

## **MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

### **Department of Meteorology**

#### **LIMITED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER / COMMUNICATOR (TRAINING GRADE) OF SRI LANKA TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICE - 2026**

1.0 Applications are invited from qualified employees of the Department of Meteorology for the Limited Competitive Examination held to recruit for the Training Grade to fill the vacant posts of Meteorological Observer / Communicator of the Sri Lanka Technological Service existing in the Department of Meteorology. This examination will be conducted in Colombo in October 2026 by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

1.1 Designation: Meteorological Observer / Communicator

1.2 Nature of duties of the post

- Collection of meteorological data
- Maintenance of meteorological instruments
- Provision of meteorological data to external organizations
- Entering meteorological data into the website
- Monitoring and reporting of special meteorological data

2.0 Candidates who have qualified based on merit according to the results of the written examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations will be recruited as Meteorological Observers/Communicators of the Sri Lanka Technological Service for a training period of 02 years. Officers who pass the proficiency test to be held at the end of the said training will be appointed to Grade III of the Meteorological Observer / Communicator position in the Sri Lanka Technological Service. This post is permanent and pensionable. It is subject to a probation period of 3 years.

i. This examination is conducted for recruitment to the post of Meteorological Observer / Communicator (Training) of the Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Meteorology.

ii. Written Examination - This examination consists of the following 02 question papers.

- I. Question paper on basic knowledge of mathematics
- II. Question paper on basic knowledge related to the post

3.0 The number of candidates to be appointed and the effective date of the appointment will be determined

by the Appointing Authority. In the event that the number of candidates who obtain equal marks for the total number of vacancies or for a few vacancies exceeds the number of available vacancies, the filling of such vacancies will be decided in accordance with the orders of the Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 92 of the Procedural Rules.

I. Out of the total number of vacancies, 19 vacancies will be selected from the applicants who qualify through the limited competitive examination, and only if there are no internal applicants with basic qualifications within the Department of Meteorology to be recruited through the limited competitive examination, the remaining vacancy balance will be filled by external applicants selected through the open competitive examination itself.

4.0 Salary will be paid as follows.

4.1 Officers admitted to the Training Grade under the limited stream shall continue to remain on the same salary scale they held prior to entering the Training Grade, and in addition to the salary, an annual allowance equivalent to the initial salary increment of Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service will be paid from the commencement of the training course until they pass the final examination conducted by the Department applicable to the Training Grade.

4.2 An officer who satisfactorily completes the first year of the Training Grade will be placed on the next salary step of the same salary scale they have held so far during their second year, and the allowance specified in 4.1 will also be entitled for the second year.

4.3 According to Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025, the salary scale applicable to Grades III, II, and I of the Meteorological Observer / Communicator position of the Sri Lanka Technological Service is Rs. 52,250 - 10X800 - 11X1,190 - 10X1,320 - 10X1,350 - Rs. 100,040/- (MN 3 – 2025).

4.4 After satisfactorily completing the training and passing the examination, and upon appointment to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service, salary conversions will be carried out to place the officer on the relevant salary step in accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025. Accordingly, steps will be taken to place the officer on the applicable salary step and pay the salary.

## 5.0 General Terms and Conditions of Employment:-

- 5.1 The number of candidates to be appointed and the effective date of the appointment will be determined by the Appointing Authority. The Appointing Authority reserves the power to refrain from filling any number of vacancies or all of the vacancies.
- 5.2 A selected candidate shall complete a training period of 02 years subject to the general conditions governing appointments in the public service, the provisions of the Establishments Code, the provisions of the Financial Regulations, the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022, and the regulations enacted or to be enacted or amended hereafter in the Sri Lanka Technological Service Minute published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1930/12 dated 01.09.2015 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- 5.3 Selected candidates shall be required to serve in any part of the island.
- 5.4 The duty hours will not always be standard office hours and will include both day and night shifts, as well as Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays. Duties must also be performed according to shift rosters.
- 5.5 Prior to the commencement of the training, an agreement must be entered into with the Department stating that the candidate will fully complete the two-year training and serve the Department for a period of 05 years following the completion of the said training, and a bond must be signed and executed with the attestation of two sureties acceptable to the Department, undertaking that in the event he/she leaves the training after its commencement date or fails to serve the Department for the agreed period, the cost incurred by the Government for the training along with a valid sum of Rs. 250,000/- shall be paid to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- 5.6 An officer recruited through a language medium other than the official language shall pass the official language proficiency test during the probation period. Failure to pass this test within the stipulated period will result in the deferment of the next salary increment.
- 5.7 In accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and its subsequent

concurrent circulars, the prescribed official language proficiency must be acquired within 03 years from the date of permanent appointment; failure to acquire this proficiency will result in the deferment of salary increments until such proficiency is obtained

