

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Department of Sri Lanka Customs

**OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF INSPECTOR OF
CUSTOMS, GRADE II OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SRI
LANKA CUSTOMS - 2026**

APPLICATIONS are called from eligible Sri Lankan citizens for the Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to the posts of Inspector of Customs, Grade II of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs. The application for the said post has been published on the www.doenets.lk website under “**Our Services**” through “Online Applications (Recruitments/E.B. Exams)” of the Department of Examinations and, applications should be submitted through **online** system only. Acceptance of online application starts on 14th September 2026 at 9.00 am and ends at 9.00 pm on 12th October 2026.

Officers currently serving in Government/provincial Government service must submit a copy of the application to their head of institution for inclusion in their personal file. When called for the interview, they must submit a copy of the application certified by the head of institution, along with a letter confirming their service.

The applicant shall bear any adverse consequences resulting from delay in submitting the application until the closing date.

The Examination will be held by the Commissioner General of Examinations in December 2026 only at the examination centers established in the following main towns throughout the island. The date of the examination will be notified in due course. Commissioner General of Examinations reserves the right to postpone or cancel this examination.

Towns and town numbers where examination centers are established

Province	Town	Town No.
Western	Colombo	01
	Gampaha	02
	Kalutara	03
Central	Kandy	04
	Matale	05
	Nuwara-Eliya	06
Southern	Galle	07
	Matara	08
	Hambantota	09
Northern	Jaffna	10
	Mannar	11
	Vauniya	12
	Mulativu	13
	Kilinochchi	14
Eastern	Batticaloa	15
	Ampara	16
	Trincomalee	17
North Western	Kurunegala	18
	Puttalam	19
North Central	Anuradhapura	20
	Polonnaruwa	21
Uva	Badulla	22
	Moneragala	23
Sabaragamuwa	Ratnapura	24
	Kegalle	25

If there are no adequate applicants who have applied for any of the centers mentioned above, relevant applicants will be sent to the center in the second option or to the next center closer to it. If the number of applicants is not adequate to establish examination centers in all the proposed towns or more towns, the Commissioner General of Examinations will take action to hold the examination only in Colombo. The applied town will not be allowed to change later as required by the applicants.

Applications for this post are invited from both males and females who have fulfilled the qualifications given below:

02. Eligibility :-

- I. Every applicant should furnish satisfactory proof to prove that he/she:
 - (a) is a citizen of Sri Lanka,
 - (b) is of excellent moral character,
 - (c) is not less than 18 years and not more than 24 years of age to the closing date of applications.

(Accordingly, only those who were born on or before 12.10.2008 or born on or after 12.10.2002 are eligible to apply for this post)

Note 02: No person ordained in any religious sect shall be permitted to sit for this examination.

- II. **Physical fitness:** The height of the male applicants should not be less than 5 feet and 5 inches and the chest should not be less than 33 inches when expanded.

The height of female applicants should not be less than 5 feet and 3 inches.

- III. **Educational qualifications :-** Every applicant should have fulfilled the following educational qualifications.

- (a) Should have passed three main subjects at the GCE (A/L) examination in one sitting;

and

- (b) Should have passed 06 subjects at the GCE (O/L) examination with five credit passes including credit passes for Sinhala/ Tamil Language, and Mathematics as main subjects and at least with a simple pass for the English language in not more than two sittings.

03. Conditions of the service

- (I) The consolidated monthly salary scale entitled to the post is as follows:-

Salary scheme as per Public Administration Circular No.:10/2025 – salary category of Rs.-1, Rs. 49,550-7 X540-27 X 670-Rs.71,420.

- (II) This post is permanent and will be subjected to the policy decision taken by the government, regarding the pension scheme in the future.

- (III) Selected applicants will be appointed to the post subjected to three-year probation period with effect from the date of appointment.

- (IV) The appointees should undergo a medical examination conducted by a Government Medical

Officer to certify whether they are physically fit to serve in any part of the island.

- (V) The appointees will have to serve day and night shifts and they are bound to serve in any part of the island.

- (VI) Also, attention is drawn to the general conditions relevant to appointments to the posts in public service, published at the beginning of paragraph (IIa), part I of this *gazette* notification.

04 Examination procedure – Recruitment Examination consists of 03 question papers as follows:-

1) Aptitude test (01 hour)	100 marks
2) Mathematics (01 hour)	100 marks
3) English Language (01 ½ hours)	<u>100 marks</u>
Total	<u>300 marks</u>

Aptitude Test Paper -This paper will consist of 50 questions of multiple-choice and questions for short answers to measure applicants' language skills and logical ability. All the questions should be answered.

