

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR TRAFFIC

Written Examination for the Registration of Driving Instructors - 2026

IN accordance with the Part II of the *Extraordinary Gazette* Notification No. 1939/4 and dated 02.11.2015, Applications are invited from the Sri Lankan citizens who **have following qualifications** up to the date of 21.08.2026 for the written examination for the registration of Driving Instructors of the Department of Motor Traffic. This examination will be held in September 2026 in Colombo.

01. Qualifications :

The following qualifications must be fulfilled by all the applicants on the last date of receiving applications:-

- i. The applicant should be a citizen of Sri Lanka;
- ii. Should be not less than 23 years and not more than 65 years. (Accordingly, only those who fall their date of birth on or before 21.08.2023 and on or after 21.08.1961 are qualified to apply for this.);
- iii. Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination with two Credit passes in two subjects including Mathematics and Sinhala or Tamil Language in not more than two sittings or have minimum qualification equivalent thereto;
or
Should have a of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 3 certificate in Motor Vehicle Machines or a field related to the driving profession, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission ;
or
Should have experience as an assistant driving instructor for five years prior to the date of application as an Assistant Driver Instructor ;
- iv. (a) Applicants should possess a valid driving license obtained at least not more than 05 years for the vehicle class applicable to the instructor class applied as listed below:

- Class A Driving Instructor - the valid driving license for vehicle classes of Heavy Motor Lorry (CE) or Motor Coach (D) and Motor Cycle;
- Class B Driving Instructor - the valid driving license for vehicle classes of Motor Coach (D) and Motor Cycle (A);
- Class C Driving Instructor - the valid driving license for vehicle classes of Motor Cars / Dual Purpose vehicles (B) or Motor Tricycle / Motor Tricycle Van (B 1) and Motor Cycle (A).

- The valid Driving Licence for vehicle classes (B) Motor Cars and Dual Purpose Vehicles;
or
- The valid Driving Licence for Motor Tricycle/ Motor Tricycle Van (B1) and Motor Cycle (A) Vehicle classes;
or
- An applicant holding a license is eligible to apply for Grade C Driving Instructor licence;

(b) All applicants must have a valid driving license for any of the above vehicle classes with 05 years of experience as on the closing date for applications;

- v. A medical certificate issued by the National Transport Medical Institute confirming that you are a medically fit to drive and train in the relevant vehicle classes.
- vi. Applicants should not be employed in a Government or Semi-Government institution or any other such institution, other than for a person engaged in training.

02. Method of Examination :

- i. This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil or English medium.
- ii. All the question papers must be answered in one language only. No change in the language medium initially requested will be permitted.

03. Subjects related to the Examination and written Examination :

This examination consists of a two - part question paper on motor vehicle transport management.

Question Paper		Time duration	Total Marks	Pass marks
1.	Motor Vehicle Transport Management I	02 hours	100	40
2.	Motor Vehicle Transport Management II	02 hours	100	40

04. Syllabus :

Both these papers contain questions on the Motor Vehicle Act, Road Traffic Law guidelines, reaching and instructing methods, Safe driving, Ethics, First Aids, Industrial and Technical knowledge, and Road Safety.

Method of Application :

- (a) Application should be prepared in accordance with the sample application form attached to this notice and should be prepared on a measuring 8.27" x 11.69" (A4) using both sides of the paper and filled in by the candidate himself. When preparing the application form, the name of the examination mentioned in the title should be mentioned in English in addition to Sinhala in Sinhala applications and in English in addition to Tamil in Tamil applications. Furthermore, the application forms prepared in such a way that the title from Heading Nos. from 01 to 07 of the sample application form should be on the first page and the rest on the second page.
- (b) The application form must be in the language in which the candidate intends to appear for the examination.
- (c) The completed application form for the examination should be sent by registered post to the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic, Establishments Division, Department of Motor Traffic, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05, so as to reach it on or before 21.08.2026. The words "Written Examination for the Recruitment of Driving Instructors - 2026" should be clearly written on the top left corner of the envelope containing the application form. No application received after this date will be accepted.
- (d) The examination fee is Rs. 3,000/-. The said fee should be paid to any of the Post office / District / Divisional Secretariat Office in the island so as to be credited to the Government revenue under the Revenue Head of the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic 20-03-02-14 and the receipt obtained in the name of the applicant should be affixed in one of its edges at the designated place on the application form. Money orders or stamps will not be accepted as examination fees and the fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another examination for any

reason. It would be useful for the applicants to keep a photocopy of the receipt with them.

- (e) The candidate's signature on the application form must be attested by a Principal of a Government College, a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Oaths, a Lawyer, a Notary Public, an authorized officer of the Tri-Forces, an officer holding a Gazetted post in the Police Service or a Grama Niladhari or a staff officer holding a permanent post in the Government.
- (f) Applications which are incomplete in all respect will be rejected. No complaint regarding loss or delay in posting of application will be considered. The receipt of the application will not be notified.
- (g) The Director, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration will issue admit cards to the candidates who have submitted their applications. If a candidate has not received his/her admission card at least five days before the date of the examination, he/she should make inquiries about it from the Director, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. In making such inquiries, the name of the examination for which he/she has applied, the full name of the candidate, National Identity Card number and address should be mentioned correctly. While making such inquiries, it will be useful to keep ready a copy of the application form, a copy of the receipt for payment of the examination fee and the registered receipt for mailing the applications in order to confirm any information sought by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. For inquiries, use the telephone number 0115980200 of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

05. Candidate's Identity :

Candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the invigilator for each subject they appear for in the examination hall. Any of the following documents will be accepted for this purpose:

- I. National Identity Card;
- II. Valid Passport;
- III. Valid Sri Lankan driving license.

Candidates must also enter the examination hall without covering their faces and ears so that their identity can be verified. Candidates who refuse to verify their identity will not be admitted to the

examination hall. Furthermore, candidates must remain without covering their faces and ears from the moment they enter the examination hall until the examination is concluded and they leave

06. Issuance of the Results:

The results will be sent to all the candidates who appeared for the examination by post or published on the web site www.slida.lk of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

07. Provision of false Information :

If a candidate is found to be ineligible, his candidature may be cancelled at any time before, during or after the examination. If it is found that any information furnished by a candidate is false or misleading, or if any material fact is intentionally suppressed, he may not be issued a driving instructor's license. The final decision on matters not covered by these regulations shall be taken by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic.

08. Selection Procedure:

Candidates who secure 40% or more marks in the written examination, with a minimum of 40 marks in each subject, will be called for an interview to verify their certificates and qualifications. Candidates selected from the interview will be subjected to a practical test on providing driver training instructions and providing training. Candidates selected from this test will be required to attend a driving instructor course, and upon successful completion of the course, a driving instructor certificate will be issued.

Applicants must pay the prescribed fees for the instructor course.

09. In the event of any inconsistency in the publication of this advertisement in each language, which is published in Sinhala, Tamil and English media, the advertisement published in Sinhala media shall prevail.

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Commissioner General of Motor
Traffic (Acting).

Department of Motor Traffic,
Elvitigala Mawatha,
Colombo 05,
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