SRI LANKA RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Training Grade of Draughtsman (Civil / Signaling / Mechanical) In The Supervisory Management Assistant - Technical Service Category of The Sri Lanka Railway Department – 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited from Sri Lankan citizens who are not less than 18 years of age and not more than 30 years of age as at 14.12.2026 to fill the number of vacancies set out below in the Training Grade of Draughtsman (Civil / Signaling / Mechanical) in the Supervisory Management Assistant – Technical Service Category of the Sri Lanka Railway Department. Selected applicants will be appointed to one of the posts specified below based on the priority of the exigency of service of the Railway Department, and no transfer between posts will be permitted after appointment.

	Name of Post	*Grade*	*Number of Vacancies*
1.	Draughtsman (Civil)	Training Grade	8
2.	Draughtsman (Signaling)	Training Grade	1
3.	Draughtsman (Mechanical)	Training Grade	7

01. Post for which Applications are called:

Draughtsman (Civil / Signaling / Mechanical) – Training Grade

02. Nature of Duties of the Post:

Duties should be performed in accordance with the duty list assigned separately for the posts of Draughtsman (Civil), Draughtsman (Signaling), and Draughtsman (Mechanical) belonging to the Supervisory Management Assistant - Technical Service Category of the of Sri Lanka Railway Department.

03. Salary Scale: MN - 03 2025

(i) As per Public Administration Circular 10/2025, Rs. 52,250 - 10 x 800 - 11 x 1,190 - 10 x 1,320 / 10 x 1,350 - 100,040/-, and payments will be made placing at the initial salary step of Rs. 52,250/-.

(ii) In addition, it is entitled to other allowances paid in addition to the basic salary for public officers.

04. Qualifications:

(a) Educational Qualifications:

(i) Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in six (06) subjects at one sitting with Credit passes for Sinhala / Tamil / English Language, Mathematics, Science, and one other subject;

AND

(ii) Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in three subjects belonging to the Physical Science stream including Combined Mathematics and Physics (excluding General Common Test) at one sitting;

OR

(iii) Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in three subjects belonging to the Technology stream including Engineering Technology (excluding General Common Test) at one sitting.

(b) Vocational Qualifications:
Should have successfully completed a one-year full-time training course in Draughtsman ship from a Technical College recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission and obtained the relevant certificate.

(c) Experience: Not applicable.

(d) Physical Fitness:
Every candidate must be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.

(e) Age:
Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 30 years of age as at 14.12.2026.

(f) Other Qualifications:

1. Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
2. Applicants must be of a sound moral character.
3. No person holding an ordained status in any religious sect is eligible to appear for this examination.

Note: All qualifications mentioned above must be fully completed in every respect as at the date 14.12.2026.

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05. Method of Recruitment:

Recruitment will be made on the results of a written competitive examination and a general interview. A number equal to the number of expected recruitments from among the applicants who pass the written examination will be subjected to a general interview in order of merit of total marks to select suitable candidates. Recruitment will not be made through waiting lists.

06. Examination Procedure of Recruitment Test:

i. Method of Examination

(a) The examination will be held in Sinhala and Tamil media.

(b) Candidates must appear for all question papers in the medium in which they have fulfilled the qualifications requested under item (04) above. It will not be permitted to change the medium applied for later.

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ii. Subjects of the Examination:

1.	Intelligence Test	Time: 01 hour	Marks: 100
2.	Subject-related Technical Test	Time: 03 hours	Marks: 100

(The pass mark for the written question paper is 40%.)

iii. Syllabus:

Subject No. 01 – Intelligence Test

Tests the candidate's logical thinking, ability to analyze events, and decision-making capacity.

Subject No. 02 – Subject-related Technical Test

Tests knowledge regarding principles of drawing.

iv. Selection Procedure:

Applicants who scored 40% or more for each subject in the written examination will be considered as having passed the exam. Based on the order of marks obtained, a number equal to the number of vacancies from among those who have fulfilled basic qualifications will be subjected to a general interview for selection. No marks will be awarded at this interview and it will be checked whether qualifications specified in the notification of calling application have been satisfied.

v. Examination Results:

In terms of paragraph 06 (iv) of the *Gazette* notification, the results list prepared according to the merit order of total marks of candidates who scored the highest marks will be handed over to the General Manager of Railways.

All applicants who appeared for the examination will also be notified of results individually.

07. Examination Fee:

The examination fee is Rs. 1,200.00. It can be paid at any branch of People's Bank to be credited to Account No.176-100129027-313 of the General Manager of Railways at the Mid City Branch of People's Bank before the closing date for receipt of applications. The receipt issued for this payment must be affixed securely in the designated box on the application. (A photocopy of the receipt should be retained for future reference.) **Examination fee will not be refunded** under any circumstances**, and money orders or stamps will not be entertained**.

