SRI LANKA RAILWAY

Recruitment to the Training Period for recruitment to the Posts of Basic Technician, Grade III on Open Basis under the Scheme of Recruitment- (MT-01) for the Management Assistant Technical Segment – Service Category 03 of the Sri Lanka Railway Department - 2026

APPLICATIONS are called from qualified Sri Lankan citizens for the Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Training Period for recruitment to the Posts of Basic Technician- Grade III on Open Basis under the Scheme of Recruitment - (MT-01) for the Management Assistant Technical Segment - Service Category 03 of the Sri Lanka Railway Department - 2026 approved by the Public Services Commission on 07.09.2017. The closing date for receiving applications is 14.12.2026.

02. This open competitive examination is held to fill the vacancies for the following Posts of Basic Technician - Grade III under the Management Assistant Technical Segment - Service Category 03 - (MT-01):

Serial No.	*Designation*	*Number of Vacancies*
01	Basic Technician (Lineman)	16
02	Basic Technician (Carpenter)	129
03	Basic Technician (Mason)	69
04	Basic Technician (Painter)	32
05	Basic Technician (Tinker)	3
06	Basic Technician (Trimmer)	4
07	Basic Technician (Moulder)	14
08	Basic Technician (Progress)	11
09	Basic Technician (Blacksmith)	33
	Total	**311**

Note – It can be applied for the positions by giving priority to 03 positions mentioned above based on the courses you have completed and attended. You will be given the appointments based on the priority of the positions applied for and will never be allowed to change that priority.

03. Duties Pertaining to the Posts

Serial No.	*Designation*	*Duties Assigned to the Post*
01	Basic Technician (Lineman)	Performing all duties related to the post including repairs, manufacturing, dismantling, fixing, and assembling of locomotives, wagons and compartments, plants, tools, etc., in the respective sub-departments.
02	Basic Technician (Carpenter)	Making equipment and accessories required for all construction fields, maintaining and repairing all locomotives, compartments and wagons, and machinery, and keeping offices and workshops, making wooden furniture and equipment, carrying out all kinds of carpentry work including sawing, shaping, planning, glass cutting and fitting performed by timber sawmills for construction and repair of compartments, and maintaining equipment.
03.	Basic Technician (Mason)	Performing masonry work in all construction fields of the Railway Department, and laying cement in floorings and septic tanks of railway compartments, and performing other assigned masonry tasks.

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Serial No.	*Designation*	*Duties Assigned to the Post*
04.	Basic Technician (Painter)	Properly painting locomotives, wagons, compartments, vehicles, machinery, and equipment, as well as office furniture, buildings, bridges, signaling equipment, and other equipment manually and by spray, and performing all types of painting work.
05.	Basic Technician (Tinker)	Manufacturing spare parts required for maintenance and repair of all locomotives, wagons, compartments, and machinery, making metal alloys, lead mixture compounds, cutting spare parts for welding materials, maintenance of factories and equipment, cleaning and fixing metal stones or welding materials properly and making moulds. Cutting various shaped parts using pneumatic machines and performing as required by workshop officials.
06	Basic Technician (Trimmer)	Cushioning compartment and office chairs, carrying out sewing curtains and signal flags of carriages and offices, and cushioning beds and chairs.
07	Basic Technician (Moulder)	Manufacturing and assisting in the manufacturing of spare parts required for the repair of railway tracks, bridges, and buildings, and for the maintenance of locomotives, wagons, compartments, and machinery required for train operations. Keeping machinery clean, storing related records, preparing and cleaning foundry moulds, melting and pouring metal, applying oil, grease, etc., to machinery, and performing all types of maintenance work.
08	Basic Technician (Blacksmith)	
09.	Basic Technician (Progress)	Upgrading efficiency in the operations by ordering spare parts and raw materials required for the maintenance and repair locomotives, wagons, compartments, and machinery and plants, supervising supply operations, and maintaining coordination with relevant units.

4. Qualifications for Recruitment to the Training Period

4.1 Educational Qualifications

a. Having passed the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in six (6) subjects in one sitting with credit passes for Sinhala / Tamil / English Language, Mathematics, and two other subjects.
(Officers who have acquired NVQ Level 3 or higher qualifications relevant to the field shall be considered as having fulfilled the above qualifications.)

