

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Department of Meteorology

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

1. Applications are invited from qualified Sri Lankan citizens for the open competitive examination held to recruit to the training grade for the vacancies in the posts of Meteorological Observer / Communicator in the Sri Lanka Technological Service. This examination will be conducted in October, 2026 in Colombo by the Commissioner General of Examinations.
2. Based on the results of a written examination conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations, candidates who have qualified on merit will be recruited for a 02-year training period as Meteorological Observer / Communicator in the Sri Lanka Technological Service. 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 post in the Sri Lanka Technological Service. This post is permanent and pensionable. It is subject to a probation period of 3 years:
 - i. Recruitment through this examination is done for the post of Meteorological Observer / Communicator (Trainee) in the Sri Lanka Technological Service of the Department of Meteorology.
 - ii. Written Examination - This examination consists of the following 02 question papers:-
 - i. Intelligence Test;
 - ii. Subject-Related Technical Question Paper.
3. In the event that candidates obtaining equal marks for the total number of vacancies or for a few vacancies exceed the number of available vacancies, the filling of the said vacancies shall be decided in accordance with Section 92 of the Procedural Rules, pursuant to the orders of the Public Service Commission. The effective date of the appointment will be determined by the Director General of Meteorology.
 - 3.1 Out of the total number of vacancies, 47 vacancies will be selected from candidates who qualify through the open competitive examination, and the remaining portion will be filled by external candidates selected through the open competitive examination only if there are no eligible internal candidates within the Department of Meteorology to be recruited through the limited competitive examination.

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- 4.1 The number to be appointed and the effective date of appointment shall be determined by the appointing authority. The appointing authority has the power not to fill a certain number of vacancies or all of the vacancies.
- 4.2. This appointment shall be subject to the general conditions governing appointments in the public service, the provisions of the Service Minute of the Sri Lanka Technological Service published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1930/12 dated 01.09.2015 and any subsequent amendments or provisions that may be enacted hereafter, the provisions of the Establishments Code, the Financial Regulations, and the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022.
- 4.3. This appointment is permanent and pensionable. You shall be subject to any policy decision taken by the government in the future regarding the pension scheme entitled to you. Furthermore, upon being appointed to the post of Meteorological Observer / Communicator Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service at the end of the training period, you must contribute to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme / Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme. You shall pay contributions for the same as prescribed by the government from time to time.
- 4.4. Selected candidates are required to serve in any part of the island. Duty hours will not always be normal office hours and will include both day and night, as well as Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays. Duties will also have to be performed according to a roster.
- 4.5. A bond must be signed and executed before commencing the training, with the certification of two sureties acceptable to the department, agreeing to fully complete the two-year training and to serve the department for a period of 05 years after the two-year training; if he/she leaves the training after the commencement date of the training or fails to serve the department for the contracted period, the amount spent 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.

- 4.6. The prescribed official language proficiency must be acquired in accordance with the Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and its subsequent consecutive circulars.
- 4.7. A credit pass (C) proficiency level in English, which is the link language, at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination must be acquired before the completion of 05 years in Grade III of the post.
- 4.8. The Director General of Meteorology has the power to cancel the appointment of applicants who fail to assume duties of the offered post on the due date and/or refuse to assume duties of an appointed post.

5. Monthly Salary Scale:

- 5.1 During the 02-year training period, the monthly allowance for the post of Meteorological Observer / Communicator in the training grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service will be paid as follows, in accordance with Schedule VI of the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025.

Post	Monthly Allowance	
	From 2026.01.01 onwards (Rs.)	From 2027.01.01 onwards (Rs.)
Of the Technological Service 1st Year	43,274/-	45,230/-
2nd Year	43,730/-	45,770/-

- 5.2 In accordance with the 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 post in the Sri Lanka Technological Service is Rs. 52,250 - 10 x 800 - 11 x 1,190 - 10 x 1,320 - Rs. 100,040/- (MN 3-2025), and upon appointment to the permanent post, salary will be paid according to the initial salary step of the above salary scale and Schedule III of the Public Administration Circular 10/2020.

