MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, AQUATIC AND OCEAN RESOURCES

Competitive Examination for Recruitment on an open basis to the Post of Junior Radio Officer Trainee Grade in the Management Assistant Technical Category - Segment 3 of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources - 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited from eligible citizens of Sri Lanka for the Competitive Examination for recruitment on an open basis to the Trainee Grade to fill 27 vacancies in the Post of Junior Radio Officer of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Recruitment will be made based on the results of the competitive examination and the said examination will be held **in February, 2027 in Colombo** by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

The application has been published *via* "Online Applications – Recruitment/E.B. Exams" under "Our Services" in the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka **www.doenets.lk** and applications must be submitted online. Acceptance of online applications opens **at 9:00 a.m. on 16 November 2026** and closes **at 9:00 a.m. on 11 December 2026.**

Those officers who are already in the Public/Provincial Public Service shall handover a copy of the application to the head of the respective institution to enter in the personal file. A copy of the application certified by the head of the institution and a letter for the proof of the service are required to be produced at the time of calling for the interview.

Any adverse consequences arising due to the delay in submission of the application until the deadline have to be borne by the applicant himself.

1. **Functions assigned to the Post:**
   This position involves dealing with the distress situations encountered by fishermen and message handling at regional fisheries offices, handling communication with fishing vessels, providing information for their vessel owners and for those who need it, maintaining the system established to provide information to fishers using state of art technology and ensuring the provision of information to them on a 24-hour basis. (Night shifts are mandatory).

2. **Terms of Service:**

   a) Once an applicant, who is selected subject to the general conditions governing the appointments of the public service, the Scheme of Recruitment for the Post of Junior Radio Officer in the Management Assistant Technical Category - Segment 3 approved by the Public Service Commission by its No.PSC/EST/7/1/36/1/2012 dated 14.08.2012, the amendments already made or to be made thereto in future ,and also subject to the provisions of the Establishments Code and the Financial Regulations, successfully completes the training period, he will be appointed to the Post of Junior Radio Officer Grade III.

   b) This position is permanent and pensionable. Although it was stated that this position carries a pension entitlement; the same shall be subject to the policy decisions taken by the government with regard to the pension scheme of the officers to be recruited in the future. You shall contribute to the Widows' / Widowers' and Orphans' Pensions Scheme. You are also required to make contributions to the same as determined by the government from time to time.

   c) Once these applicants who are entered into this Trainee Grade successfully complete the six (06) months' training course conducted by the Ocean University under the supervision of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and obtain the relevant certificate thereof, they will be selected to the Junior Radio Officer Grade III.

   d) This appointment will be subject to a probation period of three years. Appointees are required to successfully complete the first Efficiency Bar Examination within 03 years after appointment to the post of Junior Radio Officer Grade III as specified in the Scheme of Recruitment.

   e) The officers who are appointed Grade III subsequent to being recruited to a training period shall compulsorily serve 10 years in the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources from the date of receiving appointments to Grade III.

   f) They must enter into an undertaking not to leave the service prior to the completion of said 10 years, and also agree that, should they leave the service before prescribed period, a sum recommended by the Director General of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources will be paid to the Department.

   g) Those officers in the Trainee Grade who will get through a written and a practical test held at the

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end of the training will be appointed to the Grade III. Those who fail the prescribed test at the first attempt are granted another two opportunities to appear for the test, and the trainee appointment of those in the Trainee Grade who fail to qualify even at those two attempts, will be terminated.

03. Salary Group and Scale:

In terms of the Scheme of Recruitment of the Management Assistant Technical Category - Segment 3, monthly allowance relevant to the training period of the Junior Radio Officer Trainee Grade is Rs.12,000/-.

The apprentices, who successfully complete the six (06) months' training course conducted by the Ocean University and obtain the relevant certificate thereof, will be appointed to the Junior Radio Officer Grade III.

Salary scale applicable to the post according to the Public Administration Circular No.10/2025 Schedule II (MT 1-2025): Rs.50, 090-10X540-11X630-10X1,010-10X1,190-84,420/- (initial salary step -50,090/-). In addition to this, appointees are entitled to other allowances paid to the public officers from time to time.

04. Educational Qualifications

I. Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in six (06) subjects in one and the same sitting with credit passes in Sinhala/Tamil/English Language, Mathematics and two other subjects.

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II. Should have passed three (03) subjects (excluding the Common General Test) in Science/Mathematics/Technology Streams at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination. Whereas under old syllabus, it is sufficient to have passed three (03) subjects in one and the same sitting.

05. Professional Qualifications: Not applicable.

06. Experience: Not applicable

07. Physical Requirements:
Every applicant should be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and perform the duties in the post.

08. Other Qualifications:

I. Every applicant should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
II. Should be of excellent character.
III. Any person holding the position of a priest in any religious sect is not eligible to sit for the examination.
IV. The qualifications required for recruitment to the post should have been complied with in all respects before the closing date mentioned in the notice inviting applications.

09. Age Limit:

Age should not be less than 18 years and not more than 35 years as on the closing date of applications. (Accordingly, the eligibility regarding the age is satisfied only if the date of birth falls on or before 11.12.2008 and on or after 11.12.1991.)

10. Method of Recruitment:

Recruitment to the Radio Officer Trainee Grade will be done based on the results of a written examination and an interview. Eligible applicants will be selected having interviewed a number of applicants in the ratio to the equal number of vacancies, in order of merits of the total marks of the applicants who have passed the written examination. If there are any apprentices who fail to successfully complete the training, they don't receive any chance to get their training period extended and accordingly their training will be terminated forthwith.

