

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER
EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION**

**Admission for Teachers who have passed the
General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination
with English as a Subject/ First Examination in the
Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree and the First
Examination in the Bachelor of Science (External)
Degree to Universities Academic Year 2025/2026**

Applications are being called from teachers serving in Government or Government Approved Private Schools and who have passed the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as a Subject/ First Examination in the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree and the First Examination in the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree to be admitted to Universities to follow the courses mentioned below, to be commenced in the academic year 2025/2026.

- I. Bachelor of Arts Degree (with English as a subject).
- II. Bachelor of Science Degree (Biological Science/ Physical Science/ Applied Science).

02. Applicants should have fulfilled following qualifications.

- I. (a) To apply for the Arts Course,
Passing the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as a Subject/ First Examination of the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree in year 2021 or in a later year.
- (b) To apply for the Biological Science, Physical Science and Applied Science Course,
Passing the First Examination of the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree in year 2021 or in a later year.
- II. Should have completed 05 year period of service as a teacher as at closing date of applications and have been confirmed in service.
- III. Should not have registered in a Teachers' Training College, National College of Education, in the National Institute of Education to follow a course at the time of selection.

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Should not have registered in a government university

of Sri Lanka to follow an internal degree programme (without paying) at the time of selection.

- IV. In case of a Biological Science, Physical Science or an Applied Science course in a university, the applicants should have passed the subjects defined as a pre-requisite by the university at G.C.E. (Advanced Level) or at the first examination of the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree to be qualified for the respective course.
- V. Should be a teacher entitled to full-time study leave with payment. (Entitlement to study leave with payment will be inquired at the interview.).
03. Applications of the teachers serving in Government schools, should be attested by the Principal, Zonal Director of Education and the Provincial Director of Education while applications of the teachers serving in Government Approved Private Schools should be attested by the Principal/ Manager of that School. In those applications the respective Principal/ Manager of the school should state whether study leave can/ cannot be approved for the concerned teacher.
04. Each application should be prepared in two (02) copies as per the specimen given and forwarded to reach "Director of Education, Human Resource Development Branch, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, Isurupaya, Battaramulla" on or before 30.08.2026 under registered cover. "Applications to be admitted to Sri Lanka Universities - 2025/2026 (For Teachers)" Should be mentioned on top left-hand corner of the envelope.
05. Applicants will be selected on the basis of total marks obtained at the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as Subject/ First Examination in the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree or the First Examination in the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree, marks obtained for the respective subject and the marks obtained at the interview to be conducted by the University Grants Commission.
06. This Ministry will not be liable to award graduate appointments considering this degree as a qualification upon the completion.
07. Application is published in all three languages (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English) under Special Notices of the

official website of the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education (www.moe.gov.lk).

08. In case of any divergence or inconsistency among different text notifications published in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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Efficiency Bar Examination - II for Pirivena Teachers, Teachers with Approved Appointments in Government Approved Private Schools and Teachers with Approved Appointments in Assisted Special Schools - 2026

- 1.0 All the institutional activities such as payment of salaries, promotion of Grades and Efficiency Bar Examinations of the officers belonging to the above services are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Teachers Service published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* Notification No. 1885/38 dated 23.10.2014 Accordingly, in accordance with the provisions of the third Amendment to the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Teachers' Service published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2444/21, dated 08.07.2025 and the fourth Amendment to the Service Minute of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2493/61, dated 19.06.2026, the Sri Lanka Department of Examinations has announced the holding of the Efficiency Bar Examination-II in the month of October 2026 and it is also hereby announced that the opportunity shall also be made for Parivenacharyas serving in Pirivenas, teachers with approved appointments in Government-approved private schools, and teachers with approved appointments in Assisted Special schools to be seated for the above examination. Further, it is hereby announced that this examination shall be held only at the examination centres established in the cities mentioned in Schedule I and no change of the

city/cities applied for shall be allowed later. In case of a sufficient number of candidates have not applied for the establishment of an examination centre in and city, those candidates shall be directed to an examination centre established in the city indicated as their second preference or to an examination centre established in another city nearby. Further, in case of a sufficient number of candidates have not applied for the establishment of examination centres in all or more of the proposed cities, arrangements shall be made to hold the examination in Colombo only by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

Applications are published and available on the website of www.doents.lk of Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka under the "Our Services" and under "Online Applications - Recruitment/ EB Exams" and applications can be submitted *via* online only. The online application process shall open on 27th of July 2026 at 09.00 am and shall close on 17th of August 2026 at 09.00 pm. After submitting the application online, download it and obtain two (02) printed copies thereof, filling up in the relevant parts of the two copies in handwriting, attest the applicant's signature, and include one copy in his/her personal file along with the certification of the Zonal Director of Education. The other copy should be retained in his/ her possession for for submission whenever necessary.

Any adverse consequences arising from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date should be borne by the applicant him/herself.

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- I. Examination candidates are subject to the rules and regulations set by the Commissioner General of Examinations in relation to the conduct of this examination and the release of results.
- II. Rules for obtaining candidature for the examination are published separately in the *Gazette Notification*. Violation of these rules may result in disciplinary actions and consequently shall be subject to punishments by the Commissioner General of Examinations.
- III. This examination is opened exclusively for Pirivena teachers, teachers with approved appointments in in government approved Private Schools and teachers with approved appointments in Assisted special schools only.
- IV. If candidates with special needs are appear for this examination, it must be mentioned in the application clearly and copies of the relevant medical certificates must also be presented to the