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The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL)
is seeking highly motivated
professionals to join its team of

SENIOR ECONOMIST

Modelling and Forecasting Division of
the Economic Research Department



1.0 The Job/Responsibilities:

- Undertake macroeconomic forecasting and quantitative analysis, including the development, refinement, and application of structural macroeconomic models (including DSGE), semi-structural models, and econometric models, to support evidence-based policy formulation.
- Provide analytical insights and policy recommendations based on forecast assessments, scenario analysis, risk assessment, and evaluation of economic developments, and effectively communicate findings to support informed decision-making.
- Conduct policy-oriented research and contribute to reports, publications, and other analytical outputs of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to enhance understanding of macroeconomic and monetary policy issues.
- The above outlines the principal duties and responsibilities of the position and is not intended to be exhaustive. The selected candidate may be assigned additional duties and responsibilities, as required, in line with the operational requirements of the Central Bank.

2.0 Required Minimum Qualifications & Experience:

2.1 Educational/Professional Qualifications

- A Master's degree specialising in Economics or Statistics **AND/OR** PhD specialising in Economics from a globally recognized university [as per university ranking available at the time of closing applications under Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), QS World University Ranking (QSWUR), and Times Higher Education World University Ranking (THEWUR) with an overall ranking between 1 – 500]

AND

- A Bachelor's degree (minimum of three (03) years), with a minimum of Second Class (upper division), or a minimum of 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) out of maximum of 4.0 or a minimum Weighted Average Marks (WAM) of 75%, specialized in one of the following disciplines from a local or foreign university, recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka;
 - Economics
 - Statistics / Mathematics
 - Engineering
 - Computer Science / Information Technology / Data Science
 - Accounting / Banking / Finance
 - Commerce / Management/ Business Administration
 - Public Policy

2.2 Experience:

- At least five (05) years of relevant post-Bachelor's degree work experience, covering any of the specialized areas specified under Section 2.1 and the skills and competencies specified under Section 3.0 of this advertisement. A maximum of three (03) years spent pursuing full-time postgraduate studies can be considered when calculating the required five (05) years of work experience.

3.0 Required Skills / Competencies:

- Proficiency in macroeconomic modelling techniques and knowledge of macroeconomic linkages
- Expertise in Matlab, EViews, IRIS, Dynare and other relevant software
- Strong analytical and research skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work under pressure as part of a team and individually

4.0 Age:

35 years of age or below as at 23.08.2026

5.0 Employment:

- Successful candidates will be considered for confirmation in the permanent cadre upon completion of the probation period. Confirmed officers will be placed in the Staff Class Grade II of the General Service.

6.0 Remuneration and Other Benefits:

- Attractive salary in line with applicable salary scales of the CBSL, benefits of Provident Fund & Employees' Trust Fund, medical benefits scheme, staff loan facilities, pension benefits and training opportunities

Selection Procedure

Candidates who meet the specified minimum criteria will be shortlisted for further evaluation, which may include assessments at a Profiling Centre, technical skill assessments, and interviews.

Terms & Conditions related to the post

Successful candidates recruited will be subject to a probation period of two (02) years and will be considered for confirmation in the permanent cadre of the CBSL as Staff Class Grade II officers upon successful completion of the probation period, subject to satisfactory performance and conduct during the probation period.

Candidates recruited will be posted initially to the Economic Research Department of the CBSL. Officers of the CBSL will be rotated among departments based on the requirements of the Bank and in line with applicable policies in this regard.

Applications

Candidates who possess the required qualifications and experience and wish to apply for the above position should submit their applications only through the following link on or before 23.08.2026.

Link : <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/careers>

Applicants are strictly advised to adhere to the terms and conditions stipulated in the above link when submitting applications.

Those who do not possess the required qualifications and experience as at the closing date will not be eligible to apply for this post. Any application not meeting the required qualifications, received after the deadline or not in the prescribed format, will be rejected without any notice.

Applicants are strictly advised to upload scanned copies of the educational/professional qualifications and documents to verify service experience which meet the eligibility criteria for the above post and provide details of published research work/projects and any other verifiable information related to the suitability for the above post. Any application without the copies of certificates relevant to Educational/Professional Qualifications and experience will be rejected without any notice at any stage of the recruitment process.

Candidates who fail to provide originals of relevant documents at the certificate verification conducted prior to the interview will not in any manner be considered as eligible candidates.

Any form of canvassing will be a disqualification. CBSL reserves the right to decide on the number of positions to be filled or postpone or cancel the recruitment. CBSL has the discretion to determine the relevancy of qualifications (subject area covered in the educational/professional qualifications) and experience for shortlisting applications, based on the requirements of the position. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the next step of the recruitment process.

Section 20 and 24 (1) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023 shall apply to all selected candidates.

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