
**DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS AND
STATISTICS**

**Second Efficiency Bar Examination for Grade II
Statistical Officers in the
Department of Census and Statistics – 2017 (2026)**

01. It is hereby announced that the First Efficiency Bar Examination for Grade I Statistical Officer will be conducted in **January 2027** by the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka in accordance with the provisions of the relevant approved recruitment scheme for the officers belonging to the post of Statistical Officer of the Department of Census and Statistics.

The application form is available on the Departmental website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka under “Our Service” under “Online Applications – Recruitment Exams/E.B. Exams” and applications can be submitted online only. Acceptance of online applications will open at 09.00 a.m. on 19th October 2026 and close at 09.00 p.m. on 13th November 2026. Once the application is published online, download it and fill in the relevant sections of the printed copy by hand and the application, along with the signature of the applicant and the certificate of the head of the relevant institution, should be sent by registered post to the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka on or before the closing date of accepting applications.

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

02. (i) This examination is conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations, and candidates should abide by rules and regulations stipulated by the Commissioner General regarding the conduct of the examination. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the release of examination results shall be final.

(ii) The rules applicable to the candidates have been published separately in a *gazette* notification. If these rules are violated by them, they shall be subject to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

03. **Examination Fees:** Candidates may appear for the subjects scheduled for the examination either in one sitting or separate two sittings. No fees shall be charged from candidates appearing for the entire examination or one subject for the first time. Thereafter, an examination fee of Rs.200/- will be charged for each subject applied in any sitting. Payment of examination fees shall be made only through 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 of Bank / “Flex” App of Ceylon,
- iv. By any Branch of Bank of Ceylon.

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(a) Instructions on how to make payments using the above methods are posted on the website under the technical instructions related to the exam.

(b) Receipt of fees will be notified via SMS or email. The full amount of the examination fee shall be paid and applications for which payments have been paid in excess or less than the examination fee will be rejected. The 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 fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another exam for any reason.

04. The online examination application 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, download the Instructions for applying for the exam. Please follow these instructions carefully when filling the application. Any amendment made to the application after obtaining a printout will not be considered a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

05. Candidates are required to prove their identity for each subject they are sitting at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor. The following documents listed below are only valid for that purpose.

- i. National Identity Card.
- ii. Valid Passport.
- iii. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Further, 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.

06. The Commissioner General of Examinations will be issuing admission cards with a copy of the time table for the examination 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 payment made on the assumption that all the applicants possess required qualifications stated in the *gazette* notification. Any candidate who fails to produce his/her admission card will not be allowed to sit for the examination. A notification will be published in newspapers by the Department of Examinations as soon as the admission cards are issued to candidates. If the admission card is not received even after 2 or 3 days of such advertisement, steps should be taken to notify the Department of

Examinations through telephone numbers specified in the advertisement. There, the applicant's full name, address, National Identity Card number and name of the examination should be mentioned and it would be advisable to keep the copy of the application, photocopy of receipt of the paid examination fees, and the receipt of the registered letter in hand at the time of calling the Department of Examinations. In case of applicants who are out of Colombo, a letter of request, furnishing a fax number can be sent to the Department of Examination in order to get a copy of the admission card through fax.

06.1 The position and place of work held by the candidates at the time of applying for the examination shall be relevant for all matters related to the examination, and any changes in this regard after the submission of applications shall not be taken into account.

06.2 The signatures of the candidate on the admission card for the examination should be attested by the Head of the Institution or an officer authorized by him.

06.3 Candidates shall submit their signed admission card to the examination supervisor on the first day of appearing for the examination.

07. Heads of Departments shall grant duty leave to the officers appearing for the examination for the first time, who have admission cards issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations enabling them to appear for the examination. Travelling expenses will not be paid.

08.1 This examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium only. Regarding the medium of language for the examination, a candidate who joined the public service through a competitive examination should select the medium in which they sat for that competitive examination and a candidate who joined public service without such an examination should select the medium in which they sat for the qualifying examination for entry into the public service. Candidates should sit for all prescribed subjects in the same medium of language, and requests to change the selected medium at a later stage will not be permitted.

08.2 The minimum score required for each question paper to pass the examination is 40%. A document containing the marks obtained by all candidates who appeared for the examination will be provided by the Department of Examinations

in Sri Lanka to the Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics. The Commissioner General of Examinations will not personally notify candidates who sat for the examination of the results. Candidates are allowed to complete the subjects scheduled for the examination in one or more sittings.

09. This examination will be held only in Colombo.

10. Scheme of Examination:
Relevant examination of the above post shall consist of following subjects.

Paper	Duration	Total Marks	Pass Marks
1. Basic Statistical Methods	02 hours	100	40%
2. Office Administration and Establishment code	02 hours	100	40%
3. Financial Regulations	02 hours	100	40%

	Paper	Syllabus
1	Basic Statistical Methods	Data Collection & Presentation, t Distribution, Normal distribution, t hypothesis testing theories and X^2 testing, Histogram & Frequency Curve, Central Tendency and Measures of Dispersions (Mode, Median, Mean, Variance, Quartiles and Standard Deviation) Principles of Sampling Techniques, Sampling Survey, Sampling Error, Non Sampling Error, indices, Simple Co-relation, Linear Regression, Basic Statistical Knowledge <u>Paper Structure</u> a) Total number of questions is 06. Question 1 consists of 10 short answer type questions. b) The first question should be compulsorily answered and any 04 questions out of the other 05 questions should be answered. Accordingly, the total number of questions to be answered is 05.

	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
1	Office Administration and Establishment Code	Chapters: II, III, IV, V, VIII, XII, XIII, XIV, XIX of Establishment code and also amended circulars for above chapters should be followed. <u>Paper Structure</u> a) Total number of questions is 06. Question 1 consists of 10 short answer type questions. b) The first question should be compulsorily answered and any 04 questions out of the other 05 questions should be answered. Accordingly, the total number of questions to be answered is 05.
3	Financial Regulations	This paper will be prepared based on the following chapters of Financial Regulation. - Chapter I – Income and Expenditure Estimates, Consolidated Fund, Annual Estimates, Changing of Annual Estimates (From F.R. 1 to 68) - Chapter III – Financial Management and Accountability, Giving authority for making Payments, approval, certifying and assigning duties for Chief Accounting Officers, Accounting Officers, Revenue Accounting Officers. (From F.R 124 to 147) <u>Paper Structure</u> a) Total number of questions is 06. Question 1 consists of 10 short answer type questions and the other 05 questions consist of 05 sub-sections. b) The first question should be compulsorily answered and any 04 questions out of the other 05 questions should be answered. Accordingly, the total number of questions to be answered is 05.

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- Candidates can sit for the above subjects separately.
 - If a candidate fails to complete the exam successfully within the due period, his/ her next increment will be subjected to differ.
- Issuing of an admission card to a candidate shall not be regarded as an acceptance of his/her eligibility to sit for the examination.
 - The decision of the Director General of Census and Statistics will be final in respect of any matter not provided in this *Gazette* notification.
 - In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts in this *Gazette* notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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