MINISTRY OF FINANCE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXCISE DEPARTMENT OF SRI LANKA

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Inspector of Excise in the Excise Department of Sri Lanka - 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited from qualified Sri Lankan citizens for the competitive examination held to recruit on an open basis for fifty-four (54) vacant posts of Inspector of Excise in the Excise Department of Sri Lanka.

The application for this purpose has been published on the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka website www.doenets.lk under "Online Applications (Recruitment/ EB Exams)" *via* "Our Services", and applications can only be submitted online. Online application submission will open on November 09,2026, at 9.00 a.m. and will close on December, 07, 2026, at 9.00 p.m.

Any adverse situation arising from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date must be borne by the applicant.

This examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations in Colombo in February 2027.

01. Method of Recruitment :

Recruitment to the posts will be made based on the order of merit of the total marks obtained in both the written competitive examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations - following which successful candidates will be directed to a fitness evaluation interview - and the fitness evaluation interview itself. Subject to the number of vacancies available.

General Duty Description of the Post : Performing duties related to the Excise Ordinance, Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, and Tobacco Tax Ordinance; performing Office administration and supervisory duties.

02. Salary Scale :

Rs. 63,070 - 24 - 1,190 - 91,630/- monthly salary under Rs. 4 - 2025 (according to Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025).

03. Age Limit :

Applicants must be not less than 21 years of age and not more than 35 years of age as of 07.12.2026. (There is no age limit for graduates holding Departmental posts within the Exercise Department.)

Accordingly, only those whose date of birth falls on or before **07.12.2005** and on or after **07.12.1991** are eligible to apply.

04. Educational and Other Qualifications :

I. Possess a degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission or a degree obtained from a degree-awarding institute recognized by the University Grants Commission.

II. Having obtained a credit pass for Mathematics and English at the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination.

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4.1 Physical Qualifications ;

I. Minimum height (without shoes) must be 5 feet 6 inches. Chest measurement must be 33 inches unexpanded.

II. Must have vision of at least 6/6 and 6/12 respectively. including object recognition vision, without spectacles or contact lenses.

III. Must possess sufficient physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of the island.

4.2 Other Qualifications ;

I. Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka.

II. Applicants must be of good character.

Question Paper Name	Time	Total Marks	Pass Marks
01. Aptitude	01 hour	100	40%
02. General Paper	01 hour	100	40%

Written Competitive Examination Details

Syllabus for the Examination :

Question Paper Name	Syllabus
01. Aptitude	This is expected to the applicant's intelligence, logic, and decision-making ability. (It will also include questions on mathematics/ figure puzzles, writing synonyms/ antonyms, phrase/ sentence construction, and fill-in-the-blanks)
02. General Paper	Assessing information and general knowledge regarding current and social events in Sri Lanka and the world.

Interview for assessment of eligibility

Candidates who pass the written examination will be directed to an Interview for assessment of eligibility. Recruitment will be based on the order of merit of the combined total marks of the written examination and the Interview for assessment of eligibility, and the number of vacancies available. However, the Exercise Department of Sri Lanka may decide not to fill certain number of vacancies.

Marks will be allocated for the qualifications at the Interview for assessment of eligibility as follows :

Heading for Allocation of Marks	*Maximum Marks*
Additional Educational Qualifications Postgraduate degree, postgraduate diploma, basic-qualification-surpassing degree, and based on class achievements of the first degree.	20
1. Language Proficiency	10
2. Sports Skills For recorded achievements in various sports at national, provincial, district, regional, and school competitions	35
3. Other skills **Specialized trainings** cadet/ volunteer service, self-defense combat methods or technical training **Extracurricular activities**	30
4. Evaluations by the interview Board	05
Total	**100**

05. Conditions of Service :

I. Must be bound to act in accordance with the Official Language Law and all laws and regulations enacted by the Government from time to time.

II. Chapter I, Chapter III, Chapter VII and Chapter VIII of the Procedural Rules published in *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022 shall apply.

- Physical qualifications of applicants will be checked prior to the structured interview.

