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**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK, LANDS AND IRRIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN
DEVELOPMENT**

**Open Competitive Examination For Recruitment
of Officers to Grade II of the Post of Agrarian
Development Officers of the Department of
Agrarian Development -2026**

APPLICATIONS are hereby called from the candidates, who have possessed qualifications mentioned below, to the post of Agrarian development Officers fallen vacant in the Department of Agrarian Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation.

1.1 It is hereby notified that the Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to the post of Agrarian Development Officer in the Department of Agrarian Development is hereby held in September 2026 by the Commissioner General of Examinations. The application for the purpose has been published under “Online Applications – Recruitment Exams/ E.B. Exams” under “Our Services” in the website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations and applications can strictly be submitted online. Closing date for applications is 08/06/2026. Online application process will be open at 09.00 a.m. on 11/05/2026 and it will close at 09.00 p.m. on 08/06/2026.

- 1.2 Officers, who are already in Public/ Provincial Public Service, should hand over a copy of their application to the Head of the respective institution to be included in the personal file and the Head of the institution should, at the time of calling relevant officer for the interview, submit a certified copy of the application along with a letter of confirmation to the effect that the officer is in service.
- 1.3 Candidate should bear any adverse situation cause due to delay in submitting application up to the closing date of application.
- 1.4 This examination will be held in Sinhala and Tamil media by the Commissioner General of Examination at the examination centers maintained in the districts mentioned in Schedule-1. Accordingly, the district, in which the candidate sits for examination, and district number should be indicated correctly in the cage given at the title of this application as per his/ her first and second preference. No change in the district/ districts will be allowed at later occasions. In case where there is no sufficient number of candidates, candidates will be directed to the examination center as per the second preference or any other examination center in the close proximity. Commissioner General of Examination will take action to hold examination in Colombo at such occasions, where sufficient number of applications has not been made to organize examination centers either in all or more proposed districts.

1.5 Online application should strictly be perfected in English. The candidate will be informed by an SMS sent to the mobile phone or by an email as to whether the soft copy submitted online is/is not accepted by the Department as a valid application. Note to download the instructions prepared for applying for the examination before perfecting the application online. When filling application, those instructions should strictly be followed. Any revision made on the printout after getting such printout of the application will not be considered as a revision. Applications which have not duly be perfected will be rejected without any notice.

(2) Conditions for engagement in service

2.1 This post is permanent and the pension scheme applicable will be subjected the policy decision made by the Government in due course. It is required to pay contributions to widows/ widowers and orphans' pension fund.

2.2 Sections from 10-12 of chapter 11 of the Establishments Code and Procedural Rules of the Public Services Commission pertaining to the appointments in public service are applicable.

2.3 Selected candidate should be subjected to the provisions of the Establishments Code, Financial Regulations, departmental regulations and other regulations and orders made by the Government from time to time.

(3) General Qualifications

3.1 Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.

3.2 Should be of an excellent moral character.

3.3 Should be physically and mentally sound to serve in the appointed post in any area of Sri Lanka

3.4 Should be not less than 21 years of age and not more than 35 years of age as at the closing date of applications.

(Accordingly, the candidates, whose date of birth falls on or before 08/06/2005 and on or after 08/06/1991 will be eligible for applying.)

3.5 No candidate ordain under any religious order will be allowed either to make application or sit for this competitive examination.

(4) Educational Qualifications:

Should have possessed a degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission

(5) Method of recruitment:

5.1 Conditions of the written competitive examination:

Candidates, who secure 40% or more marks for each question paper of the examination, will be selected and then recruitments will be made depending on the number of existing vacancies on the order of merit based on the aggregate marks.

5.2 Syllabus applicable for the written examination: The examination will consist of two question papers.

1. Comprehension - Duration 01 ½ hours – Total marks - 100
2. Intelligence Test - Duration 01 ½ hours – Total marks - 100

(A candidate should secure a minimum of 40% or more for each subject to pass the examination.)

01. Comprehension:

Several short phrases will be given to the candidates in this question paper. Certain phrases will be given to express their meaning in one sentence. Certain questions will be given to make explanations for underlined words. In the meantime, number of alternative phrases will also be given for a certain phrase and the candidates should select the most appropriate one from the alternative phrases. Further, candidate is expected to provide accurate answer for several questions given connecting to certain phrases. These questions are designed to test the ability of candidate to grasp the meaning of the phrase.

02. Intelligence Test:

This question paper is designed to assess the candidate's capacity for critical reasoning, analyzing and decision making. The paper will consist of multiple-choice questions.

5.3 No marks will be allocated at the general interview held for verification of qualifications.

5.4 The examination will be held in both Sinhala and Tamil languages. The candidates are not allowed to change the language medium selected in the

application. Candidates are required to answer all question papers at the examination in one and the same language.