- 6.0 Qualifications :- The following qualifications are applicable for recruitment to the Meteorologist Observer / Communicator Training Grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service.

### 6.1 Educational Qualifications

- (A) Passing the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in not more than two sittings in six subjects, including credit passes for Language or Literature, Mathematics, and Science.

### 6.2. Experience

- (A) Having at least ten (10) years of active and satisfactory service experience in a permanent departmental post in the relevant field within the Primary Non-Skilled or a higher service category.

### 6.3 Physical and Mental Qualifications

- (A) Every candidate must possess adequate physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to discharge the duties of the post.

### 6.4 Other

- I. The appointment must have been confirmed.
- II. Must have completed an active and satisfactory service period of at least five (05) years under a permanent, departmental post in the public service immediately preceding the prescribed date, and this must be certified by the Head of the Department.
- III. An officer shall be considered to have fulfilled the required qualifications to sit for the written recruitment examination only if all qualifications have been fully completed in every respect as of the closing date specified in the calling for applications notice.

## 7.0 Examination Procedure :-

- 7.1 This examination will be conducted only at examination centers established in the city of

Colombo, and it will be held in Sinhala, Tamil, and English mediums. A candidate must select the medium applicable to them, and must answer all the examination papers in that same medium. Permitting changes to the requested medium will not be allowed subsequently. The examination consists of two question papers.

| <i>Subject</i>                                      | <i>Maximum Marks Obtainable</i> | <i>Minimum Percentage of Marks Required to Pass</i> | <i>Time</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Basic Mathematical Knowledge Question Paper         | 100                             | 40%                                                 | 02 Hours    |
| Basic Knowledge Question Paper Relevant to the Post | 100                             | 40%                                                 | 02 Hours    |

## 7.2 Syllabus:-

### I. Basic Mathematical Knowledge Question Paper :-

Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry of G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) standard

- I Section - 40 Multiple Choice Questions. (Marks  $2.5 \times 40 = 100$ )
- II Section - Consisting of a question paper requiring essay-type answers, where 05 out of 07 questions must be answered. (Marks  $20 \times 5 = 100$ )

### II. Basic Knowledge Question Paper Relevant to the Post:-

This is a question paper requiring essay-type answers. Out of 07 questions provided, 05 questions must be answered. (Marks  $20 \times 5 = 100$ )

## 7.3 Examination Results :-

The final results list, prepared by including a number of candidates equal to the number of vacancies based on the priority of written exam marks of the candidates who passed the written exam and qualified for the general interview, will be provided by the Commissioner General of Examinations to the Director General of

Meteorology. Thereafter, upon receiving the concurrence of the Director General of Meteorology, the results of all candidates will be notified by the Commissioner General of Examinations either by publishing them on the Department of Examinations website ([www.results.exams.gov.lk](http://www.results.exams.gov.lk)) or by post. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the examination results shall be final.

## 8.0 Selection Procedure :-

8.1 Based on the results of the written examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations, a number of candidates equal to the number of expected vacancies will be recruited from among those who scored the highest marks, in order of merit.

8.2 An interview will be conducted to verify qualifications; however, no marks will be awarded for the interview.

## 9.0 Recruitment :-

9.1 Those selected for the training grade will be appointed to Class III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service (SLTS) upon passing the examination held at the end of the two-year training period. The post is permanent and pensionable, and is subject to a probation period of one year.

## 10.0 Action against Furnishing False Information :

If it is revealed that a candidate is disqualified from sitting for this examination, or if it is found that any information submitted is intentionally false or that an important fact has been willfully concealed, his or her candidature may be cancelled either during or after the examination, and if revealed after recruitment, he or she may be dismissed from service.

