
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Department of Agriculture

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
RECRUITMENT TO POSTS OF AGRICULTURE
INSTRUCTOR/ RESEARCH ASSISTANT/ SOIL
SURVEYOR IN THE GRADE III OF THE SRI
LANKA TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICE –2026

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APPLICATIONS are hereby called from citizens of Sri Lanka who possess the requisite qualifications for the Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to Grade III posts of Agriculture Instructor / Research Assistant / Soil Surveyor of the Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Agriculture. The closing date for applications is 04.09.2026, and applicants must be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age on that date.

Accordingly, only individuals born on or before 04.09.2008 and on or after 04.09.1991 are eligible to apply for this.

(Furthermore, the above dates must be calculated and applied as in the following example.)

If the age is not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years as of 31.03.2025, only those whose date of birth falls on or before 31.03.2007 and on or after 31.03.1990 are eligible to apply.

Category	Name of the post	Number of vacancies
Category I	Agriculture Instructor	257
	Research Assistant	70
Category II	Soil Surveyor	02

- Officers currently employed in the Public / Provincial Public Service shall submit a copy of the application to their respective Heads of Department to be filed in their personal file, and shall submit a copy of the application certified by the Head of Department along with a letter of confirmation at the time of being called for the interview.
- Application is published under “Online Applications – Recruitment Exams / E.B Exams” in the “Our Services” section on the Department of Examinations website www.doenets.lk. Application must be forwarded exclusively online and the online portal will open at 9.00 a.m. on 10.08.2026 and close at 9.00 a.m. on 04.09.2026.
- Applicants are responsible for any disadvantage caused by delaying their application submission until the closing date.

02.01. Open Basis Recruitment –

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Post	02.01.2 Educational Qualification	02.01.3 Professional Qualifications	Experience
	General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level Examination)		
Agricultural Instructor	Applicants must have passed G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in six (06) subjects at one sitting, including Credit passes for Sinhala/Tamil/English language, Mathematics, Science, and one other subject.	Two year Agriculture Diploma awarded by an institution approved by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission or Completion of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) Level 6 in relevance to the field of the job or Qualifications accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission subsequent to consulting the Ministry of Higher Education and Institutions that award above technical Certificates as equivalent to the above qualifications in every respect	Not applicable.
Research Assistant	Should have passed three (03) subjects at one and the same sitting in the Science or Technology stream, including two subjects from among Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Botany, Physics, Zoology, Biosystems Technology, and Science for Technology at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination (excluding General English and Common General Test)		
Soil Surveyor			

02.1.2.4 Other Qualifications

- Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- Should be of excellent character.
- Should be physically and mentally fit in all respect to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and perform the duties of the post.
- No clergyman can apply for this.

03. Fulfillment of the qualifications required to appear in this writing examination for recruitment to the Service will be recognized only if the candidate has completed the all qualifications in every respect on or before the closing date of applications.
04. The Appointing Authority has reserved the authority to fill up or not to fill up any number of vacancies or all the vacancies.

Salary and Efficiency Bar Examinations

Salary Code	-	MN 03/2025
Salary Scale	-	Rs. 52250 - 800x10 - 1190x11 - 1320x10 - 1350x10 – 100,040/-

Those who are recruited to these posts must pass the first efficiency bar examination within 3 years of recruitment to Grade III, the second efficiency bar examination within 3 years of promotion to Grade II, and the quarterly management training course within 5 years of promotion to Grade 1. Appointees must acquire the relevant level of official language proficiency within the prescribed period in accordance with the provisions of Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and its ancillary circulars. Failure to acquire this official language proficiency or to pass the efficiency bar examinations within the prescribed period will result in the deferment of future salary increments.

05. Conditions for engagement in service

- I. If you have contributed to Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme you do not need to re-contribute. You shall pay the contribution for the same as prescribed by the Government from time to time.
- II. You should serve in any part of the island in which you are called upon to serve.
- III. You will be subject to the conditions of the Minutes on the Sri Lanka Technological Service published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No:1930/12 of 01.09.2015, effective at present and any other amendments hereinafter made thereto and to the recruitment procedures.

06. Method of Application :-

- a) The online examination application must be completed exclusively in English. Applicants will be notified *via* SMS to their registered mobile number or *via* email regarding whether their submitted soft copy is accepted as a valid application by the department. Before filling out the application, please download the instruction sheet provided for the examination and strictly adhere to the guidelines when completing the form. Any modifications made to the printed copy of the application after it has been generated will not be considered valid. Incomplete applications and those received after the closing date will be rejected without prior notice.
- b) These posts are categorized as follows.
Category I - Agricultural Instructor/ / Research Assistant

Category II - Soil Surveyor

If applying for multiple positions, the order of preference must be stated in the application.
- c) The examination fee is Rs. 1200.00. Payment must be made through online system using only the specified payment methods provided below.
 - I. Through any bank credit card.
 - II. Through any bank debit card with the facility of internet transactions
 - III. Through online banking method of Bank of Ceylon (through "Flex" App of Bank of Ceylon)
 - IV. Through any branch of the Bank of Ceylon

Note

- (a) Instructions on how to make payments using the above methods are published on the website under the technical instructions related to the examination.
- (b) Applicants will be notified of the receipt of payment *via* SMS or email. The examination fee must be paid in full; applications with underpayments or overpayments will be rejected. The Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, shall not be held responsible for any errors or issues encountered when making payments through the aforementioned methods.
- (c) The examination fee paid will not be refunded or transferred to any other examination under any circumstances.