4.2 Vocational Qualifications

Designation	*Vocational Qualifications*	*Training Period*
Basic Technician (Lineman)	Having followed a technical course of NVQ Level 03/04 of not less than one year from an institution recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission and being a certificate holder.	01 Year
Basic Technician (Painter)		
Basic Technician (Tinker)		
Basic Technician (Trimmer)		
Basic Technician (Moulder)		
Basic Technician (Progress)		
Basic Technician (Blacksmith)		
Basic Technician (Carpenter)	Having followed a technical course of NVQ Level 03/04 of not less than 06 months from an institution recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission and being a certificate holder for the posts of B. T. (Mason and Carpenter).	
Basic Technician (Mason)		

4.3 Experience

Not applicable.

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4.4 Physical Fitness

1. Every candidate must be physically and mentally fit enough to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post, and possess the visual acuity specified in the Railway Regulations.

4.5 Other Qualifications

i. Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
ii. The applicant must be of sound moral character.
iii. All qualifications required for recruitment to the post must be fulfilled in all respects by the closing date of applications specified in the call for applications notice / gazette / website, which is 14.12.2026.

4.6 Age Limit

a. Must be not less than 18 years of age and not more than 45 years of age as at the closing date of applications.

5. Procedure of Recruitment

Applicants who fulfill the qualifications specified in the notification will be subjected to a written competitive examination and an eligibility evaluation interview and initially recruitment to a one-year training period will be made in the order of merit based on the total marks obtained at the written competitive examination and the eligibility evaluation interview, and according to the number of vacancies available. In the event of candidates scoring equal marks exceeding the number of vacancies, the decision regarding filling such vacancies shall be made in accordance with the orders of the Public Services Commission pursuant to Section 92 of the Procedural Rules.

Candidates will be appointed to Grade III of the Basic Technician posts upon successful completion of a written and practical examination at the end of the training. Those who fail the post-training examination on the first attempt will be given 02 further opportunities to sit for the re-conducted post-training examination, and those who fail therein will have their services terminated.

6. Salary Scale

For Grade III after the Training Period:

In accordance with Schedule I of Public Administration Circular 10/2025 relevant to these posts, the relevant salary scale is (MT-01-2025) Rs. 50,090 - 10 x 540 - 11 x 630 - 10 x 1,010 - 10 x 1,190 - 84,420/-. Salaries will be paid in accordance with the provisions of Schedule III of the said circular. In addition, you will be entitled to other allowances paid by the government to public officers from time to time.

For the Training Period:

Monthly allowance – Monthly allowance from 01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026 shall be Rs. 38,863/- and Rs. 40,000/- from 01.01.2027.

7. Examination Fee

This examination is held in Colombo by an institution defined by the General Manager of Railways in the Sri Lanka Railway Department. The examination fee is Rs. 1,200/-. The examination fee should be credited to the Account Number 176-100129027-313 of the People's Bank, Mid-City Branch, of the General Manager of Railways, at any People's Bank branch in the island before the closing date of applications, and the receipt obtained in the applicant's name must be pasted without detaching in the assigned place of the application form. Keeping a photocopy of the receipt will be useful.

1. The fee paid for the examination will not be refunded under any circumstances, and money orders and stamps will not be accepted.
2. The date of the examination will be notified later.

8. Method of Application

(a) The application must conform to the model format appended to this notice. It must be prepared on an A4 size paper measuring 29.5 cm x 21 cm, using both sides of the paper, and filled in the applicant's own handwriting. It

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should be specially noted that headings from No. 01 to 2.4 must appear on the first page and the rest on the other pages. Computer-generated or typed applications may also be used. The applicant must check whether the completed application conforms to the specimen form of application specified in the notification of calling applications. Applications not conforming to the specimen form of application and applications with incomplete information will be rejected without notice. Therefore, before submitting the application, one must re-verify whether it conforms to the specimen form of application specified in the notification of calling applications and whether all information has been duly completed.

(b) When preparing the application, it is essential to mention the name of the examination cited in the header, in English language as well, in applications prepared in both Sinhala and Tamil media.

(c) The application should not be sent in the personal name of the General Manager of Railways or any other officer of the Railway Department. The top left corner of the envelope enclosing the application should clearly state: **" Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Training Period for Recruitment to the post of Basic Technician- Grade III on Open Basis under the Management Assistant Technical Segment - 03 Service Category of the Railway Department - 2026"**.