## 11.0 Submission of Applications :-

The examination fee is Rs. 600/-. When paying the examination fee, payments must be made exclusively through the payment methods provided by the online system.

- (i) Any Bank Credit Card,
- (ii) Any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions,
- (iii) Online Banking Method/ Flex App of Bank of Ceylon,
- (iv) 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 relevant to the examination.
- (B) Notification of payment receipt will be sent *via* SMS or email. The full amount for the examination fee must be paid, and applications with under payments or overpayments will be rejected. The Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, shall not be held responsible for any errors occurring during the payment of examination fees through the aforementioned methods.
- (C) The fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to any other examination under any circumstances.

11.1 The application for this is published on the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka ([www.doenets.lk](http://www.doenets.lk)) under "Our Services" *via* "Online Application – Recruitment Exams", and applications can be submitted through the online method only. The acceptance of online applications will open at 9:00 a.m. on July 13, 2026, and close at 9:00 p.m. on August 13, 2026.

- Officers must hand over a copy of the application to their heads of institutions to be included in their personal files, and a copy of the application certified by the head of the institution along with a service confirmation letter must be presented when called for the interview.
- Applicants must bear any adverse consequences arising from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date.

11.2 Since changing the language medium of appearance later will not be permitted, the application must be completed accurately.

11.3 Appointments will be issued to selected applicants strictly under the name with initials as stated in the application, and therefore, the name must be entered accurately.

11.4 The online examination application must be completed in the English language only.

11.5 The system will notify you *via* an SMS to the mobile phone number used to log in, or *via* email, as to whether the online submitted soft copy has been accepted or not accepted by the Department as a valid application. Download the instruction sheet prepared for exam applications

before completing the online application. Follow those instructions accurately when filling out the application. No amendment made after obtaining a printed copy of the application will be considered a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

#### 12.0 Examination Admission Cards:-

Admission cards will be issued online only by the Commissioner General of Examinations to applicants who have paid the prescribed examination fee and submitted accurately completed applications on or before the closing date, under the presumption that only those possessing the qualifications specified in the gazette notification have applied. As soon as the admission cards are issued, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, will notify the applicants via a web notice or an SMS. If there is any candidate who has not received their admission card, they must inquire from the Institutional Examinations Organizing Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, as mentioned in the notice. When making such an inquiry, it will be most effective to send a request letter to the email address mentioned in the web notice, accurately stating the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card (NIC) number, and address. In doing so, it will be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application and a photocopy of the examination fee payment receipt to verify any information requested by the Department of Examinations. The admission card must be checked, and if there are any amendments, the Department of Examinations should be contacted well in advance to make the relevant corrections according to the application. Requests made for amendments at the examination hall or during the interview will not be considered.

#### 13.0 Sitting for the Examination:-

13.1 This examination will be conducted by the Department of Examinations in October 2026 in Colombo, in the Sinhala, Tamil, and English mediums.

13.2 Examination candidates must have their signatures on the admission card certified prior to sitting for the examination. The admission card with the certified signature must be presented to the supervisor at the examination center, and you will not be permitted to sit for the examination without it. Furthermore, a candidate must sit for the examination only at the examination center assigned to him/her.

13.3 Examination candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conduct of the examination. If those rules and regulations are violated, the candidate shall be liable to any punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

14.0 Identity of Candidates :-

- Candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the supervisor for every subject they sit for in the examination hall. Only the following documents are valid for this purpose.
  - I. National Identity Card (NIC)
  - II. Valid Passport
  - III. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Furthermore, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their faces so that their identity can be verified, and without covering both ears so that it can be confirmed they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Applicants who do not agree to this will not be admitted to the examination hall. Moreover, from the moment they enter the

examination hall until they finish the examination and leave, they must remain without covering their face and both ears.

15.0 If there is any matter not specified herein, it shall be decided by the Director General of Meteorology. All applicants shall be bound to comply with the general examination rules and regulations specified in this *Gazette*.

16.0 In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the language texts of this notification published in the Sinhala and Tamil mediums, the notification in the Sinhala medium shall prevail.

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