

Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka

General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination - 2026

It is hereby notified that the G.C.E. (A.L.) Examination - 2026 is scheduled to be conducted from **10th August 2026 to 05th September 2026**. Accordingly, instructions to complete the applications for the private candidates appearing for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination are provided herewith and the closing date is **24.04.2026** to receive the applications.

Applications for this examination should be submitted only through online method. Instructions to complete the application are published via the official website of the Department of Examinations ([www://doenets.lk](http://www.doenets.lk)) or in the online examination website (<https://onlineexams.gov.lk/eic>) or via the official mobile application ("DoE" mobile app) and the application can be submitted by logging into that. Applications of private candidates for this examination will be accepted from 24th March 2026 to 12.00 midnight of 24th April 2026. Each private candidate should complete and submit the application online by visiting the above website after reading this notification thoroughly and realizing it fully. Special attention should be paid to enter accurately the selected **Town and Subjects** to appear for the examination. Applicants are allowed only to apply for maximum of 03 main subjects. In addition, the applicants can apply for the Subject No.12- Common General Test and the Subject No.13- General English as per the necessity.

Applying for the examination should be made in two main Phases.

Phase I - Entering information and receiving Reference No.

Enter your personal details, examination details, subject details and details on payment method. The Reference No. should be obtained in case you make a payment through a Post Office.

Phase II - Payment of examination fee and downloading the application.

Upon submitting the reference number you received, to the Post Office, you may pay the examination fee to the Post Office and you can download the application form either by activating the link you have received via SMS or by clicking the icon "Download AL 2026 Application" on the webpage you received after revisiting the website. When you pay with a bank card, you can download the application form through the above icon once the payment is successfully made.

Examination fee can be paid via Post Offices or by any bank card.

02. Applications:

A printed copy of the application should be obtained after completing and submitting application online. The printed copy should be kept safely in your possession (in case for submissions, if required).

Applying or appearing as a private candidate while being a student in a government school is entirely prohibited. Committing of such offense shall be subjected to invalidating of examination results and debarring from appearing for any future examinations.

2.1 Log into the system - Phase I

- Access the following methods of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka to fill the application.
 - Visit the official website (www.doenets.lk) and click "Exam Information Centre" under "Our Services" or,
 - Visit the official mobile application, "DoE" of the Department of Examinations and click "Online Applications (School Exams)" or,
 - Visit <https://onlineexams.gov.lk/eic>.
- Private candidates can apply for the exam by selecting the icon "G.C.E. AL 2026 - Student Registration (Private)".
- After entering and selecting your personal information, town and medium of the exam, you should select and enter the subjects you intend to appear for.
- (a) **(13) General English:**

Candidates can apply General English subject in addition to the three main subjects and the Common General Test. **Result obtained for the subject General English will not be considered for selecting to universities.** However, the grade obtained for this subject will be included in the G.C.E.(A/L) certificate.

(b) **(12) Common General Test:**

Any applicant intending to enter universities in Sri Lanka should obtain minimum 30 marks by sitting for this subject. **Candidates, who have obtained over 30 marks for this subject in a previous one sitting in the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination are not required to sit once again.**

(c) **Subjects with practical tests:**

All applicants sitting for the written test of Subject No.28, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 65 and 66 will be called for the practical test. Results of above subjects will be issued only for the candidates who have appeared for both written and practical tests. Candidates should appear for the practical test on the same day given in the admission card. Candidates who fail to appear on the given date will not be provided any other date for the practical test. No retests will be conducted after completion of the practical tests as scheduled.

(d) Subjects should be selected in compliance with the instructions of the Ministry of Education Circular No.2016/13 dated 26.04.2016. Candidates selecting subject combinations non-compliance with standard subject streams will be identified as "Non Stream" candidates and Island Rank and District Rank will not be issued with final results of such candidates. Please be noted that this Department will not be responsible for the inconveniences caused to candidates by selecting subject combinations contrary to circular instructions.

2.2 Applications for this examination cannot be submitted after 12.00 midnight on 24.04.2026. **The online facility will be closed after 12.00 midnight of the prescribed date.**

2.3 **A candidate can submit only one application. Submission of more than one application by altering information will cause to reject his/her application and legal actions will be taken against such candidates. Any revelation of such frauds even after issuing results will cause to invalidate results of such candidates and legal actions will be taken and penalized accordingly.**

03. Payment of Examination Fee and Downloading Application - Phase II

Examination fee can be made through Post Offices or by bank cards (Credit / Debit payment).

3.1 If you pay through Post Office, you should select the link "Pay by Postal Department" under "Payment Method". **The Reference Number you received therein should be submitted to the Post Office for paying examination fees** and the receipt received from the Post Office should be kept safely in your possession.

After making payment, visit the website of the Department of Examinations to download the application.

The application can be downloaded through activating the link you received via SMS by visiting the website once you make the payment successfully.

3.2 In order to pay by bank cards (credit/debit cards), you should select "pay by credit/ debit card" item under "Payment method".

| No. of subjects | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Examination Fee (Rs.) | 150/- | 200/- | 250/- | 350/- | 400/- |

04. You will receive the admission card according to the information provided in your application form. You will be allowed to make changes to the admission card by logging into the official website of the Department of Examinations within seven (07) days from receiving the admission card.

05. Any inquiries with regard to the discrepancies of the information between your application and the admission card you received should be made by contacting the School Examinations Organization and Results Branch of the Department of Examinations via following telephone numbers immediately after receiving the admission card.

06.

Every private candidate should provide their own permanent address and telephone number and should not indicate the name and address or telephone number of the private / international school or private institute which functions as school where the candidate is receiving education.

07. Verification of Identity

It is mandatory to provide the National Identity Card or a valid Passport or valid Driving License at the examination hall to prove identity of the candidate.

Candidates who do not possess a National Identity Card so far, should prepare the National Identity Card by submitting an application without any delay to the Commissioner General for Registration of Persons through *Grama Niladhari*.

N.B.

Applicants who have not obtained a National Identity Card as at the date of calling applications for this examination should mandatorily obtain a temporary Identification No. by visiting the Department of Examinations. Using Identity Card No. of any other person instead of following above instructions is extremely prohibited and will result in rejection of the application.

08. All candidates should pay due examination fees for this examination except the candidates appearing for the first and second attempts from Government Schools, Fee levying / Non-fee levying government approved Private Schools and approved *Pirivenas*. Applications of the candidates who have not paid prescribed fee will be rejected.

09. It is compulsory to fill the details asked under "candidates with special education needs" in case of candidates with **special education needs** are applying for the examination.

Note: Examination fees paid for this examination will not be refunded fully or partially or transferred to any other examination.

Candidates who have not appeared even for a part of a paper after applying for this examination, will only be considered as candidates who did not appear for the examination. Since the examination attempt to enroll in a university for such candidates will not be cancelled, they are not required to provide any medical certificates. Keeping the admission card of the candidate safely in possession is the only evidence to prove the fact that the candidate has not appeared for any subject of the examination. It is not required to submit medical certificates or any other requests to this department in that regard.

Please contact following numbers for further clarifications on the above information.

Telephone numbers : 011-2784208 / 011-2784537 / 011-2786616

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