07. Examination Procedure

- (a) Admission cards will be issued online by the Commissioner General of Examinations only to applicants who have submitted accurately completed applications along with the relevant receipt for the examination fee paid on or before the closing date, under the presumption that only those possessing the qualifications specified in the *Gazette* notification have applied. Once admission cards are issued the Dept. of Examinations will inform of the same *via* a web notification/SMS to the applicants. Candidates who have not received their admission cards should inquire with the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, as stated in the web notice. When inquiring, it will be most effective for the applicant to forward a formal letter of request to the email address specified in the web notice, accurately stating the name of the applied examination, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card (NIC) number, and address. In case of an inquiry, candidates must retain a photocopy of the completed application and the examination fee receipt as proof. Candidates must examine their admission cards and contact the Department of Examinations well in advance to make any necessary corrections in accordance with their applications. Requests for amendments at the examination hall or during the interview will not be considered.
- (b) The issuance of an examination admission card to an applicant shall not be considered as an acceptance of his or her eligibility to sit for the examination or as fulfillment of the qualifications required for the post.
- (c) The applicant's signature on the examination admission card must be attested by an Attorney-at-Law, a Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces, or a permanent staff-grade officer in the Government or Public Service. . No applicant will be allowed to sit for the examination without presenting their admission card.
- (d) A Candidate will be required to prove his/her identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor of each subject he/she offers. For this purpose following document will only be expected:
 - I. National identity Card
 - II. A valid passport
 - III. Valid Driving License

Furthermore, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their faces, ensuring their identity can be verified, and without covering their ears, ensuring they are not wearing any electronic communication devices. Applicants who do not agree to this condition will not be admitted to the examination hall. Moreover, from the moment of entering the examination hall until the end of the examination and leaving it, they must remain without covering their face and ears.

- (e) Travelling expenses or any other allowance will not be paid to candidates in respect of appearing in this examination.
- (f) Syllabus :
 - i. Intelligence Test – (Time – 01 hour, Total marks - 100)
This paper consists of 50 multiple choices and short answers type questions so as to make an assessment of the candidate's, power of logical reasoning, analysis and ability to draw sound inference. All questions should be answered.

(ii.) Subject Related Knowledge Paper (Time 02 hours. Total marks -100)

This paper consists of structured type and multiple choice questions to examine the candidate's subject knowledge.

S. No.	Post	Syllabus of Subject Related Question Paper
1	Agricultural Instructor	Contribution of Agriculture to the economic development of Sri Lanka / Knowledge in climatic Zones of Sri Lanka/ Soil and plant Nutrition / Rice Production/ Production of other field crops/Vegetable Production /Fruit Production/ Water drainage and its importance/Crop protection / Importance of soil conservation and various soil conservation method / Irrigation and water management /Farm mechanization / Apiculture / Floriculture and landscaping/Protected crop cultivation/Animal husbandry / Agricultural extension/ Tissue culture /Plant quarantine / Plant Conservation and its importance / Bio technology / Agricultural Development.
2	Research Assistant	
3	Soil Surveyor	(i.) Soil types and their distribution in Sri Lanka (ii.) Factors affecting soil formation, identification of soil profiles (iii.) Map reading (iv.) Current land use patterns in Sri Lanka (v.) Impact of deforestation and environmental problems (vi.) Fertilizer use (vii.) Crop diversification (viii.) Soil water conservation methods

(g) Medium of examination :-

This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages. Candidates must answer all the papers of the examination only in one language. The language preferred in the application will not be allowed to change later.

(h) All candidates are subject to the rules imposed by the commissioner General of Examinations in connection with this examination. A candidate who violates any of these rules is liable to a punishment at the discretion of the Commissioner General Examinations. The decision taken by the Commissioner General of Examinations will be the final decision regarding the result of the exam.

(i) Place and Date of Examination :-

This Examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations at Colombo and Kandy in November 2026. In case of receiving insufficient number of applications, the examination will only be held in Colombo. (The requested city cannot be changed later.) candidates must sit for the examination at their assigned examination center.

Examination Center	Code No.
Colombo	01
Kandy	02

08. Method of Recruitment :-

- I. The final merit-based results list, compiled using the total marks obtained from the written examination, will be submitted to the Director General of Agriculture and upon receiving his concurrence, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, will take necessary action either to notify all candidates who sat for the exam individually or to publish the results on the official website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, at www.results.exams.gov.lk.