Mathematics Test Paper - This paper will consist of questions to test the mathematical skills of the applicants. All questions should be answered. It consists of structured-type questions.

English Language Test Paper - This is to test the reading, writing, comprehension, and communication skills of the applicants.

Note 03: This examination will be conducted in three mediums; Sinhala, Tamil, and English. Applicants should sit for this examination in the same medium in which they passed the qualifying examination referred to in paragraph 02(III) of this notification. However, applicants who have passed the examination for qualifying for application in Tamil or English medium or applicants whose medium of study is Tamil or English may answer the examination in Sinhala medium if they wish. It is not permitted to change the applied medium later.

- (I) Marks will be deducted for unclear handwriting and wrong spelling.

- (II) The receipt of admissions should not be considered as fulfillment of qualifications required to sit for the examination. Applicants are liable to rules and regulations imposed by

the Commissioner General of Examinations in relevant to conducting the examination. If these rules and regulations are violated he/she has to be liable to any punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

- (III) **Method of evaluation:** The minimum mark to be obtained for each question paper to pass the examination is 60%. Twice the number of applicants who have scored 60% or more marks for each question paper will be selected and a list of the names of applicants prepared in the order of index numbers/ in alphabetical order will be submitted to the Director General of Customs by the Department of Examinations. Applicants of the said list will be called for the structured interview. In this structured interview basic qualifications are examined and 10 marks will be given for sports skills. At the time of recruitment, only the marks obtained at the examination and structured interview will be considered and the appointing authority will approve the detailed marking procedure for sports skill at the structured interview.

05. **Basis of selection** - Applicants who have passed the written examination and qualified at the interview will be selected for granting appointments subject to the number of vacancies approved by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. Not more than 10% of the number of vacancies will be reserved for female applicants.

- (I) **Release of Results** - Upon submission of the structured interview marks of applicants who have passed the written examination and qualified for the structured interview to the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, the said marks shall be added to the total marks obtained at the written examination, and the final priority list shall be prepared by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka and shall be forwarded to the Director General of Customs, Sri Lanka Customs Department. With submission of the priority list, a suitable date for the release of results shall be notified by the Director General of Customs, Sri Lanka Customs, and the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka shall take steps to forward to all applicants who sat the examination a statement of results indicating the marks obtained in each subject / total marks of the written examination, or to release the results through

the website www.results.exams.gov.lk. www.results.exams.gov.lk.

Note 04: As per the nature of duties in Sri Lanka Customs, the female officers will also have to work night shifts.

06. It is compulsory to fulfill all the required qualifications relevant to the post before the closing date of calling applications.

07. **Procedure of applying:**

- I. Online applications should be completed only in the English language. It will be notified that the department accepts/does not accept the online application as a valid application *via* an SMS to the mobile phone number that used to access to the system or to the e-mail address. Before completing the online application, download the common instructions, prepared to apply for the examination. Strictly follow these instructions when filling out the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected without a notice.

Applicants who are currently working in the Public Service / Public Corporations / Statutory Boards should apply for this examination after obtaining the consent of the Head of the organization and should submit a certified letter that he / she will be released from the existing service / post at the time of calling for the structured interview after passing the written examination.

- II. The examination fee is Rs. 600/-. Payment of examination fee should be made only by the following methods, provided by the online system.
- Any bank credit card;
 - Debit card with online payment facility;
 - Online banking method/ Flex App of Bank of Ceylon;
 - Slip Payment at any of the branches of Bank of Ceylon.

Note 05:

Instructions on the above method of payment have been given under the technical instructions for the examination on the website.

- III. Receipt of payment will be notified by an SMS or an e-mail. The full amount for the examination fee should be paid and applications that pay less or more examination fees will be rejected. The Department of Examinations will not

be responsible for the delays in the payment of examination fees by aforesaid methods. Instructions on the above method of payment have been given under the technical instructions for the examination on the website.

- IV. The fee paid for this examination will not be refunded or transferred to another examination for any reason.
- V. Applicant's signature on the admission for the examination should be attested. The signature of an applicant who is already in the Government Service/ Provincial Government Service/ State Corporation should be attested by the respective head of the department or by an officer authorized to do so. The signature of the other applicants should be attested by a Head of a Government School, Grama Niladhari of the division, a Justice of Peace, a Commissioner of Oath, an Attorney at Law, a Notary Public, a commissioned officer of Tri-Forces or by a permanent staff grade officer in public service/ provincial public service or a Chief Incumbent or a Head of a Buddhist temple or a person in charge of any other place of worship or holding any important position in any religion.