5.5 Issuance of results:

The result sheet prepared on the order of marks of candidates, who have secured 40% or more marks for each subject at the written examination, will be issued to the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

Department of Examination of Sri Lanka will take action either to inform results personally to all candidates or publish in the website of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka (www.results.exams.gov.lk), when the concurrence of the appointing authority is received.

(6) Salary Scale (Monthly):

Rs.58,660-10x1,190-11x1,360-15x1,670-110,570 under MN-05-2025 of Public Administration Circular 10/2025.

(7) Scheme of promotion:

Scheme of recruitment of the post of Agrarian Development Officer is applicable in this regard.

(8) Examination Fee:

Examination fee is Rs. 600/=. Examination fee should be paid strictly following the below mentioned payment methods which are given by online system.

- I. Using any Bank Credit Card
- II. Using any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions
- III. Using online Banking Method of Bank of Ceylon
- IV. Through any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon

Note: -

- (a) Instructions for making payments by above methods are available under technical instructions relevant to the examination, which are in the website.
- (b) Acknowledgement on the receipt of payment will be communicated either by an SMS or an email. Examination fee should be made as a full payment and the applications with a part payment or lesser payment will be

rejected. Department of Examination is not responsible for any defect occur in the payment of examination fee through above mentioned methods.

- (c) Under no circumstance the examination fee, which is made for the examination, will be refunded or transferred for another examination.

(9) Implementation of the Official Language Policy:

In terms of Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and other consecutive circulars the candidate is bound to acquire the proficiency in other official language within 03 years from the date of appointment.

(10) Attestation of the signature of the candidate:

The signature of the candidate in the admission card should be attested by a principal of a government school/Justice of Peace/Commissioner of Oaths/Attorney at Law/Commissioned Officer of Three Armed Forces/an officer holding a permanent post in staff grade. The admission card bearing duly attested signature of the candidate should be submitted on the commencing date of examination. Any candidate, who fails to submit admission card without getting his/her signature attested, will not be allowed to sit the examination.

- (11) Admissions cards are issued strictly online by the Commissioner General of Examination to the candidates, who have submitted duly perfected application along with the receipt issued on the payment of prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date of application, on the assumption that the candidates have fulfilled all the requisite qualifications stipulated in this notice. As soon as the admission cards are issued, it will be notified to candidates either by a web notice or an SMS.

Any candidate, who does not receive admission card, should made an inquiry from the Establishment and Examination Organization Division of the Department of Examination. When making such inquiry, it is advisable to communicate through the e mail address indicated in the web notice sending a letter containing the name of examination, full name of the candidate, number of NIC, and address accurately. Further, it will be useful to keep at hand the photo copies of the application, and the receipt issued on payment of examination fee, when making an inquiry. Candidates should examine their admission cards and get necessary revisions made from the Department of Examinations,

if any, in advance the date of examination. Any request made for revision at the examination hall will not be considered.

- (12) Issuance of an admission card to a candidate does not necessarily mean that he/she has fulfilled qualifications to sit the examination or for appointment to the post.
- (13) A candidate shall be required to prove his/her identity for any subject he/she sits at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the Invigilator of the examination. Any of the following documents shall be accepted for this purpose.

- (I) The National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons
(II) A valid Passport
(III) Valid Sri Lankan driving license

Further, candidates should enter the examination hall without covering face and revealing their ears so as to confirm that they have not worn electronic devices. Any candidate, who refuses to prove his/her identity, should not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Further, from the instance of entering the examination hall candidate should be remaining there until the examination is over without covering his/her face and ears.

- (14) Candidates are bound by the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examination in conducting this examination. Candidates are liable to be subjected to a punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examination for breach of these rules. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examination on the results should be the final.
- (15) In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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24th April, 2026.

Schedule – 1

Select the Numbers of the Districts from the following list, where examination centers have been organized.

This examination will be held in following Districts. Candidates should select the District nearest to their place of residence as the examination center. District, in which the candidate sits the examination, and District Number should be indicated in the application selecting it from the following table. Once the District is selected it cannot be changed at later occasion.

<i>Province</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Number of the district</i>
Western	Colombo	01
	Gampaha	02
	Kalutara	03
Central	Kandy	04
	Matale	05
	Nuwaraeliya	06
Southern	Galle	07
	Matara	08
	Hambantota	09
Northern	Jaffna	10
	Mannar	11
	Vavuniya	12
	Mullaitivu	13
	Kilinochchi	14
Eastern	Batticaloa	15
	Ampara	16
	Trincomalee	17
North Western	Kurunegala	18
	Puttalam	19
North Central	Anuradhapura	20
	Polonnaruwa	21
Uva	Badulla	22
	Monaragala	23
Sabaragamuwa	Rathnapura	24
	Kegalle	25