6. Qualifications for Recruitment:

- (A) (i) Being a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Should be of excellent character.
- (iii) Being of sufficient physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of the island (if unfitness is established at the medical examination conducted after recruitment, the candidate will be considered disqualified for the post).
- (iv) Any person holding ordination in any religious sect is not eligible to appear for this examination.

(B) Educational Qualifications / Professional Qualifications / Experience:

- I. Having passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination in six (06) subjects at one and the same sitting, with credit passes in Sinhala/Tamil/English language, Science, Mathematics, and one other subject

And

- II. Having passed the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in 03 subjects at one and the same sitting.

The subject combination must be in one of the following forms:

- (1) Physics, Pure Mathematics, and Applied Mathematics

- (2) With Physics

- (i) One of the subjects from Pure Mathematics / Applied Mathematics / Combined Mathematics

And

- (ii) One of the subjects from Chemistry / Agricultural Science / Information Technology / Computer Science

(C) Age:

The minimum age as of the closing date for applications is 18 years, and the maximum age is 30 years. (Accordingly, only individuals whose date of birth falls on or before 13.08.2008 and on or after 13.08.1996 are eligible to apply for this.)

(D) Limitations on Qualifications::

All qualifications required for this examination must have been fully completed in every respect on or before the closing date for applications.

7. Examination Fees:-

The examination fee is Rs. 600.00. When paying the examination fee, payment must be made strictly under the following 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 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) Receipt of payment will be notified via SMS or email. The full amount for the examination fee must be paid, and applications with underpaid or overpaid examination fees will be rejected. The Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will not be held responsible for any errors occurring when paying examination fees through the aforementioned payment methods.
- (C) The fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another examination under any circumstances.

8. Method of Application :

- 8.1 The application form for this has been published on the official website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka (www.doenets.lk) under "Online Application – Recruitment Exams" within the "Our Services" section, and applications can only be submitted online. The acceptance of online applications will open at 9:00 AM on July 13, 2026, and will close at 9:00 PM on August 13, 2026.
- 8.2. The applicant must bear any adverse consequences resulting from delaying the submission of applications until the deadline.
- 8.3. The online examination application must be completed in the English language only. Whether the soft copy submitted online by the applicant has been accepted or rejected by the Department as a valid application will be notified via an SMS to the mobile phone number or to the email address used to log into the system. Download the instruction sheet prepared for the examination application prior to completing the online application. Follow those instructions accurately when filling out

the application. Any amendments made to the application after obtaining a printed copy of it will not be considered a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without any prior notice.

- 8.4. On the assumption that only those who possess the qualifications mentioned in the gazette notification have applied, admission cards will be issued strictly online by the Commissioner General of Examinations only to applicants who have correctly submitted their applications and paid the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date for applications. As soon as the admission cards are issued, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will notify the applicants through a web notice and/or a text message (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 stated in the notice. When making such an inquiry, it would be most effective to send a request letter to the email address mentioned in the web notice, correctly stating the name of the examination applied for, the full name of the applicant, the National Identity Card (NIC) number, and the address. When inquiring, it will be useful to keep a printed copy of the completed application form to verify any information requested by the Department of Examinations. The admission card must be checked, and if there are any amendments to be made, the Department of Examinations should be contacted well in advance to make the relevant corrections in accordance with the application form. Requests made for amendments at the examination hall or during the interview will not be considered.

- 8.5. The applicant's signature on the admission card for the exam must be certified. An applicant applying for the exam from a government institution must have their signature certified by the head of the institution or a staff officer authorized by him, while other applicants must have their signature certified by the Grama Niladhari of the division, a principal of a government school, a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner of Oaths, an attorney-at-law, a public notary, the chief incumbent or a chief prelate of a Buddhist temple, or a person in charge of another religious place of worship or holding a significant position in the clergy.
- 8.6. Officers currently employed in the public service or provincial public service must hand over a copy of the application to their heads of institutions for inclusion in their personal files, and at the time they are called for the interview, a copy of the

application certified by the head of the institution and a letter confirming service must be submitted.

