

Post - Vacant

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MINISTRY OF PORTS AND CIVIL AVIATION

Merchant Shipping Secretariat

APPLICATIONS are invited from Sri Lankan citizens who fulfill the qualifications for the following vacancies at the Merchant Shipping Secretariat under the Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation.

<i>Post</i>	<i>Number of Vacancies</i>
01. Port State Controller (Engineering)	01
02. Examiner (Engineering)	01
03. Legal Officer	01

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSTS OF EXAMINER (ENGINEERING) AND PORT STATE CONTROLLER (ENGINEERING) IN THE MERCHANT SHIPPING SECRETARIAT OF THE MINISTRY OF PORTS AND CIVIL AVIATION – 2026

APPLICATIONS are hereby invited from Sri Lankan citizens who possess the qualifications specified in Section 02 hereof to fill the vacancies in the posts of Examiner (Engineering) and Port State Controller (Engineering) of the Merchant Shipping Secretariat functioning under the Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation.

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01. Port State Controller (Engineering)	01
02. Examiner (Engineering)	01

Closing Date for Applications: - 12.10.2026

01. Method of Recruitment:

Candidates who have fulfilled the qualifications specified in this notice and obtain the highest marks at a structured interview conducted by a structured board appointed by the Public Service Commission shall be recruited on a permanent basis. The marking scheme for the structured interview, as approved by the Public Service Commission, is provided under Section 05 of this notice.

02. Required Qualifications:

(i) Educational Qualifications, Experience and Other Qualifications

<i>Post</i>	<i>Educational Qualifications</i>	<i>Experience and Other Qualifications</i>
Port State Controller (Engineering) Examiner (Engineering)	Possession of a Certificate of Competency as Chief Engineer issued by the Government Maritime Administration of Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, China, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, or Ireland, or by a country that has entered into a bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka regarding the recognition of such certificates.	Possession of a minimum of 02 years experience as Chief Engineer on board a seagoing merchant vessel with a capacity exceeding 300 kilowatts.

(ii) Physical Fitness

Every candidate shall be of sound physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties assigned to the post.

(iii) Age Limit

Not less than 30 years - not more than 45 years.

(iv) Other Qualifications

- Shall be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Applicant shall be of excellent character.

Note:- Applicants shall have fulfilled all the above qualifications in every respect as of the closing day for applications.

03. Conditions of Employment and Service:

I. This appointment shall be subject to the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission, the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Government Financial Regulations, other departmental orders, and the recruitment procedure for the posts of Examiner (Engineering) and the Port State Controller (Engineering) of the Merchant Shipping Secretariat under the Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation, including any amendments or provisions already made or to be made in the future.

- (i) Changing the applied language medium will not be permitted later, and the language medium specified in the application shall be the medium through which the candidate qualifies for appointment.

04. Salary Scale:

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82150-10 X 2400-8 X 2940-17 X 3900-195,970 - Step 20

05. The following marking scheme will be based on for the structured interview:

Serial No.	Subject	Marks	Maximum Marks
01	Additional Educational Qualifications I. For a Postgraduate Degree in Marine Engineering obtained from a University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission. II. For a Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Engineering obtained from a University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission. III. For a Degree in Marine Engineering, Engineering, Nautical Science, or Maritime Science obtained from a University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission. (Marks will be awarded only for the highest qualification).	30 20 15	30
02	Professional Qualifications Courses obtained from a Government recognized institution in the fields of Maritime Surveillance, Maritime Law and Regulations, Maritime Inspections and Investigations, or International Standards for Maritime Safety and Security: I. Full time or equivalent courses with a study period of 06 months or more. II. Full time or equivalent courses with a study period of 03 months or more but less than 06 months. III. Full-time or equivalent courses with a study period of less than 03 months (Marks can be awarded for a maximum of 02 certificates).	10 07 03	10

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03	Additional Experience For the period of experience exceeding the minimum experience specified under recruitment qualifications: - 05 marks per year up to a maximum of 30 marks - More than 06 months and less than a year: 02 marks		30
04	Contribution to the Field Candidates must submit a paper published in a nationally or internationally recognized academic journal related to the field, or formal/recognized approvals or certificates for patented inventions.	10	10
05	Computer Literacy Information Technology / Computer Systems / Computer Applications courses obtained from a government-recognized institution related to the fields of Marine Engineering, Navigation, Nautical Science, Maritime Science, or the conduct of computer-based training and examinations: I. Full-time or equivalent courses with a study period of 06 months or more. II. Full-time or equivalent courses with a study period of 03 months or more but less than 06 months. III. Full-time or equivalent courses with a study period of less than 03 months (Marks can be awarded for a maximum of 02 certificates).	15 10 03	15
06	For the skills demonstrated at the interview.		05
	Total		100

06. Identity of Candidates: -

- (I) Only the candidates who have submitted applications which are complete in every respect will be called for the structured interview.
- (II) Original copies of all certificates along with properly certified photocopies shall be produced at the interview.
- (III) The following identity documents will be accepted to prove identity at the interview:
 - a) Valid National Identity Card issued by the Commissioner General of Registration of Persons.
 - b) Valid Passport.

07. Submission of Applications

- (i) Applications shall be submitted by registered post to reach the following address on or before **05.12.2026**. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected:

Director General of Merchant Shipping,
Merchant Shipping Secretariat,
No. 79, Technical Junction,
Maradana Road,
Colombo 10.
- (ii) A specimen application form is provided at the end of this notice. Applicants shall prepare their applications on A4 size paper, ensuring that Page 01 includes items 01 to 09 and Page 02 includes items 10 to 15, and shall be completed in the applicant's own handwriting.
- (iii) The top left corner of the envelope containing the application shall be marked as "**Application for the Post of Examiner (Engineering)/ Port State Controller (Engineering)**".

- (iv) The applicant's signature on the application form shall 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, or a permanent government officer drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 82,150/- or more as per Public Administration Circular 10/2025.
 - (v) Officers currently employed in the Public Service or Provincial Public Service shall submit their applications through the Head of the Department where they are serving.
 - (vi) Applications that do not conform to the specimen application form attached herewith will be rejected. No complaints regarding the loss or delay of applications will be entertained.
- 08.** If any information mentioned in the application submitted by you is found to be false or incorrect before recruitment, your candidacy will be cancelled. If such false or incorrect information is revealed after recruitment, action will be taken to dismiss you from service, subject to relevant procedures.
- 09.** The power to fill or not to fill the vacancies shall be vested with the Public Service Commission.

By order of the Public Service Commission,

W. W. S. MANGALA,
Secretary,
Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation.

Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation,
No. 19, Chaithya Road,
Colombo 01,
On this 13 day of August 2026.