

SRI LANKA RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to the post of Engine Driver Assistant - Grade III of Sri Lanka Railway Department - 2026

APPLICATIONS are invited from Sri Lankan male citizens who are not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age as at 28.09.2026, to fill 80 vacancies in the post of Engine Driver Assistant in Sri Lanka Railways. The closing date for applications is 28.09.2026. The towns where examination centers are expected to be established to conduct this examination and the town numbers are shown in the schedule 1. The upper header of the application form should be completed according to this list of town numbers. Requests for changing the town applied for later will not be allowed. However, if a sufficient number of applicants have not applied for a particular town, those applicants will be directed to an examination center in an adjacent town. Nevertheless, if a sufficient number of applicants have not applied to establish examination centers in all or most of the proposed towns, the Director General of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administrative will make arrangements to conduct the examination in Colombo only.

Schedule 1

Towns where examination centers will be established and Town Numbers

<i>Town</i>	<i>Town Number</i>
Colombo	01
Gampaha	02
Kalutara	03
Kandy	04
Matale	05
Nuwara Eliya	06
Galle	07
Matara	08
Hambantota	09
Jaffna	10
Mannar	11
Vavuniya	12
Mullaitivu	13
Kilinochchi	14
Batticaloa	15
Ampara	16
Trincomalee	17
Kurunegala	18
Puttalam	19
Anuradhapura	20
Polonnaruwa	21
Badulla	22
Monaragala	23
Ratnapura	24
Kegalle	25

01. Post for which applications are invited:

Engine Driver Assistant Grade III.

02. Nature of duties of the post:

Duties will be performed in accordance with the duty list assigned to the post of Engine Driver Assistant for the task of train operation, in a manner supportive of the functions of the Engine Driver/Engine Driver (Shunting) of Sri Lanka Railways.

03. Salary Scale : MT 1 - 2025:

Rs. 50,090 - 10x540 - 11x630 - 10x1,010 - 10x1,190 - 84,420/- (Salary conversion will be made in accordance with Public Administration Circular 10/2025).

04. (a) Educational Qualifications:

Having been passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in six (06) subjects in one sitting with Credit passes in (Sinhala/Tamil/English) Language, Mathematics, Science, and one other subject.

(b) Professional Qualifications:

Having been successfully followed and obtained a certificate for a 2 1/2 - year technical course recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

(c) Physical Fitness:

- Every candidate must possess sufficient physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.
- Height must be at least 05 feet 04 inches.
- Must pass the 6'/6' 6'/6' vision test.

(d) Other Qualifications:

- Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Applicants must be of excellent character.
- Only male applicants are eligible to apply.
- Must be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age.

(Those whose date of birth falls on or after 28.09.1991 and on or before 28.09.2008 are eligible to apply.)

Note - All the above qualifications mentioned must have been completed in full as at 28.09.2026, which is the closing date for applications.

05. Method of Recruitment:

An open written competitive examination will be conducted for applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications specified in (04) above. From among the applicants who pass the written test, the General Manager of Railways will decide the number of candidates to be called for the ordinary interview. At the interview, verification will be conducted to check whether the qualifications mentioned in this notification published in accordance with the recruitment procedure are fulfilled and whether the physical fitness is met, and recruitment will be made for the number of vacancies existing at the time of calling for applications. No recruitment will be made from waiting lists here.

06. Examination Procedure for the Recruitment Test:

i. Scheme of Examination:

- (a) The examination will be conducted in Sinhala and Tamil media.
- (b) Candidates must sit for all question papers in the medium through which they obtained the qualifications requested under (04) above. It is not allowed to change the medium applied for later.

ii. Subjects of the Examination:

Technical Knowledge - Time 02 hours. Marks: 100.
Pass Mark - 50 marks.

iii. Syllabus:

Simple knowledge regarding machinery and their applications parallel to the duties of the Post of Engine Driver Assistant will be tested.

iv. Selection Procedure:

Candidates who pass this examination with the highest marks will be called for the interview to verify qualifications. No marks will be awarded at this interview; only the verification of whether the qualifications mentioned in the application calling notification are fulfilled and testing of physical fitness will be carried out. If the relevant qualifications are fulfilled, recruitment will be made for the number of vacancies existing at the time of calling for applications according to the merit order of the written test.

v. Examination Results:

In terms of paragraph 06 (iv) of the *Gazette Notification*, the results sheet prepared according to the total marks merit of the candidates who scored the highest marks will be handed over to the General Manager of Railways. All candidates who sat for the examination will also be informed of their results individually.

07. Examination Fee:

The examination fee is Rs. 1,200. as It can be paid at any People's Bank branch on or before the closing date for applications to be credited to Account No. 176-100129027-313 of the General Manager of Railways at the People's Bank Town Hall Branch. The receipt issued for this must be affixed firmly in

the relevant box on the application form. (A photocopy of the receipt should be kept for future reference.) The examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances, and money orders and stamps will not be accepted.