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06. Training period

Selected candidates will be given a 3-month training. Those who fail the examination held at the end of this period will have their training terminated. During the training period, trainees will be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 20,000/-.

07. Probationary Period

Candidates who successfully complete the training will be appointed to the post of Inspector of Excise subject to a three (3) year probationary period. Upon passing the Efficiency Bar Examination held in accordance with the approved scheme of recruitment at the end of the probationary period, they will be confirmed in the respective post.

7.1 The Commissioner General of Excise has the power to cancel the appointment of applicants who fail to assume duties of the offered post on the stipulated date and/or refuse or evade assuming duties in an assigned post or assigned region.

08. Medium of Examination

(a) This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil, and English.

(b) Candidates may sit the examination in a language medium of their choice.

Note :

I. Candidates must sit all question papers of this examination in one and the same language medium.

II. No candidate is permitted to change the language medium indicated in their application.

III. Every candidate must sit both (02) question papers.

09. Examination Applications

Online examination applications must be completed in **English only.** The department will notify the applicant *via* a short message (SMS) to the mobile number used to access the system or via email whether the soft copy submitted online is accepted as a valid application. Before completing the online application, download the instruction sheet prepared for applying for the examination and follow those instructions correctly when filling out the application. Any corrections made to the application after obtaining a printed copy of it will not be considered valid. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

10. **The Examination fee** is **Rs. 1,200/-.** When paying the examination fee, payment must be made strictly under the following fee payment methods provided by the online system.

I. By any Bank Credit Cards
II. By any Bank Debit card with the facility of Internet Transactions.
III. *Via* online Banking method/ Flex App of Bank of Ceylon.
IV. Bank of Ceylon Teller Slip Payment.

Note :

(a) Instructions on how to make payments through the above methods are published under technical instructions related to the examination on the website.

(b) Receipt of payments will be notified via SMS or email. The full amount of the examination fee must be paid;

Applications with the underpaid or overpaid examinations fees will be rejected. The Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will not be held responsible for errors occurring when paying examination fees through the aforementioned payment methods.

(c) Fees paid for the examination will under no circumstances be refunded or transferred to another examination.

11. Based on the presumption that only those who possess the qualifications mentioned in the gazette have applied, the Commissioner General of Examinations will issue online admission cards exclusively to applicants who have correctly submitted completed applications on or before the closing date. As soon as admission cards are issued, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will notify applicants *via* a web announcement / SMS.

If any candidate does not receive their admission card, they should inquire about it from the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka as specified in the announcement. When making such inquiries, it is most effective to send a request letter to the email address mentioned in the web announcement, correctly stating

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the name of the examination applied for, applicant's full name, National Identity Card (NIC) number, and address. To confirm any information requested by the Department of Examinations during such an inquiry, it is useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application and the receipt obtained for paying the examination fee close at hand. Check the admission card and, if there are any corrections, contact the Department of Examinations in advance to make the relevant corrections according to the application. Requests for corrections made inside the examination hall / interview will not be considered.

The issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be regarded as an acceptance that he or she has met the qualifications to appear for the examination or for the post.

On the very first day of appearing for the examination, the admission card with the signature attested must be presented to the Head of the Examination Hall.

12. Candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Hall Supervisor for every subject they sit for inside the examination hall. Only the following documents are valid for this purpose:

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

Additionally, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their faces so that their identity can be verified, and without their ears covered to verify that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Applicants who do not agree to this will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, from the moment of entering the examination hall until leaving after the examination concludes, candidates must remain without covering their face and ears.

13. The applicant's signature on the admission card for the examination must be attested.

14. Candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conduct of the examination. If those rules are violated, candidates are liable to punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

15. Once the appointing authority communicates a suitable date for releasing results, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will take steps to send a results sheet indicating the marks/total marks obtained for each subject in the written examination to all applicants who appeared for the exam by post, or to release results *via* www.results.exams.gov.lk. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding examination results shall be final.

16. If any discrepancy or inconsistency is observed between the language texts of this notice published in Sinhala, Tamil, and English media, actions will be taken in accordance with the **Sinhala medium notice**.

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