4 The applicant's signature must be certified on both the printed copy of the application kept by the applicant and the admission card. An applicant serving in the Public Service / Provincial Public Service must have their signature certified by the Head of the Institution or an officer authorized by him.
- 8.5 The Commissioner General of Examinations shall issue admission cards strictly online to the applicants, who have paid the examination fee and correctly submitted the applications online and sent a printout on or before the closing date, on the supposition that only those who possess the qualifications indicated in the *Gazette* notification have applied. Immediately after the issuance of admission cards to the candidates, a notice thereon will be published in the official website of the Department of Examinations or the applicant will be notified on the same through SMS. If the admission card is not received, steps shall be taken to notify the Institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations in the manner specified in the advertisement. It would be more effective to send an email correctly indicating the name of the examination, full name, National Identity Card number and address of the applicant to the email address mentioned in the web notice. It would be advisable to keep the following in hand to prove any matter inquired by the Department of Examinations when making such inquiry: *i.e.* Photo copy of the perfected application, photo copy of the receipt obtained by paying the examination fee and the receipt obtained when sending the application by registered post. The admission card should be checked and if there are any revisions, the Department of Examinations must be contacted in advance to make the relevant corrections in accordance with the application. Requests for revisions made at the examination hall/ during the interview will not be considered.

Note: Candidates shall not be permitted to enter the examination hall without the admission card. Only the admission cards on which the signature has been attested shall be submitted to the supervisor of the examination on the first day of the examination. Issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not necessarily mean that he/she has fulfilled the requisite qualifications to sit for the examination or appointment to a post.

- 8.6 Candidates are subjected to rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations on conducting the examination. They are liable to be subjected to a punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations for breach of these rules.
- 8.7 Candidates shall be required to prove their identity in the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each subject they offer. For this purpose, any of the following documents shall be accepted.
- (a) The National Identity Card
 - (b) A valid passport
 - (c) Valid driving license of Sri Lanka

Candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their face so that their identity can be confirmed and without covering their ears to be able to verify that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. The candidates, who refuse to prove their identity in the said manner shall not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Further, candidates should remain in the examination hall from the moment of entering and leaving the examination hall without covering the face and ears.

Candidates should be dressed in a manner which exposes the full face (including ears) ensuring their clear identification. The candidates, who refuse to prove their identity in the said manner shall not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Further, candidates should remain in the examination hall from the moment of entering and leaving the examination hall without covering the face and ears enabling the examiners to identify them easily.

09. Penalty for furnishing false information

If a candidate is found to be ineligible, his/ her candidature is liable to be cancelled at any state prior to, during or after the examination. If the particulars furnished by a candidate are found to be false or if it is found that he/she has

willfully suppressed any material fact after receiving the appointment, his/her appointment will be cancelled and all monies paid by the Government/Provincial Council as salaries and allowances under the said appointment shall be recovered.

10. **Medium of examination:**

- (i) Examination shall be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums.
- (ii) The medium in which the candidate sit for the examination will be treated as the medium of appointment.
- (iii) Candidates should answer all question papers in one medium of language.
- (iv) Candidates will not be allowed to change the medium of examination mentioned in the application.

11. The Appointing Authority reserves the right to make decisions on the matters not provided for in this notice.

12. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

On the order of the Public Service Commission,

S. ALOKABANDARA,
Secretary,
Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local
Government.

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