9. Admission to the examination:

- (A) A candidate must sit for the examination at the examination hall assigned to them. Every candidate must have their signature certified on the admission card and hand it over to the supervisor of the hall on the very first day they appear at that hall. The certified admission card must be presented, and no candidate will be permitted to sit for the examination without such an admission card. A set of rules to be followed by every candidate is published at the beginning of this Gazette. Candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conducting of the examination and the release of results. If those rules are violated, he/she will have to undergo a punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations. "The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the examination results shall be final".
- (B) The issuance of an examination admission card to an applicant shall not be considered as an acceptance that he or she is qualified to sit for the examination or fulfills the eligibility criteria for the post.

10. Candidates' Identity:

Candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the examination hall supervisor for every subject they sit for in the examination hall. Only the following documents will be valid for this purpose.

- i. National Identity Card (NIC),
- ii. Valid Passport,
- iii. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License.

Furthermore, examination candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their faces so that their identity can be verified, and without covering both ears so it can be confirmed that they are not wearing any electronic communication devices. Anyone who refuses to verify their identity in this manner will not be admitted to the examination hall. Additionally, from the moment of entering the examination hall until the end of the examination and exiting from it, they must remain without covering their face and both ears.

11. Punishment for Providing False Information :

Information must be provided very carefully and accurately when filling out the application. If it

is revealed at any time—before, during, or after the examination—that a candidate is disqualified according to the rules and regulations of this examination, their candidacy may be cancelled. If it is disclosed that any fact presented by an applicant has been submitted with willful knowledge of its falsehood, or if he/she has intentionally suppressed any important fact, action will be taken to cancel his/her appointment.

12. Examination Method and Examination Medium:

- (A) The examination will be conducted in Sinhala and Tamil mediums.
- (B) A candidate will not be permitted to subsequently change the examination language medium stated in their application.

13. Method of Recruitment:

I. Written Examination -

A written examination consisting of 02 question papers with the subjects mentioned in item (ii) of paragraph 02 of this notice will be conducted. Candidates must obtain at least 40% of marks for each subject to pass. Candidates must sit for all question papers.

Subjects : 01. Intelligence Test
02. Subject-Related Technical Question Paper

Syllabus of the written examination;

<i>Subject Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time Duration</i>	<i>Marks</i>	<i>Pass Mark (Minimum)</i>
01	Intelligence Test	02 Hours	100	40%
02	Subject-Related Technical Question Paper	02 Hours	100	40%

(A) Intelligence Test

This question paper will consist of 50 multiple-choice and short-answer questions designed to evaluate the candidate's logical thinking, analytical capability, and decision-making power, and all questions must be answered.

(B) Subject-Related Technical Question Paper

It consists of questions designed to evaluate the candidate's knowledge of Physics and Electronics

up to the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination standard, including Mechanics, Units and Dimensions, Properties of Matter, Vibrations and Waves, Heat and Electricity, Electrical Principles, Semiconductors, Digital Technology, and various Methods of Communication and Data Transfer. All questions must be answered.

02. Interview -

- (A) From among the candidates who have sat for all question papers of the written examination and obtained not less than 40% marks for each question paper, a group of candidates equal to the number of available vacancies, who scored the highest marks in order of merit, will be called for the interview.
- (B) The basic qualifications and certificates of the candidates will be verified by an interview board appointed by the Public Service Commission. No marks will be awarded for the interview.

Please note: Attending the interview shall not be considered as fulfilling the qualifications for the award of the appointment.

- 14. Once the appointing authority informs the appropriate date to release the results, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka will take steps to send a results sheet stating the marks obtained for each subject / the total marks to all candidates who sat for the examination by post, or to release the results via the website www.results.exams.gov.lk
- 15. If there is any matter not specified herein, it shall be decided by the Director General of Meteorology. All applicants shall be bound to act in accordance with the general examination rules and regulations stated in this *Gazette*.
- 16. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the Sinhala, Tamil, and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala medium notification shall be deemed accurate and shall prevail. .

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