Note 06: Applicants will not be allowed to enter the examination hall without admission cards. Only the attested admission card should be submitted to the in charge of the examination hall on the commencing date of the examination. Issuing an admission to the candidate does not confirm that he/ she has fulfilled all the requirements to sit for the examination.

08. Admission cards to the Examination -

The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue admissions online only, to the applicants who have paid the prescribed examination fee and submitted the duly completed applications on or before the closing date. On the assumption that only the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications referred to in this notification have forwarded the applications. The Department of Examinations will notify it by a web notice/ SMS to the applicants immediately after the issuance of admissions to applicants. If admissions have not been received, they should inquire about it from the Institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka as mentioned in the Notice. When making such an inquiry, it will be more effective to forward a request letter clearly mentioning the name of the examination applied

for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card number and address, to the email address mentioned in the web notice. When making such an inquiry, it will be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application and if payment is applicable a photocopy of the receipt obtained for the payment, in order to verify any information inquired by the Department of Examinations. The admission card should be carefully examined and if there are any amendments, the Department of Examinations should be contacted well in advance to make the relevant corrections as per the application. Requests made at the examination hall/ interview for amendments will not be considered.

Note 07: Issuing an admission to the candidate does not confirm that he/ she has fulfilled all the requirements required to sit for the examination.

- 09. Identity** - Applicants should prove their identity to the satisfaction of the examiner in charge of the examination center for all subjects of the examination. Any of the following documents will be accepted.

- I. National Identity Card
- II. Valid Passport
- III. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Also, the candidates should expose their identity without covering their faces and ears in order to confirm that not wearing any electronic equipment, when they enter the examination hall. Applicants who refuse to do so will not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Further, the applicants should remain with their faces and ears uncovered from the moment they entered to the examination hall, till they leave the hall, enabling the examination authorities to identify the applicant.

10. Documents of eligibility:

- (I) All the required particulars should be provided in the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
- (II) Applicants, who are qualified calling for the interview, should provide relevant documents to prove their eligibility.
- (III) The originals of the following documents will be required to be furnished at the interview.
 - (a) A character certificate certified by a responsible person.

Note 08: The character certificates may be obtained from a Justice of the Peace, an Attorney-at-law,

a Divisional Secretary of the area of residence, or a staff grade officer holding a permanent post in government, a reputed person in a society who can be referred directly for obtaining information. The name, designation, and address of the person who issues the certificate should be clearly indicated. Applicants, who hold a permanent post in government service are not required to furnish character certificates.

- (b) A certified copy of the entry of the registration of the birth of the applicant or a Special Certificate of age issued by the Register General (in case of applicants whose birth has not been registered)

Note 09:

- (i) The special Certificate of Birth issued for school or educational purposes, or a certified extract from the entry of the registration of the birth is not accepted.
 - (ii) Affidavits or Baptism Certificates will not be accepted for birth certificates. If the name/names appearing on the Birth Certificate differs from the name/names that the applicant generally uses and the name under which the candidate sits for the examination, immediate action should be taken to correct the name/names in the Birth Certificates in terms of Section 27 or 28, of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, (Chapter 110) as the case may be.
 - (iii) Certificate of Registration as a citizen of Sri Lanka or official letter of acceptance issued by the government certifying citizenship by descent (as applicable).
 - (iv) Originals of educational certificates or if such certificates are not issued, other relevant official documents.
 - (v) Documents to prove achievements in sports at zonal/district/national levels.
 - (vi) Applicants are advised to keep the required documents ready at the time of forwarding the application. Applicants who fail to furnish required documents or delay in producing such documents whenever requested will be disqualified from being appointed to this post.
11. **Furnishing False Information** - In the event of revealing disqualification of an applicant his/ her candidature could be canceled before the examination or during the examination or after the examination or

at any time. If it reveals that a candidate has furnished false information knowingly or any special detail is purposely concealed or if it is proved that he/ she was disqualified to appear for this examination at any instance during his/her tenure, he/ she shall be dismissed from the service immediately. The candidature of applicants who have not fulfilled the requirements stipulated in this notification will be canceled.

- 12. Matters not included in these regulations if any, will be decided at the discretion of the Director General of the Customs.
- 13. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil, and English texts of this *Gazette* Notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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