

Public Service Commission

Recruitment to the Executive Service Category III (Post of Statistician) in the Department of Census and Statistics Limited Competitive Examination - 2026

Applications are invited as per the directions of the Public Service Commission for the Limited Competitive Examination to select suitable candidates for the vacant posts in the Executive Service Category, Grade III (Statistician) in this Department.

This recruitment is made to fill 42 vacancies for the Executive Service Category of the Department of Census and Statistics in accordance with the provisions of the existing recruitment procedure, and the final decision as to whether or not to fill all or some of the vacancies lies with the Public Service Commission. The date on which the appointment will take effect will be decided by the Public Service Commission. This examination will be held in Colombo only in the month of October 2026.

The application form is available on the Departmental website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka under “Our Service” through “Online Applications – Recruitment Exams/E.B. Exams” and applications can be submitted online only. The acceptance of online applications will open on 13.07.2026 at 09.00 a.m. and will close on 10.08.2026 at 09.00 p.m

The candidate should bear any adverse consequences arising from delaying the submission of the application till the last date. A copy of the application should be submitted by the officers to the Heads of respective Institutions for inclusion in their personal files and a copy of the application certified by the Head of Institution and a letter of confirmation of service should be produced when called for interview.

Closing date of applications are entertained – 10.08.2026

1. Salary Scale

As per Schedule I of the Salary Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025, SL 1-2025 entitles a salary scale of Rs. 82,150-10X2,400-8X2,940-17X3,900-195,970/- (monthly).

2. Terms of Employment

Selected candidates will be appointed to Grade III of the Executive Service Category (Statistician) of the Department of Census and Statistics subject to the general conditions governing appointments in the public service, and the provisions of the recruitment procedure for the Executive Service category of the Department of Census and Statistics approved by the Public Service Commission, and the amendments made or to be made to the said recruitment procedure, the provisions of the Establishments Code and the Financial Regulations and the procedural rules of the Public Service Commission published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2310/29 and dated 14.12.2022.

- I. In terms of Public Administration Circular No. 21/2017, this appointment is pensionable. You will be subject to a policy decision taken in the future by the Government regarding the pension scheme to which you are entitled. Furthermore, you will be required to contribute to the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme/Widowers and Orphans Pension Scheme. You will be required to pay contributions therefor as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time.
- II. Officers appointed to this position are subject to a probationary period of 03 years.

- III. The first efficiency bar test should be passed within Three years of being promoted to Grade III in the Executive Service Category.
- IV. The provisions of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing and future rules and regulations regarding the implementation of the official language policy should be complied with.
- V. The selected officers are liable to the condition of serving in any part of the island.
- VI. The appointment of candidates who fail to assume the duties of the post offered to them on the due date and/or refuse or evade the duties of an appointed area may be cancelled.
- VII. This appointment is subject to the procedural rules of the Public Service Commission, the Institutions Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Finance Regulations of the government, the orders and regulations issued by the Government from time to time and the circulars, instructions and orders issued by the Department of Census and Statistics from time to time.

3. Professional Qualifications

- (a) A degree in Statistics, Mathematics, Economics, Community Science, Population Studies, Computer Science, Information Technology, Geography, Sociology or Cartography with at least one subject as a major
 - a) A special degree with a class merit recognized under Section 25 A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978
 - b) Obtained from a foreign or state university recognized by the University Grants Commission, or
 - c) Obtained from a university established by an Act of Parliament of Sri Lanka.

Possessing a basic degree or postgraduate degree, and having completed 05 years of continuous, active and satisfactory service in the position of Statistical Officer/Statistical Investigator

and

Being an officer who has passed the 1st Efficiency Bar .

Or

- (b) Those who have completed 10 years of continuous, active and satisfactory service in the post of Statistical Officer/Statistical Investigator without a degree as mentioned in (a) above.

And

Being an officer who has passed the 1st Efficiency Bar.

Note:

- I. A subject that has a value equal to or greater than 1/3 of the total credit value of the relevant subjects for an ordinary degree is considered a major subject of that degree.

4. Physical Fitness

- I. Every candidate should be physically fit in every other respect for employed in any part of Sri Lanka.
- II. Shall be physically fit to perform the duties of the post.

Note : Maximum age limit is not applicable.

5. Other Qualifications

- I. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- II. The Candidates should be of excellent character.
- III. All qualifications required for recruitment to the post should be fulfilled in every respect by the closing date of accepting applications.
- IV. Having completed a satisfactory period of service within the immediately preceding five (05) years.

6. Method of recruitment

6.1 Written Examination and General Interview

- 6.1.1 A number of candidates to be determined by the Public Service Commission, starting from the candidates who obtained the highest marks among the candidates who have passed the written examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations on subject-specific principles, and in accordance with the order of merit and the number of vacancies available, will be called for the General Interview Board appointed by the Public Service Commission to scrutinize the qualifications, and after checking the qualifications and physical fitness as per the recruitment procedures and the notification published accordingly, the candidates who have fulfilled the qualifications and are physically fit will be recruited for this post in the order of merit of the marks obtained in the written examination. No marks will be given in the general interview.

