

## MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

### Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Quality Control Officer Grade II in the Field/Office Base -Seg 2 Service Category of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources from amongst the officers who are already in the Public / Provincial Public Service and holding a pensionable post -2024

APPLICATIONS are hereby invited from the officers who are already in the Public / Provincial Public Service and holding a pensionable post for recruitment to the post of Quality Control Officer Grade II (in the Field/Office Base -Seg 2 Service Category) of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Recruitment will be made based on the results of a Competitive Examination which will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations in May, 2024 in Colombo.

The application has been published through “Online Applications - Recruitment Exams” under “Our Services” in the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka [www.doenets.lk](http://www.doenets.lk) and the applications can only be submitted *via* online. Acceptance of online applications will be open on 02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 at 9.00 a.m.

Closing date of application will be **01<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.**

Applications are hereby invited from qualified officers currently serving in a pensionable post in the Public/ Provincial Public Service, who fulfil the requirements specified in this notice to fill eight (08) vacancies in the Post of Quality Control Officer Grade II (in the Field/Office Base -Seg 2 Service Category) of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. The duties of this post include the inspection of fishing vessels, fish auction sites, fish landing sites, fish stores, fish processing establishments for export and fish sales outlets, obtaining official samples (ice, water, fish, fish-related products, etc.) and submitting them to laboratories, analyzing test reports, checking for approval of laboratories required to test fishery products, checking whether the necessary conditions are maintained after approval, certifying health certificates issued for fishery products, auditing the method of ensuring the hygiene of fishery products, supervising the tests and analyzes issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute, supervising the maintenance of fish export activities in accordance with international standards and according to the criteria of the European Economic Commission, conducting awareness programs for fish exporters about new technology and quality control management methods, conducting awareness programs for the community engaged in fish farming activities etc.

#### 01. Terms of Service:

Candidates to be selected will be appointed to the Post of Quality Control Officer Grade II subject to the general conditions governing the appointments in the Public Service and the conditions specified in the Scheme of Recruitment approved by the Public Service Commission. This post is permanent and pensionable.

#### 02. Salary Group and Salary Scale:

Salary Code No: MN 5-2016

Salary Scale: Rs. 34,605 – 10 x 660 – 11 x 755 – 15 x 930 – Rs. 63,460/-

#### 03. Educational Qualifications:

(a) A Bachelor of Science Degree with at least two subjects in Biology, Microbiology, Zoology, Chemistry, Fisheries Science, Food Science, Food Technology from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission;

*or*

a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture with at least two of the above subjects.

and

(B) Having passed English as a major subject in a degree course,

*or*

Having passed the English Language subject at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination,

*or*

Having obtained a Credit Pass for English Language/English Literature at the G.C.E.(O/L) Examination,  
or  
Having passed the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination or an examination higher than it in English medium.

**04. Professional Qualifications:** Not applicable

**05. Experience:** Not applicable

**06. Physical Requirements: -**

Every candidate should be physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and perform the duties in the post.

**07. Others :**

- (i) Every candidate should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Should be of excellent character.
- (iii) The qualifications required for recruitment to the post should have been complied with in all respects before the closing date mentioned in the notice inviting applications.
- (iv) Should be holding a pensionable post in the Public / Provincial Public Service as on the closing date of applications.
- (v) Should not have been subjected to any disciplinary punishment in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.

**08. Age Limit:**

Age should not be less than 21 years and not more than 35 years as on the closing date of applications. (Accordingly, the eligibility regarding the age is satisfied only if the date of birth falls on or before 01.03.2003 and on or after 01.03.1989.)

**09. Method of Recruitment:**

Recruitment will be made based on the results of a written competitive examination. A number of candidates who secured the highest marks in order of priority and equal to the existing number of vacancies, from among the candidates who have appeared for all the question papers at the written examination and scored not less than 40% marks for each question paper will be interviewed and be recruited for the post in order of merit according to the number of vacancies. No marks will be given for the general interview and the basic qualifications will be only checked.

- (a) The competitive examination for recruitment will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums.
- (b) A candidate applying for the competitive examination shall answer all the papers in the medium of language in which he or she is eligible to sit the examination and no any candidate is permitted to change the medium of language mentioned in the application later.

**10. Written Examination :**

Subjects	Time	Total Marks	Pass Marks
01. Intelligence Test	01 hour	100	40%
02. Essay and Precis	01 ½ hour	100	40%
03. General Knowledge	01 hour	100	40%.

**10.1. Syllabus is given below:**

Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
I. Intelligence Test	This is framed with the aim of gauging the candidate's rational thinking and analysis power and the ability to arrive at correct case inferences, general knowledge and intelligence. This is a multiple-choice question paper that includes mathematical problems, general knowledge, environment and related issues.
II. Essay and Precis	This is a question paper gauging the ability to read, understand and analyze a statement or discussion paper about a current social event and to measure the ability of essay / precis writing.
III. General Knowledge	A few questions framed in order to gauge the basic knowledge of Sri Lanka as well as the world in relation to the important events in the fields of finance, economy, commerce, politics, international relations, management, science and technology, education, health, sports, environment, social and culture, especially the local and foreign fisheries sector are expected to be answered.

