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SRI LANKA EXCISE DEPARTMENT

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Excise Guard Driver - 2026

APPLICATIONS are called from citizens of Sri Lanka who fulfilled the following qualifications for the Open Competitive Examination to recruit for the post of Excise Guard Driver of the Sri Lanka Excise Department.

02.Applications prepared in accordance with the specimen given below should be sent under registered cover to reach the "**Excise Commissioner General, Sri Lanka Excise Department, No.353, Kotte Road, Rajagiriya**" on or before 30.10.2026. "**Excise Guard Driver** "should be indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Incomplete Applications and Applications received after the closing date will be rejected. Receipt of Applications will not be acknowledged.

The examination fee is Rs. 600/-. Please deposit this amount into Account No. 7041628, maintained at the Bank of Ceylon, Taprobane Branch, in the name of the Commissioner General of Excise. The original deposit slip should be affixed to the designated space on the application form.

03. Monthly Salary Scheme: - Rs. 49,550-7x540-27x670-71,420/- .It will be placed on the monthly salary of Rs.49,550/- The first efficiency bar examination shall be passed before the said salary step is exceeded as per the P.A.C.3/2016, Rs.01-2016 (PC).

04. Age Limit: - Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 35 years of age by the closing date for applications (Maximum age limit is not applicable to applicants currently in Provincial/Public service).

05. All the qualifications related to recruitment to the post should be completed in every way by the last date of the notification of application.

(I) **Educational Qualifications:-**
All applicants should have passed five (05) subjects including Mathematics with credit passes for Sinhala/Tamil and for one other subject at G.C.E.(Ordinary Level) Examination in not more than two attempts, having passed six (06) subjects at one attempt.

(II) Professional Qualification:-
All Applicants,

a. should have a sound knowledge on the Highway Code.
b. should have basic knowledge on Motor Mechanics.
c. should possess a valid driving license issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic for driving motor buses, motor coaches, "A" class.

(III) Work Experience:-
Applicant should have obtained 03 years of work experience as a Driver in a recognized organization subsequently to obtain a driving license of the relevant category.

(IV) Physical Qualifications
All applicants
i. should have minimum height should be 5'4" inches.
ii. should have minimum 32 (Inches) chest size when exhaled.
iii. should have Eyesight/vision of at least 6/6 and 6/12 without glasses or contact lenses including the vision for goods recognition.
iv. should be physically and mentally fit to work in any part of the island.

(V) Other Qualifications
He/she should be a citizen of Sri Lanka and possess an excellent moral character.

06. Method of recruitment:
(i) Applications will be invited by publishing a notification in the *Government Gazette*, a widely circulated newspaper, and on the official website. Eligible applicants will be required to undergo a written examination and a professional test. These examinations/tests will be conducted in the Sinhala and Tamil media. Applicants will not be permitted to change the language medium selected at the time of application at a later stage.

(ii) Among the applicants who obtain the highest marks at the written examination, candidates numbering twice the number of vacancies available will be called for the Physical Fitness Test and Practical Driving Test. Selection for appointment to the post of Excise Guard Driver will be made in order of merit, based on the marks obtained at the written examination and the said tests.

(iii) Written Examination:

Subjects	*Duration*	*Total Mark*	*Pass Mark*
I. Highway Rules and Motor Mechanics	03 Hours	100	40%
II. Common Test	01 hour 30 Mins.	100	40%

Syllabus for the Examination

Question Paper	*Syllabus*
I. Highway Rules and Motor Mechanics	A Question Paper to test the knowledge of highway rules, mechanic field and basic understanding of the defects related to the said field.
II. Common Test Paper	This is a common Question Paper prepared to test the general knowledge of the applicants.

Conducting Authority: Appointing Authority or an Institute approved by the Appointing Authority.

(iv) Professional Test: This is a practical test to measure the driving skills of the applicant.

	Total score	*Pass Mark*
Driving Skills	40	40%

Conducting Authority: This Professional Test shall be conducted in accordance with the directions of the Excise Commissioner General, under the supervision of a panel comprising an Examiner of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Motor Traffic, an officer of the Police Service, and an officer of the Department.

(v) Physical Fitness Test: For testing the relevant qualifications as per the section 7.2.2.4 in the recruitment procedure.

(vi) General Interview:
Objectives to be achieved:

- To assess whether the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post of **Excise Guard Driver**.
- To verify whether the candidate possesses the required basic qualifications through the examination of relevant certificates and documents.

Appointing Authority of General Interview Board: Commissioner General of Excise

07. Service Conditions: This post is permanent and pensionable. Appointees shall be subject to any policy decisions taken by the Government regarding the pension scheme in the future. Further, appointees shall contribute to the Widows'/Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme and shall pay the relevant contribution in the manner prescribed by the Government from time to time.This is a post in the uniformed staff of the Department of Excise, Sri Lanka, and appointees shall be subject to the orders and regulations of the Department.

08. Conditions stipulated in Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2310/29 dated 14.12.2023 and the provisions of the Establishment Code will be applicable.

09. Any matter not provided for in the Scheme of Recruitment relating to this appointment shall be decided upon in consultation with the Public Service Commission.

10. Applicants who are called for the interview shall be informed in writing. No travelling expenses incurred in attending the interview shall be paid.

M. B. N. A. Pemarathna,
Excise Commissioner General.

Date - 30th September, 2026,
Sri Lanka Excise Department.