

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Posts of Agriculture Instructor/ Research Assistant/ Soil Surveyor in the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service –2025

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APPLICATIONS are called from officers who hold departmental posts and have fulfilled the following Qualifications for Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade III of the Posts of Agriculture Instructor/ Research Assistant/ Soil Surveyor in the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Agriculture. The closing date of applications is 26.12.2025. This examination will be held in March 2026.

Category	Name of the post	Number of vacancies
Category I	Agriculture Instructor	74
	Research Assistant	31
Category II	Soil Surveyor	01

- The application is available on the website of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka, www.doenets.lk under “Our Services” under “Online Applications – Recruitment Exams / E.B Exams” and applications can be submitted online only. The acceptance of online applications will open on **01st December 2025 at 9.00 a.m.** and will close on **26th December 2025 at 9.00 p.m.**
- Officers should submit a copy of the application to the Heads of Institutions for inclusion in their personal files and should submit a copy of the application certified by the Head of Institution and a letter of confirmation of service when called for interview.
- The applicant should bear any adverse consequences arising from delay in submitting the application until the last date.

02.1. Recruitment on Limited Basis –

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Post	02.01.2 Educational Qualifications	02.01.3 Professional Qualifications	Experience
Agricultural Instructor	A pass in G.C.E (O/L) Examination in 06 (six) subjects with credit passes in Sinhala / Tamil / English Language, Mathematics, Science at not more than two sittings	Two year Agriculture Diploma awarded by an institution approved by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission or Completion of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) Level 6 in relevance to the field of the job or Qualifications accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission subsequent to consulting the Ministry of Higher Education and Institutions that award above technical Certificates as equivalent to the above qualifications in every respect	Completion of a period of 05 years active and satisfactory service with professional qualifications in a departmental Permanent post of primary unskilled (PL-1) or above in the relevant field of the Department of Agriculture. (The officer should not have been subject to a punishment as per the provisions set out in Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020 and Circulars incidental thereto.)
Research Assistant			
Soil Surveyor			

02.2.4 Other Qualifications

- I. Should be confirmed in the post.
- II. Should complete satisfactory service during the period of 05 years immediately preceding to the due date. (The officer should not have been subject to a punishment as per the provisions set out in the Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020 Circulars incidental thereto.)
- III. Every candidate shall be physically and mentally fit in all respect to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and perform the duties of the post.

03. Fulfillment of the qualifications required to appear in this writing examination for recruitment to the Service will be recognized only if the candidate has completed the all qualifications in every respect on or before the closing date of applications.

04. The Appointing Authority has reserved the authority to fill up or not to fill up any number of vacancies or all the vacancies.

Salary and Efficiency Bar Examinations

Salary Code - MN 03/2025

Salary Scale - Rs. 52,250 - 800x10 - 1,190x11 - 1,320x10 - 1,350x10 – 100,040/-

05. Conditions for engagement in service :

- I. If you have contributed to Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme you do not need to re-contribute. You shall pay the contribution for the same as prescribed by the Government from time to time.
- II. You should serve in any part of the island in which you are called upon to serve.
- III. You will be subject to the conditions of the Minutes on the Sri Lanka Technological Service published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No.1930/12 of 01.09.2015, effective at present and any other amendments hereinafter made thereto and to the recruitment procedures.

06. Method of Application:-

- (a) The online examination application form should be completed in English only. The Department will notify the applicant that the soft copy submitted online is accepted/not accepted as a valid application by sending a short message (SMS) to the mobile phone number used to access the system or by sending an e-mail to the e-mail address. Before completing the online application, download the instructions prepared for applying for the examination. Follow the instructions carefully while filling the application form. Any amendment made to the application form after obtaining a printed copy will not be considered a valid amendment. Incomplete applications and applications received after the last date of receipt of applications will be rejected without notice.
- (b) These posts are categorized as follows :
Category I - Agricultural Instructor/ / Research Assistant

Category II - Soil Surveyor
If applying for more than a post, the order of priority should be mentioned in the application.
- (c) The examination fee is Rs. 1200.00. Payment should be made only under the following fee payment methods provided in the online system.

Accordingly, if an applicant applies for Category I, only "A" application form should be used and if applying for Category II, "B" application form should be used.
- (d) If applying for both the relevant posts under Category I, your preference should be mentioned respectively under Sub-No. 03 of the application form.
- (e) The Application should be completed only in the language in which the applicant intends to sit for the examination.
- (f) Duly completed applications should be sent by registered post to Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examination Organization Branch, Department of Examinations Sri Lanka , Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before **26/12/2025**.
- (g) If applying for the posts of Agricultural Instructor and Research Assistant, the words "Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Posts of Agriculture Instructor/ Research Assistant in the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service -2025" should clearly be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelop enclosing the application. If applying for the post of Soil Surveyor, the words "Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Post of Soil Surveyor in the Grade III of the Sri Lanka Technological Service -2025" should be mentioned.
- (h) An Applicant can apply for both categories of posts and the examination fee for applying for one category of post is Rs. 1200/- and if applying for both categories of posts, the examination fee is Rs. 2400. The receipt (original) obtained on the payment of the above examination fee to any Post Office / District Secretariat / Divisional Secretariat in the Island with the instructions to credit the payment under the Government Revenue Heads of the Commissioner General of Examinations No. 20-03-02-13 should be affixed in the space provided in the application so as to be unglued. Money orders and stamps are not accepted for the examination fee and this examination fee will not be refunded or transferred to another examination in any circumstance. Keeping a copy of the receipt with you would be an advantage in the future.
- (i) Applications which are not complete in every respect or delayed will be rejected without notice, and no complaint that an application has been lost or delayed in the post will be considered.