**11. General Interview:** Not Applicable.

**12. Examination Fee:**

Examination fee is Rs.600/-. When paying the examination fees, the payment shall be made only under the following payment methods provided through the online system.

- i. Through any Bank Credit Card
- ii. Any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions
- iii. Online Banking Method of Bank of Ceylon
- iv. Any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon

**Note: -**

- (a) Instructions on how to make payments through the above methods are published on the website under the technical instructions related to the examination.
- (b) Receipt of payment will be notified by SMS or e-mail. The full amount of examination fee shall be paid and applications with under or over payment of examination fee shall be rejected. The Department of Examinations - Sri Lanka will not be held responsible for any errors in the payment of examination fees through the above-mentioned payment methods.
- (c) The amount paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred for any other examination by no means.

**13. Method of Application:**

Online application forms for examination should be completed only in English language. The application submitted online by the applicant will be notified by SMS to the mobile phone number used to access the system or to the e-mail address that the Department has accepted/not accepted the application. Before completing the online application, it is required to download the instructions prepared for applying for the examination. The instructions given therein shall strictly be followed when filling the application form. Any amendment made in the application after receipt of the printed copy shall not be considered as a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice. Applications received after the closing date of applications will not be entertained.

**14. Eligibility for Admission to the Examination:**

- (a) Admission cards will be issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations to those candidates who have submitted their duly completed applications by paying the prescribed examination fee before the closing date of receipt of applications, within the age limit specified in the notification, on presumption that only those qualified as mentioned in the *Gazette* Notification have applied. As soon as the issuance of admission cards are issued to the applicants, an announcement stating the same will be published on the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka Examinations Department examination. If the admission cards are not received even after 2 or 3 days upon the publication of the announcement, it should be reported to the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka, as stated therein.

In such a case, candidate's full name, address, N.I.C number and the name of the examination should be mentioned and it is important to retain a photocopy of the application, a photocopy of the receipt related to the payment of the examination fee and the receipt issued when mailing the application in registered post. If the candidate is from outside Colombo, it would be useful to send a request letter containing the candidate's fax number and the above information to the fax number mentioned in the advertisement to obtain a copy of the admission card *via* fax. A candidate appearing for the examination shall submit his/her duly attested admission card to the examination hall. A candidate who fails to produce his/her admission card will not be allowed to sit for the examination.

- (b) A candidate shall sit for the examination in the examination hall assigned to him, and every candidate shall produce their attested admission card to the Supervisor of the Examination Centre on the day of his first appearance in that hall. General rules and regulations to be adopted by every candidate in respect of the examination are published in this advertisement.
- (c) Issuing of an admission card to a candidate shall not be deemed as he or she has fulfilled the qualifications to sit the examination.
- (d) In case of violation of the rules prescribed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conducting of the examination, they will be subjected to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

**15. Identity of the Candidate:**

Candidates should prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Supervisor for each subject they sit in the examination hall. Any of the following documents will be accepted for that purpose.

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

Also, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears so that their identity can be verified. Candidates who refuse to prove their identity will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, from the moment of entering the examination hall until the end of the examination and leaving it, he or she must leave his/her face and ears uncovered so that the examination authorities can identify the candidate.

**16. N.B:**

- a. Applications of the candidates who fail to submit documents when requested will not be considered.
- b. A copy of the application should be handed over by the candidate to the relevant authorities for inclusion in his personal file, and a copy of the application certified by the Head of the institution and a letter of proof of service should be submitted at the time of calling for the interview.

**17. Selection for Appointment:**

The eligible candidates who secured the highest marks in order of merit, having interviewed a number of candidates who scored the highest marks in order of priority and equal to twice the existing number of vacancies, from among the candidates who have appeared for all the question papers at the written examination and scored not less than 40% marks for each question paper, will be selected to be appointed to the post of Quality Control Officer II.

**18. Release of Results:**

In addition to sending the relevant result sheet to the "Director General, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources", the results will personally be informed all the candidates who sat for the examination or be released through the website [www.results.exams.gov.lk](http://www.results.exams.gov.lk) by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

**19. Furnishing False Information:**

If a candidate is found not to have required qualifications, his/her candidature may be canceled before the examination or during the examination or after the examination or at any time. If any of the particulars furnished by a candidate is found to be false within his /her knowledge or if he/she has willfully suppressed any material fact he/she will be liable

to dismissal from the public service. Any matter not considered in these regulations will be dealt with as determined by the Public Service Commission.

20. In the event of any inconsistency in the notice published in Sinhala, Tamil and English media, the notice published in Sinhala medium shall prevail.

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