

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Open Competitive Examination for the Recruitment of Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service - 2025

IN terms of provisions set out in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service Minute published in *Gazette Extraordinary* bearing No.2088/26 dated 11.09.2018, applications are called from Sri Lankan citizens who possess the required qualifications for the Open Competitive Examination for recruitment of Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service – 2025.

It is hereby notified that this examination will be held in Colombo by the Secretary, Judicial Service Commission. The Secretary, Judicial Service Commission reserves the right to postpone or cancel this examination subject to the instructions of the Judicial Service Commission.

02. Conditions of Service :

- 2.1 Court Stenographers recruited subject to the provisions of the Constitution and provisions of the Schedule Public Officers' Service Minute, will be subject to the Establishment Code, Financial Regulations, and Circulars, Regulations and directions that have been already issued and may be issued by the Commission from time to the time.
- 2.2 This appointment is subject to a probation period of three years. The Efficiency Bar Examination should be passed before 05 years from the recruitment to Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service as prescribed in the Service Minute.
- 2.3 The Secretary, Judicial Service Commission is vested with the power to cancel the appointments of the applicants who fail to assume duties in the post to which they are appointed on the due date and/or applicants who refuse or neglect to assume duties in a post or in an area into which they are appointed, on the direction of the Judicial Service Commission.
- 2.4 The other official language proficiency should be acquired according to the secondary level relevant to Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service in accordance with Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and Judicial Service Commission Circular 456 issued there to within 03 years after joining the service.

03. As per Public Administration Circular No : 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025 the salary scale prescribed to Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service is as follows:

Salary Code: MN 2-2025

Salary Scale (Monthly) : Rs.48, 470 /- 10 x 540 – 11 x 630 – 10 x 1010 – 10 x 1190 - Rs.82, 800

Applicants recruited to Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' will be placed in the initial salary scale of Rs. 48, 470 and salaries will be paid as per Schedule III of Public Administration Circular No : 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025

04. This post is permanent and pensionable.

Though it has been stated above that the post is pensionable, the Officers that are to be recruited to Grade III of the Court Stenographer (English) in future will be subjected to decisions taken by the Government and/or Judicial Service Commission in relation to the Pension Scheme applicable to them.

05. Qualifications:

Following qualifications shall have been completed to be recruited to Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants' Service in the Scheduled Public Officers' Service.

- (a) Be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age as at **13.06.2025**
- (c) Be a person of excellent moral character.
- (d) Should have fulfilled following educational qualifications:-

- (I) Shall have passed six (06) subjects including Mathematics with credit passes for four (04) subjects including English Language at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination at one sitting;

and

(II) Should have successfully followed and passed a Stenography and Typing Course at the National Youth Services Council, National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority, Technical College or at a Government Registered Training Institution.

(e) All the applicants recruited to the Scheduled Public Officers' Service shall have a sound physical and mental fitness to serve in any part of the Island and to perform the duties of the post.

N.B. – It is compulsory that every applicant should have fulfilled all the qualifications required for the respective post by **13 June 2025** or prior to said date.

06. Scheme of examination :-

(a) The examination consists of three (03) question papers

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Minimum marks required to pass</i>
01 Language Proficiency	100	40
02 Aptitude	100	40
03 Stenography and Typing (English)	100	*

(* Judicial Service Commission may determine the minimum marks required to pass the Subject 'Stenography and Typing' taking the number of vacancies into consideration.)

This Examination will be held in Sinhala and Tamil medium. An applicant may sit for the examination only in one medium as he/she desires.

Applicant should answer the question papers, "Language Proficiency" and "Aptitude" only in the medium he/she has applied to sit for the Examination.

Applicant should select the "Stenography and Typing" only in English medium. This paper is designed to test the aptitude and ability of the candidate to perform his official duties.

Syllabus of the Examination

	Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
01	Language Proficiency (Sinhala/Tamil)	The question paper may consist of subject related questions designed to test the candidate's ability of expression, comprehension, spellings, language and essay, drafting letters, making graphs and tables based on the given data, summarizing passages, expressing the idea of several given sentences in one sentence and use of simple grammar.
02	Aptitude (Sinhala/Tamil)	This paper may consist of subject related questions designed to test the candidate's skill at numbers, power of critical reasoning and general intelligence.
03	Stenography and Typing (English)	Stenography (English) Taking down a passage dictated within 05 minutes at a minimum speed of 80 words per minute, and transcribing the notes at a speed of 08 words per minute. Typing (English) Typing a passage of 600 words at a speed of 30 words per minute.

Note : Illegible handwriting may be penalized.

These papers will consist of multiple choice questions, short questions, questions on structured essays, essays and /or practical question.

07. A number of applicants equal to the number of vacancies allocated for said examination may be appointed following descending order, beginning from the highest scorer of marks amongst the applicants who have passed all the subjects of the examination after an interview for verification of qualifications. However, the Judicial Service Commission may determine not to fill a certain number of vacancies.