08. Instructions regarding submission of Applications :

The application form must confirm to the form of specimen attached to this notification. It is specifically emphasized that using it, the application should be prepared on A4 size paper so that heading numbers 01 to 06 appear on the first page, 07 to 11 on the second page, and the reminder on the third page. Computer-generated or typed applications may also be used for this purpose. Since applications that do not conform to the specimen application or contain incomplete information will be rejected without notice, before submitting the application, candidates should re-check whether it conforms to the specimen application in the examination notice, whether all information has been included and correctly completed, and whether the prescribed examination fee has been paid, its details included in the application, and the receipt affixed. Furthermore, it will be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application form and a photocopy of the receipt for the examination fee.

- (a) The candidate must complete the application form in the language medium in which they intend to sit for the examination. When preparing the application, it is essential to mention the name of the examination cited in the header, in English language as well, in applications prepared in both Sinhala and Tamil media.
- (b) The correctly completed application form for the examination should be sent by registered post to reach the following address on or before 28.09.2026. On the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application, it should be clearly written: **"Open competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Railway Engine Driver Assistant of Sri Lanka Railway Department - 2026"**. No application received after the date will be accepted.

General Manager of Railways,
Office of the General Manager of Railways,
Appointment Branch,
P.O. Box 355,
Olcott Mawatha,
Colombo 10.

- (c) The candidate's signature on both the application form and the admission card for the examination must be attested by a Principal of a Government School, a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Oaths, an Attorney-at-Law, a Notary Public, a Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces, an Officer holding a *gazette* post in the Police Service, or a Staff Officer holding a permanent post in the Government Service.
- (d) Incomplete applications will be rejected. No complaint regarding loss or delay of an application in the post will be considered.
- (e) Receipt of applications will not be acknowledged.

As soon as admission cards for the written examination are issued to candidates, a notice to that effect will be published in newspaper and on the official website of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. If the admission card is not received even after 2 or 3 days have elapsed from the publication of the notice, it should be notified to the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration as specified in the advertisement. When giving notice in this manner, the name of the examination applied for, the full name, address, and National Identity Card number of the applicant should be stated. If the applicant resides outside Colombo, it will be more effective to send a request letter stating those details along with the applicant's fax number *via* fax to the fax number mentioned in the notice to receive a copy of the admission card.

Furthermore, to verify any required information requested by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration, it will be useful for the applicant to keep the copy of the application form retained, the copy of the receipt for the examination fee, and the registered post receipt obtained when mailing the application.

09. Sitting for the Examination :

- (a) On the presumption that only those processing the qualifications specified in the *Gazette* Notice have applied, admission cards will be issued by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration to candidates who fall within the age limit mentioned in the notice and have

submitted correctly completed applications along with the receipt for the payment of the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date for applications. A candidate who does not present their admission card will not be permitted to sit for the examination.

- (b) A candidate must sit for the examination at the examination hall assigned to them. Every candidate must get their signature attested on the admission card relevant to the assigned examination hall and hand it over to the Supervisor on the first day of appearing at that hall. A set of rules to be followed by every candidate is published at the beginning of this *Gazette*. Examination candidates are bound by the rules and regulations laid down by the Director General of Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration regarding the conduct of the examination and release of results. If those rules and regulations are violated, they will be subjected to any penalty imposed by the Director General of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

Note - The issue of an administration card to a candidate shall not be considered as an acceptance that they are eligible to sit for the examination or that they fulfill the qualifications for the post.

- 10. Examination candidates must prove their identity in the examination hall for every subject they appear for, to satisfaction of the Supervisor. For this purpose, any of the following documents will be accepted.

- a. National Identity Card
- b. Valid Passport
- c. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License.

Additionally, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears so that their identity can be verified. Applicants who refuse to prove their identity in this manner will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, from the moment of entering the examination hall until leaving after the examination is over, they must remain without covering their face and ears.

11. Conditions of Service:

Officers recruited to Grade III of Engine Driver Assistant will be subject to a three-month (03) training period from the date of recruitment, during which practical and theoretical training related to the duties of the post of Engine Driver Assistant will be provided.

12. Conditions of Engagement in Service :

- i. This post is permanent and pensionable. If it is already contributed to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme, contributions must be continued.
- ii. Official Language Proficiency must be completed in accordance with the provisions of Public Administration Circular 18/2020 dated 16.10.2020 and its consequent circulars, as applicable to the language medium in which eligibility for appointment was obtained.
- iii. Selected candidates shall be subject to the provisions contained in the Establishment Code, Financial Regulations, and the Procedural Rules issued by the Public Service Commission. Furthermore, they are bound to abide by departmental instructions regarding orders issued by the Government from time to time.

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- i. It is informed that all the provisions stated in the approved scheme of recruitment for Engine Driver Assistant are applicable regarding these recruitments.
- ii. The issuance of an examination admission card shall not be considered as a qualification for this post.
- iii. the power to make the final decision regarding any matter not provided for in this notification retains with the General Manager of Railways.
- iv. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil medium notification of this notice, the notification in the Sinhala language shall be deemed accurate.

RAVINDRA PATHMAPRIYA,
General Manager of Railways.