08. Method of Application:

The application must conform to the specimen form attached to this notification. Using it, candidates must specifically note to prepare their application on A4 size paper such that heading numbers 01 to 06 appear on page 1, 07 to 09 on page 2, 10 to 12 on page 3, and the remainder on page 4. Computerized/typed applications may also be used for this purpose. Applications not conforming to the specimen application or with incomplete information will be rejected without prior notice. Therefore, before submitting the application, candidates should recheck whether it conforms to the specimen application in the examination notice, whether all information is complete and accurately filled out, whether the prescribed examination fee has been paid with details included in the application, and whether the receipt has been attached. Furthermore, retaining a photocopy of the completed application and a photocopy of the receipt of the examination fee payment may be useful.

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(a) The applicant must complete the application in the language medium in which they intend to sit for the examination. 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.

(b) The duly completed application for the examination must be sent by registered post to reach the following address on or before 14.12.**2026**. On the top left corner of the envelope containing the application, it should be clearly written: **"Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Draughtsman (Civil / Signaling / Mechanical) in the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category of the Sri Lanka Railway Department - 2026"**. No application received after that date will be accepted.

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(c) The signature of the applicant on both the application and the admission card for the examination must be attested by a Principal of a Government School, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces, Gazetted Officer in the Police Service, or a Staff Grade Officer holding a permanent post in the Public Service.

(d) Incomplete applications will be rejected. No complaint regarding loss or delay of applications in the post will be considered.

(e) Receipt of applications will not be acknowledged. As soon as admission cards for the written examination are issued to candidates, a notice will be published in newspapers and on the official website of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. If the admission card is not received after 2 or 3 days of the publication of the notice, it should be informed to Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration as indicated in the notification. When informing, the name of the applied examination, full name of the applicant, address, and National Identity Card number must be mentioned. For applicants outside Colombo, sending a request letter along with those details and a fax number to receive a copy of the admission card via fax to the fax number mentioned in the notice will be more effective. Furthermore, it will be useful to keep ready a copy of the retained application form, copy of the receipt of the examination fee , and the registered post receipt issued when posting the application to verify any required information requested by Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

09. Appearing for the Examination:

(a) Admission cards will be issued by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration to candidates who have submitted duly completed applications along with the relevant receipt for payment of the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date for applications within the age limit stated in the notification, under the presumption that only those possessing qualifications specified in the *Gazette* notification have applied. An applicant who fails to produce their admission card will not be allowed to sit for the examination.

(b) An applicant must sit for the examination at the examination hall assigned to them. Every applicant must get their signature attested on the relevant admission card for the assigned examination hall and hand it over to the Supervisor on the first day of appearing at that hall. A set of rules to be followed by every applicant is published at the beginning of this *Gazette* paper.

Note: The issue of an admission card to an applicant shall not be considered as an acceptance that they are eligible to sit for the examination or that they have fulfilled the requisite qualifications for the post.

10. Identity of Applicants:

Candidates must prove their identity in the examination hall for every subject they sit for to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. Any of the following documents will be accepted for that purpose :

a. National Identity Card
b. Valid Passport
c. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

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Furthermore, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears so that their identity can be verified. Applicants who refuse to prove their identity in this manner will not be admitted to the examination hall. In addition, candidates must remain without covering their face and ears from the moment they enter the examination hall until they leave after the examination ends.

11. Candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Director General of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration regarding the conduct of the examination and release of results. If those rules and regulations are violated, they will be liable to a penalty imposed by the Director General of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

12. Service Conditions:
Upon recruitment to the Training Grade of Draughtsman (Civil) / Draughtsman (Signaling) / Draughtsman (Mechanical), recruits will be subjected to a training period of one year, and the allowance for the Training Grade will be in accordance with Schedule V of Public Administration Circular 10/2025. A final training examination will be conducted at the end of the training, and those who pass will be recruited to Grade III of the relevant post and placed at the initial salary step of the prescribed salary scale.

13. Conditions of Employment:

i. This post is permanent and pensionable. If it is already contributed to the Widows' and Orphans' / Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme, contributions must be continued.

ii. Official language proficiency must be acquired as relevant in terms of Public Administration Circular 18/2020 dated 16.10.2020 and circulars consequential thereto according to the language medium in which qualification for appointment is obtained.

iii. Selected candidates shall be subject to the provisions contained in the Establishments Code and Financial Regulations, and the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission. Furthermore, they are bound to abide by departmental instructions regarding orders issued by the Government from time to time.

14. i. It is informed that all provisions specified in the approved Scheme of Recruitment for the Supervisory Management Assistant (MN - 03) - Technical Service Category of the Sri Lanka Railway Department apply to these recruitments.

ii. The power to take the final decision on any matter not covered by this notification rests with the General Manager of Railways.

iii. In the event of any incompliance between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail as correct.

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Accordingly before completing the application, using an application form prepared using both sides of A-4 paper the notification of calling for applications should be read and well understood.)

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