

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

APPLICATIONS are invited as per the directions of the Public Service Commission for the 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 28 vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the existing recruitment procedure for the Executive Service category of this department, and the final decision to fill or not to fill all or some of those vacancies is reserved with the Public Service Commission. The effective date of the appointment will be determined by the Public Service Commission. This examination will be held in Colombo only during 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.

Officers currently serving in the Public Service/Provincial Public Service should submit a copy of the application to the Heads of Institutions for inclusion in their personal files,

and should submit a copy of the application certified by the Head of Institution and a letter of confirmation of service when called for interview.

The candidate should bear any adverse consequences arising from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date.

Closing date of accepting applications - 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

- I. 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.

- II. 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.
- III. Officers appointed to this position are subject to a probationary period of 03 years.
- IV. The first efficiency bar test should be passed within 03 years of being promoted to Grade III in the Executive Service Category.
- V. The implementation of the official language policy should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and existing and future laws, regulations and statutes. In accordance with current Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and its subsidiary circulars, proficiency in the other official language proficiency at the relevant level should be acquired within 03 years of assuming the position.
- VI. The appointments 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.

3. Educational 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.

or
- (b) 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) Have obtained an general degree with a first or second class (upper) pass, 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.

Note :

- i. In cases where the specific subject area is not clearly stated in a special degree certificate, the subject area that has a value equal to or greater than 2/3 of the total credit points to be earned during the period of study in the specific field shall be considered as the main subject of that special degree course.
- ii. A subject that carries 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.

5. Age limit

should be between 21 and 35 years of age. "Accordingly, only those whose date of birth falls on or before 10.08.2005 and on or after 10.08.1991 are eligible to apply for this post."

6. 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.

7. Method of recruitment

7.1 Written Examination and General Interview

7.1.1. A number of candidates to be determined by the Public Service Commission, from among the candidates who have passed the written examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations under the subjects of General Knowledge and Aptitude, in order of merit and according to the number of vacancies available, will be called for the General Interview Board appointed by the said Commission to scrutinise the qualifications and after checking whether the qualifications mentioned in the recruitment procedures and the notification published in accordance with them have been met and whether the candidates are physically fit, the candidates who have met the qualifications and are physically fit will be recruited for this post in order of merit of the marks obtained in the written examination.

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.

7.1.2 Syllabus

Subject-related General Knowledge – Time - 2 hours (Maximum marks 100) (Pass mark 40%)

- Local and International Statistics
- Statistics and Community Development
- New Trends in Statistics
- Socioeconomic Information
- Environment and Society
- Geographical Factors and Community
- Information Technology

Aptitude – Time - 1 hour (Maximum marks 100) (Pass marks 40%)

- It is expected to determine the excellent management skills possessed by a candidate, such as identifying problems and their causes, making decisions, maintaining interpersonal relationships, communication

skills, formulating self-discipline policies and strategies, etc., based on the events and situations that are presented.

7.1.3 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.

8. Conditions of Examinations

"The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the examination results shall be final."

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, and each candidate should appear for both (02) the question papers. Candidates are not permitted to change the language medium for examination indicated in their application later. Candidates should appear for the examination at the examination center assigned to them.

II. The examination fee is Rs. 1200/-. Payment should be made only under the following fee payment methods provided in the online system.

- By any Bank Credit Card
- By any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions
- By Online Banking Method/ "Flex" App of Bank of Ceylon)
- By any Branch of Bank of Ceylon

• Note :-

- 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 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) / (ii) of paragraph 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 7.1.2 of the notification.

Penalties for false information:- While filling the application form, one should be very careful and provide accurate information. If any candidate is found to be ineligible as per the rules and regulations of this examination, his/her candidature may be cancelled at any time before, during or after the examination.

V. 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.

VI. The candidate's signature on the admission card for the examination shall be attested and candidates shall submit their signed admission card to the examination supervisor on the first day of appearing for the examination.

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.

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.

in a formal form (stating that the names in the relevant certificates are different and that the names refer to the same person, and your signature on an uncanceled stamp of Rs. 50/- should be attested by a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner of Oaths) should be submitted to explain the difference.

- f) Certificates of professional Qualifications (If any)
- g) Certificate of highest examination passed in Sinhala/Tamil/English languages.

II. 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.

09. Interview

- I. Candidates selected through the written test should present the following documents at the interview.
 - a) Birth Certificate
 - b) National Identity Card or Valid Passport
 - c) Degrees (degree certificate and detailed degree certificate) and other relevant educational certificates
 - d) 02 character certificates (one of these certificates should be a certificate issued by the Grama Niladhari and not more than 06 months old)
 - e) If there is a slight difference between the name you use and the name mentioned on your birth certificate or other certificate, an affidavit

10. 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.

11. 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.

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