

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
**Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic
Development**

**OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
RECRUITMENT OF GRADE III OF THE SRI
LANKA INLAND REVENUE SERVICE 2026**

Applications are hereby invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka on an open basis for the competitive examination conducted to recruit 200 candidates to the existing vacancies in Grade III posts of the Inland Revenue Department, subject to the qualifications specified below.

1. In this notice "Secretary" shall mean the "Secretary to the Ministry in-Charge of the subject of Public Administration." "Service" shall mean the "Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service" at the instances not specified in other way.
2. The appointments through this examination shall be made to Grade III of Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service. Recruitments shall be made on the results of a written examination and a general interview.

Online applications shall be accepted with effect from the Monday immediately following the Friday on which this *Gazette* Notice is published.

The application for this examination has been made available on the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, www.doenets.lk, under "Our Services" section in the "Online Applications (Recruitment/ EB Exams)" portal. Applications shall be accepted only through the online application system.

The acceptance of online applications shall commence at 9.00 a.m. on 03 August 2026 and shall close at 9.00 p.m. on 31st August 2026.

Any adverse consequences arising from delaying the submission of applications until the last date shall be borne by the applicant.

This examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations in the Colombo District in October 2026. The Secretary reserves the right to postpone or cancel the examination subject to the instructions of the Public Service Commission.

3. The number of appointments to be made and the effective date of appointments shall be determined by the Public Service Commission.

4. Applicants who are currently serving in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service are required to submit a copy of their application to the relevant Heads of Departments for inclusion in their personal files. A copy of the application duly certified by the Head of the Institution, together with a letter confirming their service, shall be submitted at the time of the interview.

5. Conditions of Service :-

- 5.1 A candidate selected for appointment shall be appointed to the Grade III of the service, subject to the general conditions governing appointments in the public service, the terms and conditions stipulated in the Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service Minute published in the Extraordinary *Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka bearing No. 1804/50 dated 05.04.2013, any amendments made or that may hereafter be made thereto, the provisions of the Establishment Code and the Financial Regulations, and the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission published in the Extraordinary *Gazette* bearing No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2022.

- 5.2 This post is permanent & pensionable. You shall contribute to the Widows and Orphans' Pension Scheme/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme. You shall pay the prescribed contributions in the manner determined by the Government from time to time.

- 5.3 This appointment shall be subject to a probationary period of three (03) years. The officer shall pass the first Efficiency Bar Examination within three (03) years from the date of appointment to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service, as prescribed in the Service Minute.

- 5.4 The prescribed proficiency in the official language shall be acquired within a period of three (03) years from the date of appointment, in accordance with the provisions of Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and the subsequent circulars issued thereto.

6. Salary Scale : In accordance with Schedule I of Public Administration Circular 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025, the monthly salary scale applicable to this post is Rs. 82,150 - 10 x 2,400 - 8 x 2,940 - 17 x 3,900 - 195,970/- (SL-1-2025). The salary will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the said Circular, as specified in Schedule II there to.

7. Qualifications for Recruitment :-

(a) (i) Shall be a citizen of Sri Lanka

- Shall be of excellent moral character;
- Shall possess the physical and mental fitness and all other qualifications necessary to serve in any part of the Island;
- Shall not be a person holding a priestly office in any religious sect.
- Shall not be a person who has appeared for the Open Competitive Examination on more than two (02) occasions (Number of sittings at the examinations to recruit Grade II/II of Sri Lanka Revenue Service are not considered under previous service minutes.)
- No person is permitted to appear for the Open Competitive Examination for more than Two (2) sittings. (The number of sittings in examinations for recruitment to Grade II/II of Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service under Previous service minute will not be considered).
- All qualifications required for recruitment shall have been fulfilled in all respect on or before the application closing date.

