

Recruitment on an Open Basis for Grade III of the Drivers Service of the Uva Provincial Council Public Service – 2026

1. Applications are invited from the applicant with the following qualifications and permanent residence in Uva Province for the recruitment of 18 vacancies of Drivers Service Grade III in the Uva Provincial Council Public Service on an open basis up to 26th June 2026
2. The qualifications mentioned below are applicable for recruitment to Grade III of the Drivers Service;
 - 2.1. Must be a citizen of Sri Lankan.
 - 2.2. The age limit on the last date of accepting the applications should not be less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. (Accordingly, only those who have their date of birth on or before 26th June 2008 and on or after 26th June 1981 are eligible to apply for this post).

Note: The upper age limit will not be applicable for those who work in the government service currently in permanent and pensionable position.

- 2.3. The applicants must be of good behaviors and good physical fitness.
- 2.4. All applicants must be physically and mentally fit to serve in any area of the Uva Province and to perform the duties of the position.
- 2.5. Applicants must have resided in the Uva Province for a minimum of 03 consecutive years on the closing date for applications and must provide proof of residency through the prescribed form provided by the Grama Niladhari.
- 2.6. Must have full filled the educational qualifications mentioned below.
 - 2.6.1. Must have passed the G.C.E. (G.L.) Examination in six (06) subjects at two sittings with credit passes in two (02) subjects including Language (Sinhala / Tamil / English).

Note:

1. The Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission will take the final decision on the use of qualifications obtained by sitting for an examination conducted by other local or foreign educational institutions equivalent to the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination for the purpose of granting an appointment after confirmation from the relevant educational institutions and the Commissioner General of Examinations.
- 2.7. The professional qualifications listed below must be completed.
 1. Must be in obtained a motor vehicle driving license issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Vehicles. (The driving license should be obtained three (03) years prior to the date of recruitment and must have at least a C and C1 vehicle class license or a B class license as per the new driving license).

AND

2. Must have excellent knowledge of highway laws.
- 2.8. Must have the experiences mentioned below.
 1. Must have three years of experience as a driver from the date of obtaining the driver's license (experience must be proven through certificates).
 - 2.9. Must possess the physical qualifications mentioned below.
 - I. The minimum height should be 5 feet.
 - II. Must be physically fit to work both day and night and have good eyesight. This must be confirmed by a proper certificate issued by a Government Medical Officer.

Please Note: It is mandatory for all applicants to fulfill all the qualifications for the post on or before 26th June 2026

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- 3.1. Candidates sitting for this examination should access the online application portal via the link <https://exams.psc.up.gov.lk/> and complete the online application form for the examination on or before 11.59 pm on 26th June 2026 and after completing the application form and submitting it to the system (Submit), the soft copy of the application should be downloaded (Access Application in the menu). The receipt for payment of the examination fee should be affixed with the hard copy of the downloaded application form in the prescribed place, and after the attestation of the signature and the application should be sent by registered post to the address "**Secretary, Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission, No. 14/4, Peelipothagama Road, Pinarawa, Badulla**" on or before 03rd July 2026 The caption "**Open Recruitment for the Post of Driver of the Uva Provincial Public Service – 2026**" should be written on the top left corner of the letter.
- 3.2. Applicants who are currently serving in the Provincial Public Service or in the Central Government should submit their application forms through the Head of Department.
- 3.3. Similarly, no changes will be allowed to any information submitted through the online system. Therefore, it is important to carefully check the information before submitting it to the Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission. All applications that are not properly filled and contain incomplete or incorrect information will be rejected without any notice. It would be beneficial for applicants to keep a copy of the application form and the payment receipt.
- 3.4. The Online Examination Application Form should be completed in English. Only those parts where instructions are given to be completed in Sinhala and Tamil should be completed correctly in the original language. Before completing the online applications, the Common Instructions prepared for applying for the examination should be downloaded and read and the instructions should be followed while completing the application form. Incomplete application forms will be rejected without any notice. Whether the soft copy submitted by the applicant through the online application form is accepted / not accepted by the Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission as a valid application form will be notified through the Short Message Service (SMS) to the mobile phone number used to access the system or by the e-mail.
- 3.5. Applicants must accept any inconvenience caused by delaying the submission of the application form until the last date.

Note: Acceptance of online application forms will be opened on 01st June 2026 at 9.00 AM and will be closed on 26th June 2026 at 11.59 PM.

4. Certification of the applicant's signature:

- 4.1. Signature attestation of applicant working in Provincial Public Service / Central Government Service:

The signature of the applicant should be attested on the application form and on the admission card. The candidate should have his signature attested by the Head of his institution or an officer authorized by him.