f) It is compulsory to submit this application form through the head of your institution and the signature of an applicant should be attested by an officer authorized by the Head of the Institution

07. Scheme of Examination:

(a) On pre- determination that only the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications prescribed in the *Gazette* Notification have applied for the examination, the Commissioner General of Examinations will issue admission cards online only to those candidates who have submitted duly completed applications along with the relevant receipt, paid the prescribed examination fee on or before the last date of receipt of applications. As soon as the admission cards for examination are issued, the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka will inform the candidates about it through a web notification/SMS message. If a candidate has not received his/her admission cards, he/she should inquire about it from the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka as mentioned in the advertisement. When making such inquiries, it would be more effective for the applicant to send a letter of request to the email address mentioned in the advertisement, stating the name of the examination he/she has applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card number and address correctly. It would be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application form and a photocopy of the receipt of payment of the examination fee in order to verify any information sought by the Department of Examinations. After checking the admission cards, if any amendments are required, the Department of Examinations should be contacted early and the relevant amendments should be made as per the application. Requests for amendments made in the examination hall/interview will not be considered.

(b) Issuance of an admission card to an applicant does not necessarily mean that he/she has the requisite qualification to sit for the examination for the post.

(c) The applicant's signature on the admission card for the examination must be attested. An applicant must get his signature certified by the head of the institution or an officer authorized by him.

(d) A Candidate will be required to prove his/her identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor of each subject he/she appears for in the examination hall. Any of the following documents will be accepted for this purpose:

- I. National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons or
- II. A valid passport or
- III. Valid Driving License

Furthermore, the candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their faces and ears in order to prove their identity and that they are not wearing any electronic communication devices. The candidate who refuses to prove their identity in the said manner shall not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Moreover, the candidates should remain in the examination hall from the time of entering up to leaving the examination hall upon completion of the examination without covering the face and ears.

(e) Travelling expenses or any other allowance will not be paid to candidates in respect of appearing in this examination.

(f) Syllabus :

- i. Intelligence Test – (Time – 01 hour, Total marks - 100)

This paper consists of 50 multiple choices and short answers type questions so as to make an assessment of the candidate's, power of logical reasoning, analysis and ability to draw sound inference. All questions should be answered.

- ii. Subject Related Knowledge Paper (Time 02 hours. Total marks -100)

This paper consists of structured type questions to examine the candidate's subject knowledge.

S. No.	Post	Syllabus of Subject Related Question Paper
01	Agricultural Instructor/ Research Assistant	Contribution of Agriculture to the economic development of Sri Lanka / Knowledge in climatic Zones of Sri Lanka/ Soil and plant Nutrition / Rice Production/ Production of other field crops/Vegetable Production /Fruit Production/ Crop protection / Importance of soil conservation and various soil conservation method / Irrigation and water management /Farm mechanization / Apiculture /Floriculture and landscaping/ Protected crop cultivation/Animal husbandry / Agricultural extension/ Tissue culture /Plant quarantine / Plant Conservation and its importance / Bio technology / Seed production / Agricultural Development.
02	Soil Surveyor	i. Soil types and their distribution in Sri Lanka ii. Factors affecting soil formation, identification of soil profiles iii. Map reading iv. Current land use patterns in Sri Lanka v. Impact of deforestation and environmental problems vi. Fertilizer use vii. Crop diversification viii. Soil water conservation methods

(g) Medium of examination –

This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages. Candidates must answer all the papers of the examination only in one language. The language preferred in the application will not be allowed to change later.

(h) All candidates are subject to the rules imposed by the commissioner General of Examinations in connection with this examination. A candidate who violates any of these rules is liable to a punishment at the discretion of the Commissioner General Examinations. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding examination results is final.

(i) Place and Date of Examination:-

This Examination will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations at Colombo and Kandy in March 2026. In case of receiving insufficient number of applications, the examination will only be held in Colombo. (The examination centre given in the application will not be allowed to change later.)

Examination Center	Code No.
Colombo	01
Kandy	02

08. Method of Recruitment :-

- I. After submitting the result sheet prepared based on the total marks obtained in the written test to the Director General of Agriculture and receiving his consent, the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka will take steps to personally inform all the candidates who appeared for the examination or to publish the results on the website of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka www.results.exams.gov.lk
- II. Recruitments will be considered on the merit list prepared according to aggregate of marks of the applicants selected from those who have secured 40% or more marks in each question paper

- III. An interview board appointed by the Director General of Agriculture will examine the qualifications of the applicants based on the merit order of the marks obtained in this examination and only those who have met the qualifications and obtained the highest marks will be selected for the vacancies. (Marks will not be awarded during the interview.)
- IV. The equivalent to the number of expected to be recruited will be called to the general interview as per the order of merit list prepared according to aggregate of marks of the applicants who have passed the written examination.
- V. If it is revealed during the interview that the candidates do not meet the required qualifications by the closing date for applications for the post, their candidature will be cancelled.
- VI. If it is revealed at the interview that a candidate has not fulfilled the qualifications as at the closing date of applications, his /her candidature will be cancelled.
- VII. If any of the particulars furnished by a candidate will be found to be false later or if he/she will fully suppressed any material facts he/she will not be further considered to offer an appointment and an appointment offered to him/her on the result of this examination will be liable to be revoked or legal actions will be taken against him/her.
09. Any matter not provided for in this notification will be decided by the “Appointing Authority” All candidates are bound to act in conformity with the General Rules of Examinations stipulated in this *Gazette*.
10. In the event of any inconsistency among notification published in all three languages (Sinhala, Tamil & English) of this Examination Notification “the Sinhala” notification shall prevail.

Director General of Agriculture.

At the Department of Agriculture,
Peradeniya,
11th November, 2025.