(b) Educational Qualifications :

I. (a) A degree awarded by a foreign or state University recognized by the University Grants Commission, with a First Class or Second Class Honours.

or

(b) A degree awarded with First Class or Second Class Honours by a University established by an Act of Parliament of Sri Lanka.

or

(c) A degree recognized under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with a First Class or Second Class Honours. (The duration of the course of study shall be a minimum of three (03) years.)

or

II. Being a Supreme Court Lawyer

or

III. Being a Chartered Accountant.

Note.- The effective date of the qualifications specified under i, ii, and iii in (b) above shall have been obtained on or before the closing date for applications.

(c) Age :

The age of applicants shall not be less than Twenty-Two (22) years of age and shall not be more than twenty-Eight (28) years of age as at the closing date for applications. (Accordingly, an applicant shall be eligible in respect of age only if his/her date of birth falls on or before 31.08.2004 and on or after 31.08.1998.)

The maximum age limit for persons currently serving in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service shall be thirty-five (35) years. (Candidates in the Government service shall not have been subjected to any disciplinary action under Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.).

8. Method of Recruitment -

8.1 Written Examination

A written examination consisting of three (03) question papers covering the subjects mentioned below shall be conducted. The subjects and the minimum marks required to pass each subject are as follows :

Subject *Total marks*

		<i>Minimum marks required to pass the subject</i>
Comprehension	100	40

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Total marks</i>	<i>Minimum marks required to pass the subject</i>
Intelligence Test	100	40
General Knowledge	100	40

8.1.1. Syllabus of the written examination :-

Subject No. 01 - Comprehension :

Shall consist of objective-type questions designed to assess the candidate's skills in comprehension, communication, summarization, interpretation and creativity.

(Time 1 1/2 hours - Marks 100)

Subject No. 02 - Intelligence Test :

Shall comprise multiple-choice questions designed to assess the candidate's skills in reasoning substitution, interpretation, identifying relationships, transformation, problem-solving, understanding cause-and-effect relationships, prediction, organizing information, identifying patterns and following instructions.

(Time 1 hours - Marks 100)

Subject No. 03 - General Knowledge :

Shall consist only of multiple-choice questions and short-answer type questions designed to assess the candidate's knowledge of the overall environment of Sri Lanka, including its geographical political, economic, social and cultural aspects, as well as current affairs of national and international importance and Developments in science and technology.

(Time 1 hours - Marks 100)

8.2 General Interview

- i. The general interview will be conducted to verify whether the recruitment qualifications mentioned in point No. 07 have been fulfilled and to assess the applicant's physical fitness. No marks will be given at the general interview.
- ii. Among the candidates who have secured 40% or above marks for each subject, the candidates who have obtained the highest aggregate marks for all subjects shall be qualified to appear for the General interview.

The number of candidates to be called for the interview from among the qualified candidates shall be determined by the Public Service Commission, as appropriate, based on the order of merit according to the marks obtained at the written examination and the number of candidates to be recruited. In instances where the number of qualified candidates is not equal to the decided number as above, only the number of such qualified candidates shall be called for the General Interview.

- iii. The General Interview Panel is appointed by the Public Service Commission.

N.B.- Appearing for the interview shall not constitute the fulfillment of the qualifications required for appointment.

- 8.3 In recruiting the required number of candidates based on the number of vacancies, applicants who have fulfilled the required qualifications shall be recruited to Grade III of this Service in the order of merit, commencing with the candidate who has obtained the highest marks at the written examination.
- 8.4 In the event that the number of qualified candidates obtaining equal marks exceeds the number of vacancies remaining while filling vacancies according to the order of merit, and where there is a service requirement at that time to fill such vacancies, recruitment shall be made in accordance with Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2024 dated 14.03.2024.

9. Medium of Examination :-

- (a) This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English.
- (b) Candidates may sit for the examination in any one language medium of their preference.

Note :-

- (i) Candidates must appear for all question papers of this examination in one language medium only.

- (ii) A candidate shall not be permitted to change the language medium indicated in the application.
- (iii) Candidates shall appear for all three (03) question papers.

