
Amendment

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

1. It is hereby notified that the notification titled Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade III in the Executive Service Category (Post of Statistician) of the Department of Census and Statistics - 2026 in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2497 dated 10.07.2026 is hereby amended by substituting the following paragraphs for Sub Paragraph IV of Paragraph No. 02 and the Educational Qualifications set out under Paragraph No 03 and Sub Paragraphs III and IV of Paragraph No. 08 of the English Version of the said notification.

I. Paragraph No IV under Number 2 of the notification is amended as follows.

The first efficiency bar examination should be passed within 03 years of being appointed to Grade III in the Executive Service Category.

II. Paragraph No. 3 of the notification: Educational qualifications are amended as follows.

Educational Qualifications

- (a) A Special Degree with a Class, in which at least one of the following subjects has been offered as a major subject: Statistics, Mathematics, Economics, Demography, Population Studies, Computer Science, Information Technology, Geography, Sociology, or Cartography, obtained from:
 - a) a foreign or state university recognized by the University Grants Commission; or

- b). a university established by an Act of Parliament in Sri Lanka; or
- c). a degree-awarding institute recognized under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

or

- (b) A General Degree with First Class or Second Class (Upper Division) Honors, in which at least one of the following subjects has been offered as a major subject: Statistics, Mathematics, Economics, Demography, Population Studies, Computer Science, Information Technology, Geography, Sociology, or Cartography, obtained from:
 - a) a foreign or state university recognized by the University Grants Commission; or
 - b) a university established by an Act of Parliament in Sri Lanka; or
 - c) a degree-awarding institute recognized under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

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.

II. Paragraph No. 3 of the notification: Educational qualifications are amended as follows.

III. Paragraph No. III under Number 8 of the notification is amended as follows.

The online application shall be completed in the English language only. Upon receipt by the Department of Examinations the electronic copy of the application submitted online by the applicant, the Department shall notify the applicant, by Short Message Service (SMS) to the mobile telephone

number used to access the system or by e-mail to the e-mail address provided, whether the electronic application has been accepted as a valid application or not.

Before completing the online application, applicants shall download the Instructions prepared for submitting the application for the examination. The instructions shall be strictly followed when completing the application.

Any amendment made after obtaining a printed copy of the application shall not be regarded as a valid amendment. Incomplete applications shall be rejected without notice.

IV. Paragraph No. IV under Number 8 of the notification is amended as follows.

The issuance of an examination admission card to a candidate shall not be construed as an acknowledgment that he/she has met the qualifications to sit for the examination or to be considered eligible for appointment to the post. 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.

- 2. The closing date for the acceptance for applications is extended to 24.08.2026, while all other provisions specified in the Gazette Notification calling for applications published on 10.07.2026 remain unchanged and continue to be enforced.
- 3. Candidates who have already applied for this examination do not required to apply again.

As per the order of the Public Service Commission,

Secretary,
Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
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