N.B.:-

Being called for an interview should not be considered a qualification for appointment to the position. No marks will be awarded for the general interview. Being called for the interview should not be considered as a qualification for the offering of appointment.

6.1.2 Syllabus

Subject specific Principales – Time - 2 hours (Maximum marks 100)
(Pass mark 40%)

- Basic Statistics
Data sources, methods of data collection and problems that arise during the collection of data, presentation of data, descriptive statistics and their interpretations, data analysis and basic indicator numbers

6.1.3 Issuing Exam results

Once the Appointing Authority notifies the appropriate date for the release of results, the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka will take steps to send a result sheet indicating the marks obtained in each subject/total marks obtained in the written examination to all candidates who appeared for the examination by post or to release the results through the website www.results.exams.gov.lk. "The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the examination results shall be final."

7. Conditions of Examinations

- I. The examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium. Candidates may appear for the examination in one of the languages of their choice. Each question paper should be answered in the same language medium. Candidates are not permitted to change the language medium for examination indicated in their application later.
 - II. The examination fee is Rs. 1200/-. Payment should be made only under the following fee payment methods provided in the online system.
 - i. By any Bank Credit Card
 - ii. By any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions
 - iii. By Online Banking Method/ "Flex" App of Bank of Ceylon
 - iv. By any Branch of Bank of Ceylon
- Note :-
 - (a) Instructions on how to make payments using the above methods are posted on the website under Technical Instructions for the Examination.
 - (b) You will be notified via SMS or email that your payment has been received. The full amount of the examination fee should be paid and applications that have been underpaid or overpaid will be rejected. Department of Examinations in Sri Lanka is not responsible for any errors that occur when paying examination fees through the above payment methods.
 - (c) The amount paid for the exam will not be refunded or transferred to another exam for any reason.
- III. The online examination application form should be completed in English only. Once the soft copy submitted online by the applicant is received by the Department of Examinations, the Department will notify the candidate that the soft copy has been accepted/not accepted as a valid application through a short message (SMS) or an e-mail address to the mobile phone number used to access the system. Before completing the online application, please download the Instructions for applying for the examination. Please follow the instructions carefully while filling out the application form. Any amendment made to the application form after obtaining a printed copy will not be considered a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.
- IV. The signatures of the candidate on the admission card for the examination should be attested and it should be attested by the Head of the Institution or an officer authorized

by him. Also, the candidates should present their signed admission card to the Examination Hall Supervisor on the first day of appearing for the examination.

- V. The issuance of an examination admit card to a candidate shall not be considered as an admission that he/she has met the qualifications to appear for the examination or for a position. Furthermore, if the requirements of paragraphs (I) of 3 of this notification are not met, a candidate will not be eligible for appointment to this post even if he obtains the passing marks specified in sub-paragraph 6.1.2 of the notification.
- VI. The Commissioner General of Examinations will be issuing admission cards online to all candidates who have paid examination fee on or before the closing date of application and submitted duly filled applications with the affixed receipt of the examination fees paid, on the assumption that all the applicants possess required qualifications stated in the gazette notification. As soon as admission cards are issued, the Department of Examinations in Sri Lanka shall notify the same to the applicants via a web notification/SMS. If a candidate has not received his/her admission card, he/she shall inquire about it from the Institutional Organization Branch of Examinations of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka, as stated in the advertisement. When making such inquiries, it would be more effective for the applicant to send a request letter to the email address mentioned in the advertisement, stating the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card number and address correctly. In order to confirm any information requested by the Department of Examinations during such inquiry, it would be advisory to have a photocopy of the completed application. If any amendments are required after checking the admission card, the Department of Examinations should be contacted in advance and the relevant amendments should be made as per the application. Requests for amendments made in the examination hall/interview will not be considered.
- VII. The Commissioner General of Examinations has the power to postpone or cancel the examination with the approval of the Public Service Commission.
- VIII. Candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conduct of the examination. If he/she violates such rules and regulations, he/she will be liable to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.
- IX. Candidate's Identity: Every candidate should prove his/her identity in the examination hall to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. Only one of the following forms of identity will be accepted for this purpose.
 - I. National Identity Card
 - II. Valid Passport
 - III. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

The candidates should expose their identity without covering their face and ears when enter into the examination hall so as to verify that electronic communication devices are not being worn. Applicants who refuse to do so will not be allowed inside the examination hall. Further, the candidates should remain uncovered of their face and ears till they leave the examination hall enabling the examination authorities to identify the applicant.

- X. If a candidate is found to be ineligible, his/her candidature may be cancelled at any time before, during or after the examination. If any fact presented is revealed to be false after being selected for a position, or if any important fact is deliberately suppressed, there is a possibility of dismissal.
- XI. The decision of the Public Service Commission shall be final in respect of any other matters not included in this notice calling for applications and relating to this recruitment.
08. Applications should be certified by the Head of the Institution/Department. In the event of any inconsistency between the language versions of this notification published in Sinhala, Tamil and English, the Sinhala text will be considered as correct.

As per the order of the Public Service Commission,

Secretary
Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
2026.