Results of the Examination -

Results will be issued to the applicants by post by the Secretary, Judicial Service Commission.

08. Penalty for furnishing false information -

Any misstatement or suppression of a fact which is considered material will render the applicant liable to disqualification, if such statement or suppression is discovered before the selection and to dismissal or discontinuance if discovered after the selection.

09. Examination fees –

The examination fee is Rs.400/= the receipt obtained by paying said amount to the credit of the account of ‘**Secretary, Judicial Service Commission**’ bearing No. **No: 297100199025039** at **People’s Bank, Dam Street Branch** should be affixed using one edge of the receipt on the due place of the application so as not to be detached. (A photocopy of the receipt should be kept with the applicant for future use) The fee will not be refunded under any circumstances, while money orders and stamps will not be accepted in respect of the fee.

10. Method of applying -

- (a) Applications should be prepared in compliance with the specimen application form annexed to this notification using both sides of the paper of size 8 ½” x 12” (A 4) and it should be completed in applicant’s own handwriting. Computerized /Typed applications can also be used for this purpose.

Applications which are incomplete and not prepared in accordance with the specimen form will be rejected without any notice. (It would be advisable to keep a photocopy of the completed application form) It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the application form prepared by him/her complies with the specimen given in the examination notice, as otherwise the application may be rejected.

- (b) Duly completed applications should be sent by registered post to reach the address “Secretary, Judicial Service Commission Secretariat, Colombo 12” **on or before 18 July 2025.**

The words “**Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants’ Service in the Scheduled Public Officers’ Service - 2025**” should be clearly written on the top left hand corner of the envelope in which the application is enclosed. Any application received after **18 July 2025** will be rejected.

- (c) Applicant’s signature in the application form should have been attested by a Principal of a Government School, a Justice of Peace, Commissioner for Oaths, an Attorney at - Law , Notary Public, Commissioned Officer in the Armed Forces, an Officer holding a Gazette post in the Police Service or an Officer holding a permanent post in Staff Grade in the Public Service.
- (d) Applicants who are already in Public service and who have fulfilled above qualifications should submit their applications through their respective Head of the Department.
- (e) Applications which have not been duly completed in every respect will be rejected. No complaints regarding applications lost or delayed in the post will be entertained.

11. Admission to the examination –

Receipt of applications will not be notified. Admission cards will be issued to the applicants by post. If the admission card is not received, it should be brought to the notice of the Judicial Service Commission Secretariat. When informing, the name of the examination applied for, full name of the applicant, address and National Identity Card Number should be mentioned. In case of an applicant outside Colombo, a letter of request consisting of above mentioned details and a fax number for sending a copy of the admission should be faxed to the fax number 011 2 421 206 or 011 2 446 111 of Judicial Service Commission Secretariat. Further to that it would be advisable for the candidate to keep a copy of application form, copy of the receipt relevant to payment of examination fee and the postal article of posting of the application to substantiate any information when requested by the Judicial Service Commission Secretariat.

12. Identity of applicants –

Applicants will be required to prove their identity in the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each subject they offer. Any of the following documents will be accepted for this.

- a) National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons
- b) A valid Passport
- c) A valid Driving License

13. Sitting for the examination.

- (a) The Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission will issue admission cards to all applicants who have sent applications which are complete in every respect. An applicant who does not present the admission card will not be permitted to sit for the examination.
- (b) Applicant should appear for the examination at the centre specified for him/her. All the applicants should get the signature placed in the admission card attested and present it to the head of the examination hall on the first day they sit for the examination. Applicants shall be bound by the rules and regulations imposed by the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission for the purpose of conducting the examination. If an applicant violates these rules, he/she is liable for a punishment imposed by the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission.

Note – Issuance of an admission card to an applicant does not necessarily mean that he/she has fulfilled the required qualifications to sit for the examination.

- 14. Any matter not provided for in these rules will be dealt with as determined by the Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission subject to the instructions of the Judicial Service Commission.
- 15. In the event of any inconsistency or contradiction among the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
- 16. **Applicants who have already sent applications for the “Open Competitive Examination for the recruitment of Court Stenographer (English) Grade III of the Court Management Assistants’ Service in the Scheduled Public Officers’ Service - 2022” based on Gazette notification No. 2269 dated 25.02.2022 do not require to forward applications for this examination and there is no observation in reapplying for the examination for the applicants who have not fulfilled the qualifications as at 25.02.2022 mentioned in the Gazette notification by which date qualifications should be fulfilled.**

By order of the Judicial Service Commission

H.S.SOMARATNE,
Secretary,
Judicial Service Commission.

Judicial Service Commission Secretariat,
Colombo 12,
06th June, 2025.