10. Applications for the examination -

- I. The online application for the examination shall be completed in the English language only. The department will inform the candidate *via* SMS to the mobile number used to access the system or through the e-mail address provided, whether the soft copy of the application submitted online has been accepted as a valid application or not. Before completing the online application, please download and carefully follow the instructions provided when completing the application. Any amendment made to the application after obtaining a printed copy thereof shall not be considered as a valid amendment. Incomplete applications shall be rejected without notice. Applications submitted after the closing date shall not be accepted.

11. Examination fee is Rs. 1,200/-. The Payment of examination fee shall be made only through the following payment methods provided by the online system.

- i. Through any bank credit card;
- ii. Through any bank debit card with the facility of internet transactions;
- iii. Through Online Banking Method/ Flex App of the Bank of Ceylon;
- iv. Through any branch of the Bank of Ceylon.

Note :-

- (a) Instructions regarding the payment methods above are provided on the website under the technical instructions relating to the examination.
- (b) Receipt of payment will be acknowledge through SMS or e-mail. The full amount of the examination fee shall be paid; applications with underpayment or overpayment shall be rejected. The Department of Examinations shall not be held responsible for any errors that occur during the payment of examination fees through above mentioned payment methods.
- (c) Examination fees paid will not be refunded or transferred to any other examination for any reason.

12. Examination Admission Cards :

On the presumption that only applicants possessing the qualifications specified in the *Gazette* notification have applied, the Commissioner General of Examination shall issue Examination Admission Cards only through the online system to applicants who have duly submitted completed applications on or before the closing date. Immediately after the issuance of examination admission cards, the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka shall inform the applicants through a web notice and/ or an SMS. Any applicant who has not received the admission card shall inquire from the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, as instructed in the notice. When making such inquiries, it would be more effective for the applicant to submit a request letter to the e-mail address specified in the web notice, clearly mentioning the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity card number and address. When making such inquiries, it will be useful to have in possession a photocopy of the completed application form and the receipt obtained for the payment of the examination fee, to verify any information requested by the Department of Examinations. Applicants shall check their admission cards and, if any amendments are required, shall contact the Department of Examinations in advance to make such amendments according to the information given in the application. Requests for amendments made at the examination hall or at the interview shall not be entertained.

- 12.1 An applicant shall appear for the examination at the examination hall assigned to him. Each applicant shall produce the admission card, duly attested with his/her signature, on the date of the examination. A set of rules to be followed by all applicants has been published at the beginning of this *Gazette* notification. Candidates shall be subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations in connection with the conduct of the examination. Any candidate who violates such rules and regulations shall be liable to the penalties imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

Note :- The issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be considered as an acceptance that he/she has fulfilled the qualification required to appear for the examination.

13. Identity of Applicants -

Candidates shall prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Supervisor of the examination hall for each subject for which they appear in the examination hall.

Only the following documents shall be accepted for this purpose:

- (a) National Identity Card,
- (b) Valid Passport,
- (c) Valid Sri Lanka Driving Licence.

Candidate shall enter the examination hall without covering their faces and without covering their ears, so as to enable the verification of their identity and to ensure that they are not wearing any electronic communication devices. Candidates who do not comply with this requirement shall not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, candidates shall remain without covering their faces and ears from the time of entering the examination hall until the completion of the examination and departure therefrom.

14. The results list prepared in the order of merit based on the total marks obtained at the examination by the candidates who qualify in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of this *Gazette* notification shall be submitted to the Secretary, Public Service Commission. The results of all applicants who appeared for the examination shall be informed individually or published on the website www.results.exams.gov.lk.

The decision of the Commissioner General of Examination regarding the examination results shall be final.

15. Punishment for providing false information - If it is revealed that a candidate does not possess the required qualifications, his/her candidature is liable to be cancelled at any stage, either before, during or after the examination. If any information furnished by a candidate is found to have been provided knowingly as false, or if any material facts has been intentionally concealed by him/her, he/she shall be liable to dismissal from the Public Service.
16. Any matter not covered by these regulations will be addressed as deemed appropriate by the Public Service Commission.
17. In the event of any inconsistency among the Sinhala, Tamil and English versions of this notification, the Sinhala version shall prevail.

On the order of Public Service Commission,
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Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic
Development.

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