11. Written Examination:

The competitive examination will be conducted only in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages and the medium of application will not be allowed to be changed later. A written examination with two (02) papers consisting of the following subject areas will be held. The minimum marks to be scored to pass each subject are as follows.

Subjects	Duration	Maximum marks	Pass marks
1. Intelligence	01hr	100	40
2. General Knowledge	01hr	100	40

Applicants shall sit for all the question papers and answer them in one language only.

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12. Syllabus for the Examination:

Question Paper	Syllabus
1. Intelligence	This is a subject-related multiple-choice question paper framed to under the topics of statistical ability, problem-solving skills, logical reasoning, and general intelligence. (Duration 01 hr.)
2.General Knowledge	Applicants are expected to answer multiple-choice questions that will be prepared to gauge the basic understanding pertaining to the important phenomena in the field of finance, economy, commerce, politics, international relations, science and technology, education, health, sports, environment, social and culture in Sri Lanka as well as in the world specially local and international fisheries sector. (Duration 01 hr.)

13. General Interview: Applicable.

14. Examination Fee:

Examination fee is Rs.600/-.When paying the examination fees, the payment shall be made only under the following payment methods provided through the online system.

i. Through any Bank Credit Card;
ii. Any Bank Debit Card with the facility of online transactions;
iii. Online Banking Method of Bank of Ceylon;
iv. Any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon.

Note: -

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

(b) Receipt of payment will be notified by SMS or e-mail. The full amount of examination fees shall be paid and the applications with payment of lesser or higher amounts shall be rejected. The Department of Examinations - Sri Lanka will not be held responsible for any errors occurring in the payment of examination fees through the above-mentioned payment methods.

(c) The amount paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred for any other examination by no means.

15. Method of Application:

Online Examination Application should strictly be filled only in English. The applicants will be notified via SMS to the mobile phone number used to access the system or *via* email whether the application was accepted/ not accepted by the Department as a valid application. Before completing the online application you should download the common instructions sheet prepared for applying for the examination, and the instruction should strictly be followed when filling the application form. Incomplete applications will be rejected without any notice.

16. Eligibility for admission to the examination:

(a) The Commissioner General of Examinations shall issue admission cards to the applicants who have sent the duly perfected applications on or before the closing date, on the supposition that only those who possess the qualifications indicated in the *Gazette* notification have applied. A notification will be published via a web notice/ a SMS to the applicants soon as the admission cards are issued to the applicants by the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka. If there is any applicant who has not received the admission card, the same should be inquired from the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations in the manner specified in the advertisement. When inquiring about the same, it would be useful to inquire about the it by sending a request letter correctly indicating the name of the examination applied for by the applicant, his full name, NIC number and address to the email address given in the advertisement. Further, it would be advisable to keep a copy of the application and a copy of the receipt relevant to payment of examination fee to prove any information inquired by the Department of Examinations. Applicants are required to check their admission cards and upon reviewing the admission card, if any corrections are required, the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka must be contacted

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to make the necessary revisions in accordance with the application. Requests for corrections will not be considered in examination hall or at the interview.

(b) An applicant shall sit for the examination in the examination hall assigned to him, and every applicant shall produce their attested admission card to the Supervisor of the Examination Centre on the day of his first appearance in that hall. General rules and regulations to be adopted by every applicant in respect of the examination are published in this advertisement.

(c) Issuance of admission card to a candidate does not necessarily mean that he/ she has fulfilled the qualifications to sit for the examination.

(d) In case of violation of the rules prescribed by the Commissioner General of Examinations on the conducting of the examination, they will be subjected to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

17. Identity of the Applicant:

Applicants should prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Supervisor for each subject they sit in the examination hall. Any of the following documents will be accepted for that purpose.

I. National Identity Card;
II. Valid Passport;
III. Valid Sri Lankan Driving Licence.

Also, applicants are required to dress in a way that exposes their full face and ears for clear identification and to ensure they are not wearing any electronic devices. The applicants 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.

18. Selection for Appointment

From amongst the applicants who score the highest marks from the written examination, a number of applicants equal to the vacancies expected to be filled will be recruited to the trainee grade. The applicants who have obtained the certificate having successfully completed the training will be selected to Post of Junior Radio Officer Gr.III. Application of those applicants who fail to submit documents upon request will not be considered.

19. Release of Results:

The Commissioner General of examinations, in addition to the relevant results sheet being handed over to the "Director General, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, will either issue results personally to all the applicants who sat for the examination or publish on the website **www.results.exams.gov.lk.** "The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations with regard to the examination results shall be final."

The Results sheet of the qualified applicants containing the names of the applicants whose number is equal to the prescribed number of vacancies as notified by the Public Service Commission and prepared on the order of merit of the applicants after appearing in the written test and structured interview will be given to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission.

The Commissioner General of Examinations will arrange for the results to be communicated personally to all the applicants who appeared for the examination or publish on the website **www.results.exams.gov.lk**

20. Furnishing False Information:

If an applicant is found not to have required qualifications, his/her candidature may be canceled before the examination or during the examination or after the examination or at any time. If the particulars furnished by an applicant is found to be false within his /her knowledge or if he/she has willfully suppressed any material fact he/she will be liable to dismissal from the public service.

21. Any matter not considered in these regulations will be dealt with as determined by the Public Service Commission.

22. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this *Gazette* Notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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