- II. Recruitments will be considered on the merit list prepared according to aggregate of marks of the applicants selected from those who have secured 40% or more marks in each question paper.
- III. The qualification of the applicants will be scrutinized by a Board of Interview appointed by the Director General of Agriculture based on the merit of marks of the examination; subsequently those who have fulfilled the requirements will be selected for the posts. (Marks will not be awarded at the interview.)
- IV. A number of candidates equal to the number of existing vacancies will be called for the interview, based on the order of merit of the marks obtained by the candidates who passed the written examination and according to the number of vacancies available.
- V. If it is revealed at the interview that a candidate has not fulfilled the qualifications as at the closing date of applications, his /her candidature will be cancelled.
- VI. If a candidate will pass the examination appearing in it without completing the qualifications prescribed in this *Gazette* Notification as at the closing date of applications he/she will not be considered for the interview and his/her application will be rejected without any notice.
- VII. In the event that an applicant has secured an appointment through the submission of false information or forged documents, his/her appointment shall be cancelled immediately upon detection, and legal action will be initiated against him/her.
09. Any matter not provided for in this notification will be decided by the “Appointing Authority”. All candidates are bound to act in conformity with the General Rules of Examinations stipulated in this *Gazette*.
10. In the event of any inconsistency among notification published in all three languages (Sinhala, Tamil & English) of this Examination Notification “the Sinhala” notification shall prevail.

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Director General of Agriculture.

At the Department of Agriculture,
Peradeniya.

(For office use only)

Specimen Application Form

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Posts of Agriculture Instructor/ Research Assistant/
Soil Surveyor in the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological –2026**

01. Medium of Examination - Sinhala - 1
Tamil - 2
English - 3

(Indicate the relevant number in the cage)

02. Examination Centre - Colombo - 1
, Kandy - 2

(Indicate the relevant number in the cage)

03. Post Applied for :

- Agricultural Instructor - 1
- Research Assistant - 2
- Soil Surveyor - 3

<i>Post</i>	<i>Number</i>

((Indicate the relevant number in the cage))

04. Name :

4.1 Full Name (In English capital letters) :
(Eg.) HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE SAMAN KUMARA GUNAWARDHANA:

4.2 Name indicating the last name first and initials of other names at the end :
(in English capital letters)
(Eg. GUNAWARDHANA , H.M.S.K)

4.3 Full Name :
(In Sinhala / Tamil)

4.4 National Identity Card Number :

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05. Permanent Address :

5.1 In English Capital Letters :

5.2 In Sinhala / Tamil :

5.3 Address to which the Admission should be sent:
(In English Capital Letters)

5.4 District of Permanent Residence :

5.5 Divisional Secretariat Division :

06. Gender : Female 1
Male 0

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(Indicate the relevant number in the cage)

07. Telephone Number :

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08. 8.1 Date of Birth : Year

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Month

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Date

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8.2 Age as at the Closing Date of Applications :(04.09.2026)

Years

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Months

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Days

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8.3 Marital Status:

Unmarried - 1

Married - 2

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(Indicate the relevant number in the cage)

9. Educational Qualifications (with the medium) :
1st Sitting

(a) G.C.E. (O/L) -

- I. Year and Month :
II. Index Number :
III. Medium :
IV. Results :

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass</i>
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(b) G.C.E. (A/L) -

- I. Year and Month :
II. Index Number :
III. Medium :
IV. Results :

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass</i>
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10. Professional Qualifications :

<i>NVQ6/ Diploma</i>	<i>Name of the Institution awarded the NVQ6/ Diploma</i>	<i>Year passed</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Index No.</i>	<i>Date of Validity of the Diploma/ NVQ6</i>

11. Applicant's Affirmation :

I do hereby certify that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and accurate. I am also aware that, if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect, I am liable to be disqualified before selection or to dismissal without any compensation of such detection is made after appointment. Further, I hereby declare that I am subject to the rules imposed in respect of this examination and decisions taken in respect of releasing the results by the

Commissioner General of Examinations. I also certify that only one application is submitted for the post applied by me.

Date :

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Signature of Applicant.

12. Attestation of Applicant's Signature

I certify that I personally know Mr./Ms. who submits this application, that he/she placed his/her signature in my presence on the, and that the prescribed examination fee has been paid.

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Signature of the Attesting Officer.

Date:

Full name of the attesting Officer :

Designation :

Address :

(Official stamp should be placed)

Note :

An applicant who already holds a Government post must have their signature attested by the head of the institution or an Officer authorized by him, while any other applicant must have their signature attested by a head of a Government school, Grama Niladhari of the Division, a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Oaths, an Attorney-at-Law, a Public Notary, a commissioned officer of the armed forces, or a permanent staff grade Officer in the Government or provincial public service.

13. For the employees already in the public service/provincial public service. (Write off the unnecessary words)

I certify that the applicant mentioned above possesses/does not possess the qualifications stated in the *Gazette* notification to sit for this examination, that the prescribed examination fee has been paid and and that he/she can/cannot be released from the post currently held in this Department if selected for this position.

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Date

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Signature of the Head of the Department.

Full name of the Head of the Department :

Designation :

Address :

(Official stamp should be placed)

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ PROVINCIAL COUNCILS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade III of Sri Lanka Government Librarians' Service - 2025

IN the "Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade III of the Government of Sri Lanka Librarian Service - 2025 Examination Notice" published in the *Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2462 dated