(d) Applications must be sent by registered post to reach the following address on or before **14.12.2026** Applications received after that date will be rejected:

General Manager of Railways,
Office of the General Manager of Railways,
P.O. Box 35,
Olcott Mawatha,
Colombo 10.

(e) Officers currently employed in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service must submit their applications through the Head of the Department in which they are serving currently.

9. Admission to the Examination

(a) This written examination will be held in Colombo by an institution defined by the General Manager of Railways in the Sri Lanka Railway Department. Admission cards will be issued only to applicants who have fulfilled all the qualifications mentioned in the Gazette notification. Applicants who do not produce their admission cards will not be permitted to sit for the examination.

(b) An applicant must sit the examination at the assigned examination hall. Every applicant must hand over the admission card, with signature duly attested, to the Head of the hall on the first day of appearing at that hall. The applicant must use the same National Identity Card number in the examination hall as stated in the application form; if any other number is entered by mistake, the results of that applicant will be suspended. Every applicant is subject to a set of rules specified in this *Gazette*. Candidates are subject to the rules and regulations issued by the General Manager of Railways regarding the conduct of the examination. If those rules are violated, one shall be subject to punishment imposed by the General Manager of Railways.

(c). Attestation of Signature

The signature of the candidate on the application form must be attested by a Principal of a Government School/ a Retired Officer/ a Grama Niladhari of the Division/ a Justice of the Peace/ a Commissioner for Oaths/ an Attorney-at-Law/ a Public Notary/ a Commissioned Officer of the Tri-Forces/ a Permanent Staff Grade Officer of the Public or Provincial Public Service/an incumbent/ Prelate of a Buddhist Temple, or a religious dignitary holding a recognized position in charge of other religious places.

Note: The issue of an examination admission card to an applicant shall not be regarded as an acceptance that he or she has fulfilled the requisite qualifications to sit for the examination or for the post.

10. Identity of the Applicant

Candidates must prove their identity to the Head of the examination hall for each paper they sit. Only one of the following documents will be accepted for this purpose:

i. National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
ii. Valid Passport
iii. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Also, examination candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their face and both ears so that

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their identity can be verified. Applicants who refuse to verify their identity in this manner will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, from the moment of entering the examination hall until leaving after the examination, candidates must remain without covering their face and both ears so as to be identifiable by examination authorities.

11. Penalty for Furnishing False Information

i. According to the regulations relating to this examination, if any candidate is found to be ineligible to sit for it, his or her candidature may be cancelled at any stage before, during, or after the examination.

ii. If any information provided by a candidate is found to be false later, or if it is revealed that any matter has been deliberately concealed by him or her, further consideration for appointment will not be given, and any appointment given based on this examination is liable to be cancelled or dismissed from the public service.

12. Method of Examination and Medium of Examination

This examination will be held only in Colombo on a date determined by the General Manager of Railways of the Sri Lanka Railway Department.

12.1 Medium of Written Examination

1. The examination will be conducted in Sinhala and Tamil media.

Note:

a. An applicant must answer every question paper in the examination in the same language medium.
b. An applicant is not permitted to change the examination medium stated in the application later.

12.2 Results of Written Examination

i. Examination applicants are subject to the rules and regulations issued by the General Manager of Railways regarding the conduct of the written examination and issuance of results.

12.3 Details of Written Examination

i. Written examination for recruitment to the training period:

Subject	*Duration*	*Maximum Marks*	*Pass Mark*
General Knowledge	01 Hour	100	40%
Intelligence Test	01 Hour	100	40%

12.4 Syllabus of Written Examination

- **General Knowledge:** A question paper to test the candidate's general knowledge regarding the social, political, cultural, and economic environment of Sri Lanka, current affairs of national and international importance, as well as scientific and industrial development.

- **Intelligence Test:** A multiple-choice question paper utilizing numerical problems, sentence structures, tables, pictures, and charts, designed to assess the candidate's logical analytical ability and quick decision-making capability.

13. Eligibility Assessment Interview

Applicants who pass the written competitive examination will be called for the eligibility assessment interview in order of merit based on marks up to twice the number of vacancies and recruitment will be made equal to the number of vacancies existing at the time of calling applications based on the order of merit of marks obtained at the written examination and the eligibility assessment interview.