- 4.2. Attestation of signature of applicants not in Public Service;

The applicant's signature in the application should be attested by the Principal of a Government School / Divisional Grama Niladhari / Justice of the Peace / Commissioner of Oaths / Solicitor

General / Authorized Officer of the Tri-Services / Officer holding a Gazette post in the Police Service / Officer holding a permanent Staff Grade post in the Government or Provincial Public Service.

5. Examination fees and administrative expenses are Rs. 1250/-. This amount should be credited to the revenue head 20.03.02.13 of the Chief Secretary of Uva Province in cash to any Divisional Secretariate of the Uva Province and the original copy of the receipt obtained in the name of the applicant should be sent by pasting in the prescribed place in the application form. It is mandatory to attach the original copy of the receipt to the application form and it is useful to keep a photocopy of the receipt for future use. Receipts, money orders or stamps obtained by paying money to institutions other than those obtained by paying money to a Divisional Secretariates of Uva Province will not be accepted and such applications will be rejected. The fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another examination for any reason.
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 - (a) The number of appointments and the effective date of appointment shall be determined by the appointing authority. The appointing authority shall have the power not to fill any or all vacancies.
 - (b) The selected applicant will be appointed to Grade III of the service subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Service Minute of the Uva Provincial Public Service Driver Service, the amendments made to the Service Charter or made from time to time, the provisions of the Establishment Code and the Financial Code and the procedural rules of the Public Service Commission.
 - (c) If selected for an appointment, it is mandatory to serve at least five (05) years in the place of duty to which the first appointment was made. However, if for any special reasons determined by the appointing authority, it becomes necessary to transfer an officer before the expiry of that period, the appointing authority has the power to do so.
 - (d) This appointment is subject to a three-year probationary period. Those who recruited to the Uva Provincial Public Service Driver Service Grade III, must pass the first efficient-bar examination specified in the service minute within three (03) years' time of recruitment to the service.
 - (e) If selected for an appointment, they must have completed the language proficiency required by them in accordance with the guidelines specified in Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and its subsidiary circulars published on 16.10.2020 for the language source for which they were qualified for the appointment.
 - (f) It should be noted that candidates selected for appointment may be required to work outside the office for several consecutive days at short notice due to service requirements, in addition to normal duty hours, using the facilities available at the time.
7. In the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025, the salary code PL 3 - 2025 will be applicable to this post and the corresponding salary scale will be Rs. 42,780 - 10 x 490 - 11 x 540 - 10 x 590 - 12 x 630 - 66,540/- and the said salary will be entitled to them on 2027.01.01. From the date of effective date of appointment, they will be paid salary as per the provisions of Appendix III to this circular.
8. This post is permanent. It is pensionable. Officers recruited to the Drivers Service Grade III through this examination will be subject to future policy decisions taken by the government.

9. Interview:

The candidates who submit their application forms in the correct manner as mentioned above will be eligible for the Professional Examination and Common Interview.

There are two types of interview exams.

- (a) Common Interview - This will be conducted to determine whether the candidates have fulfilled the eligibility criteria for appointment as per Section 02 of the notification. No marks will be awarded for this interview.
- (b) Professional Examination – 100 marks will be given to Professional Examination and requires a minimum mark of 50 or more to pass. It is designed to assess the skills required to operate a vehicle, including knowledge of highway laws and practical application of basic knowledge of motor mechanics.

Marks will be given based on the following criteria in the Professional Examination.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Maximum Marks</i>	<i>Marks to be qualified</i>
<i>Ability to drive a vehicle</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Practical knowledge of highway laws</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Basic knowledge of motor mechanics</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>20</i>

Only applicants who pass the general and professional examination will be selected for appointment.

10. Selecting for an Appointment:

Candidates who pass the Common Interview and Professional Examination will be selected to appoint as Grade III of the Drivers Service in the Uva Provincial Council Public Service in accordance with the number of vacancies available in the Uva Provincial Council Public Service Driver Service.

11. Punishments for Providing false information:

- I. While filling the application form the information should be carefully and correctly provided. In case any candidate is found to be ineligible as per the rules of this examination, his/her right to appear for the examination may be cancelled before, during or after the examination or at any time.
- II. In the future, if it is discovered that any information furnished by a candidate is false or that he/she has deliberately suppressed accurate information he / she will not be considered for appointment and if he / she is appointed as a result of this examination will be liable to cancellation of the appointment granted or removal from service.

12. If there are any matters not mentioned herein, will be decided by the Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission as per the advices of the Honorable Governor of Uva Province.

13. If there is any inconsistency between the language medium of this announcement published in the Sinhala, Tamil and English medium, in such a case, action will be taken as per the Sinhala medium notice.
14. 12. More information on this can be obtained by calling the Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission office on telephone numbers 0552222400, 0552231460 during office hours.

(L.A. Somarathne)
Secretary
Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission

On 26th may 2026
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at the Uva Provincial Council Public Service Commission Office.