

VACANCIES

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL SECURITY AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Sign Language Interpreter (Grade III)

Applications are hereby invited from Sri Lankan citizens to fill 12 vacancies for the post of Sign Language Interpreter at the Vocational Training Centres/Care Centres and Skills Development Day Care Centres maintained under the Department of Social Services. Applications prepared in accordance with the specimen application form given below should be submitted by post or delivered by hand so as to reach the Director, Department of Social Services, 2nd Floor, Phase II, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla, on or before **09.10.2026**. The top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application should be marked “Recruitment to the Post of Sign Language Interpreter”. The specimen application form and further details may also be obtained through the website of the Department or Social Services: **www.socialservices.gov.lk**.

Applicants intending to apply for this post should possess the following qualifications:

1. The 12 Institutions in which vacancies exist

- Head Office - 01
- Thelambuyaya Vocational Training Institute - 01
- Kilinochchi Vocational Training Institute -01
- Madampe Vocational Training Institute -01
- Kalawana Vocational Training Institute - 01
- Monaragala District Secretariat -01
- Nuwara Eliya District Secretariat -01
- Ratnapura District Secretariat - 0
- Trincomalee District Secretariat -01
- Ampara District Secretariat - 01
- Jaffna District Secretariat - 01
- Kurunegala District Secretariat - 01

1.1 Open Recruitment

1.1.1 Age Limit:

The applicant should be not less than 18 years of age and not more than 30 years of age as at the closing date for applications.

1.1.2 Educational Qualifications:

- (a) Should have passed the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in one sitting in six (06) subjects, with Credit Passes in Sinhala or Tamil or English Language, Mathematics, and two (02) other subjects; **and**
- (b) Should have passed all subjects at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in one sitting, (excluding the General Common Test) (or, under the old syllabus, should have passed three (03) subjects in one sitting).

1.1.3 Professional Qualifications:

A certificate of completion of the one-year Diploma Course in Sign Language Interpretation conducted by the National Institute of Education; or

A certificate of completion of the one-year Diploma Course in Sign Language Interpretation conducted by the National Institute of Social Development; or

A Diploma Certificate in Sign Language Interpretation awarded upon completion of a course of not less than one year conducted by an institute registered with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

1.1.4 Experience:-

Not Applicable

1.1.5 Physical Qualifications :-

Every candidate should possess sufficient physical fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.

1.1.6 Others :-

- i. Being a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. Candidates should possess an excellent character.
- iii. All qualifications required for recruitment to the post should have been fully satisfied in every aspect as at the date specified in the notice calling for Applications / Gazette Notification.

1.1.7 Method of Recruitment :-

Recruitment will be made based on the results of a written examination and a professional test.

1.1.7.1 Written Examination :-

Subjects	Duration	Maximum Marks	Pass Marks
Intelligence Test	01 hour	100	40
Language Proficiency	01 hour	100	40

1.1.7.2 Professional Test :- Testing Practical Knowledge of Sign Language.

Subjects	Duration	Maximum Marks	Pass Marks
Testing Practical Knowledge of Sign Language	01 hour	100	40

1.1.8 General Interview:-

Verification of Certificates to ascertain whether the prescribed qualifications for the post have been satisfied (No marks will be awarded).

1.1.9 Salary Scale :-

As per P.A.C. Circular No. 10/2025 - MN 02-2025
The Salary Scale is Rs. 48,470-10x540-11x630-10x1,010-10x1,190-82,800/-
(This Salary Scale will be effective from 01.01.2027.)

1.1.10 Note :-

Recruitment will be made through a written examination and a professional test. Twice the number of candidates who pass the written examination will be called for the professional test, and the general interview will be conducted at the same time. Among the candidates who satisfy the requirements at the general interview, recruitment will be made for the number of existing vacancies, in order of merit, based on the aggregate marks obtained in the written examination and the professional test.

1.1.11 Terms of Service :-

This post is permanent and pensionable and shall be subject to any policy decision that may be taken by the Government in respect of the pension scheme in the future. Contributions to the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pension Scheme shall be payable. In accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and the circulars issued in connection therewith, the prescribed proficiency in the Official Language shall be acquired within three years.

1.2 Limited Recruitment

1.2.1 Educational Qualifications :-

Should have passed six (06) subjects at the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination, including Sinhala/Tamil/English Language and Mathematics, with at least two (02) Credit Passes, at not more than two sittings.

1.2.2 Professional Qualifications :-

The certificate of completion of the one-year Diploma Course in Sign Language Interpretation conducted by the National Institute of Education; or

The certificate of completion of the one-year Diploma Course in Sign Language Interpretation conducted by the National Institute of Social Development; or

The Diploma Certificate in Sign Language Interpretation awarded upon completion of a course of not less than one year conducted by an institute registered with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

1.2.3 Experience :-

Should have completed not less than five (05) years of active and satisfactory service in the post of Attendant or Matron in the Department of Social Services.

1.2.4 Physical Qualifications :-

Every candidate should possess sufficient physical fitness to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to perform the duties of the post.

1.2.5 Others

- I. The appointment should have been confirmed.
- II. Should have completed a satisfactory period of service during the five (05) years immediately preceding the date on which the qualifications are required to be fulfilled.
- III. All qualifications required for recruitment to the post should have been fully satisfied in every aspect by the date specified in the notice calling for Applications/ Gazette Notification.

1.2.6 Age :- Not Applicable

1.2.7 Method of Recruitment :-

Recruitment will be made through a written examination and a professional test.

1.2.7.1 Written Examination

Subjects	Duration	Maximum Marks	Pass Marks
Intelligence Test	01 hour	100	40
Language Proficiency	01 hour	100	40

1.2.7.2 Professional Test

Subjects	Duration	Maximum Marks	Pass marks
Testing Practical Knowledge of Sign Language	01 hour	100	40

1.2.8 General Interview :-

Verification of Certificates to ascertain whether the prescribed qualifications for the post have been satisfied (No marks will be awarded).

1.2.9 Note :-

Recruitment will be made through a written examination and a professional test. Twice the number of candidates who pass the written examination will be called for the professional test and the general interview will be conducted at the same time. Among the candidates who satisfy the requirements at the general interview, recruitment will be made for the number of existing vacancies, in order of merit, based on the aggregate marks obtained in the written examination and the professional test.

1.2.10 Terms of Service :-

This post is permanent and pensionable and shall be subject to any policy decision that may be taken by the Government in respect of the pension scheme in the future. Contributions to the Widows’ and Orphans’ Pension Scheme shall be payable. In accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 and the circulars issued in connection therewith the prescribed proficiency in the Official Language shall be acquired within three years.

1.2.11 Note :-

Only applicants who have fulfilled the above-mentioned qualifications should apply, and the selected applicants shall be required to serve at the institution with the relevant vacancy for a period of five (05) years.

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