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Serial No.	*Main Fields for Awarding Marks*	*Sub-fields Considered*	*Marks Awarded*	*Maximum Marks*
1	**Additional Educational Qualifications**	01 mark for each subject passed at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination, and 02 marks for each subject passed with a credit pass, for up to 3 subjects (excluding English Language and General English/Common General Paper).	6	20
		For a certificate / diploma course obtained in English Language	5	
		For a certificate / diploma course obtained in Computer Literacy	5	
		For a certificate / diploma course obtained in another language	4	
	Additional Vocational Qualifications	**Proficiency in the field relevant to the post is considered (no marks are awarded for basic vocational qualifications).**	Marks	
		For 6-month courses obtained from a recognized institution relevant to the field	10	
		For 1-year courses obtained from a recognized institution relevant to the field	20	
		For courses exceeding 1 year obtained from a recognized institution relevant to the field	30	
3	**Experience Relevant to the Post**	**Experience in the field relevant to the post is considered.**		30
		If service experience is 03 years or more, 15 marks shall be awarded for each service certificate, for two (2) service certificates	30	
		If service experience is 02 years or more and less than 03 years 10 marks shall be awarded for each service certificate, for two (2) service certificates	20	
		If service experience is 01 year or more and less than 02 years, 05 marks shall be awarded for each service certificate, for two (2) service certificates	10	
		If service experience of 06 months or more and less than 01 year, 2.5 marks shall be awarded for each service certificate, for two (2) service certificates	5	
4	**Special / Extracurricular Skills**	Up to 3 acceptable certificates regarding skills in sports/ cadet, 03 marks shall be awarded for each certificate for a maximum of 3 certificates.	9	15
		Marks shall be awarded for one acceptable certificate in aesthetic skills for a maximum of one certificate.	2	
		Marks shall be awarded for a maximum of 2 certificates with 1 mark each for Certificates obtained for social services / Dhamma school competitive Examinations.	2	
		For an acceptable certificate obtained for any other external skill not presented for the above marks	2	
5	**Attitudes and Personality demonstrated at the Interview**	Communication	2	5
		Listening	2	
		Personality	1	
	Total			**100**

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14. Written Examination and Practical Test for Recruitment to Grade III after the Training Period

14.1 Subjects of Written Examination for Recruitment to Grade III after Training Period

Subject	*Duration*	*Maximum Marks*	*Pass Mark*
Technical Subject	2 Hours	100	100

Syllabus

Technical Subject: Consists of a question paper to test the basic technological knowledge required for the post.

14.2 Practical Test for Recruitment to Grade III after Training Period

Subject	*Maximum Marks*	*Pass Mark*
Technical Subject	100	40%

Syllabus

Technical Subject: A practical examination will be conducted to assess whether the theoretical knowledge regarding the technological subject relevant to the post is put into correct practical use in order to measure proficiency in the selected subject.

15. Conditions of Service

The post is permanent and pensionable.

15.1 Details on Service Agreement

Officers recruited to the training period and appointed to Grade III must serve compulsorily in the Department of Railways for a period of 10 years from the date of appointment to Grade III. They must enter into a bond with a public officer standing as surety, agreeing that they will not leave service before the said 10 years and that to pay a sum recommended by the General Manager of Railways in the event of default or prior resignation

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The first Efficiency Bar Examination must be passed before the completion of 03 years from date of appointment to Grade III.

15.2 Official Language

Officers recruited in a language medium that is not an official language must acquire proficiency in the prescribed official language during the probation period.

Other Official Language: Proficiency must be acquired at the relevant level in accordance with Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and consequent circular provisions.

Selectees shall be subject to the general conditions governing appointments to the Public Service, the terms and conditions set out in the Scheme of Recruitment for the Management Assistant Technical Segment - 03 Service Category of the Railway Department approved on 07.09.2017 under Public Services Commission No: PSC/EST/04-01-43/08/2016, any amendments made or to be made to that scheme, the provisions of the Establishment Code and Financial Regulations, the Procedural Rules of the Public Services Commission published in the Extraordinary *Gazette* No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022, and Departmental orders and regulations. Selectees must pass the special vision test relevant to the post in accordance with the Railway Departmental instructions in addition to passing the prescribed medical examination.

16. If there is any inconsistency or incompliance between the language texts of this notification published in Sinhala and Tamil media, the Sinhala medium notification shall prevail.

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17. The General Manager of Railways has the power to refrain from filling any or all vacancies and to decide on matters not provided for in these regulations.

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On 2nd of November, 2026.

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