



**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICES,  
PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

**Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment  
to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service –  
2021**

APPLICATIONS are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for filling up of 46 vacancies in the posts in Grade III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service on limited basis.

The relevant application has been published in the website of the Sri Lanka Examination Department, [www.doenets.lk](http://www.doenets.lk) and applications can be submitted only through online. Once the application is submitted online, it should be downloaded and the signature of the applicant should be attested in the printed copy with certification of the Head of the Institution. Thereafter, it should be sent by the registered post to reach the Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examination Organization Branch, Sri Lanka Examination Department, P. B. 1503, Colombo on or before the closing date of applications. **“Limited Competitive Examination for recruitment to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service - 2021”** should be clearly marked on the top left corner of the envelope. The applications will be accepted from **07 August 2021 till 24:00 hrs 06 September 2021**.

Note : The printed copy of the application should compulsorily be sent by the registered post. The complaints on the loss or delay of the printed copy in the mail will not be considered. The inconveniences that may cause due to the delay in sending applications until the closing date should be borne by the applicant himself.

The Commissioner General of Examinations, subject to the orders of the Public Service Commission, will conduct this examination at **Colombo in November 2021**. The Commissioner General of Examinations reserves the right to postpone or cancel this examination subject to the orders of the Public Service Commission.

- (a) The closing date of calling for applications will be **06 September**.

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1. The **“Appointing Authority”** mentioned in this notice means the Public Service Commission and the **“Service”** means the Sri Lanka Planning Service.

## 2. Method of Recruitment :-

Of the candidates who sat all the question papers of the written examination, only those who obtained at least 40% of the marks or more out of the prescribed marks for every written question paper will be called for an interview for verification of qualifications according to the order of merit of the marks they have obtained. The qualifications of the applicants will be examined by a board of interview approved by the Public Service Commission. Marks will not be awarded for this interview.

The number to be appointed to this post and the effective date of appointments will be decided by order of the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission reserves the right to fill a certain number of vacancies or all vacancies.

## 3. Conditions of employment in service :-

- I. This post is permanent and pensionable. Contribution to the Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans Pension Scheme should be made. The applicant is required to be subject to a policy decision made by the Government in future on the Pension Scheme. The officers appointed to this post are subject to a probationary period of one year.
- II. You should acquire proficiency in the prescribed official language as applicable according to the provisions in Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020.
- III. This appointment will be subject to the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Financial Regulations of the Government, Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1589/30 dated 20.02.2009, Service Minute of the Sri Lanka Planning Service published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1670/32 dated 10.09.2010 and to the conditions in the amendments made to that Service Minute.
- IV. The medium in which the candidate sits the examination will be treated as the medium of appointment.

## 4. Salary Scale:-

The Monthly Salary Scale applicable to these posts as per Schedule I of Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016 is Rs. 47,615 - 10 x 1,335 – 8 x 1630 - 17 x 2,170 - 110,895/- (SL I -2016). In addition to that, you will also be entitled to other allowances paid to public officers by the Government from time to time.

## 5. Qualifications:-

### 5.1. Educational Qualifications :

Should have obtained a degree from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission.

### 5.2. Experience :

Should have been confirmed in the appointment and should have completed an uninterrupted, permanent and satisfactory period of service of not less than five years in a service/ post in the public service or provincial public service which carries the Salary Code of MN-1-2016 or above MN code or SL – 1- 2016 in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 with the qualifications set out in 5.1 above on or before the date of publishing of the notice calling for applications in the *Gazette*.

### 5.3. Physical Fitness:

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

### 5.4. Other Qualifications :

- i. All qualifications required for applying for this examination should have been fulfilled in every aspect on or before the date of publishing the gazette notice calling for applications.
- ii. No person ordained in any religion shall be allowed to apply for or sit this competitive examination.
- iii. Should have earned all salary increments on the due dates within the immediately preceding five years in acquiring the qualifications required for applying.
- iv. Should have not been subjected to a disciplinary punishment as at the date of examining the qualifications as per the provisions in Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020 and amendments made thereto.

- v. No candidate will be allowed to sit the limited competitive examination of the Sri Lanka Planning Service more than twice.

## 6. Written Examination :-

The Commissioner General of Examinations, subject to the orders of the Public Service Commission, will conduct this examination. The Commissioner General of Examinations reserves the right to postpone or cancel this examination subject to the orders of the Public Service Commission.

### 6.1. Question Papers :

#### 1.2.

| No. | Subjects      | Maximum marks | Marks to be passed | Duration |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1   | Comprehension | 100           | 40                 | 02 Hours |
| 2   | Case Study    | 100           | 40                 | 01 Hour  |
| 3   | Planning      | 100           | 40                 | 02 Hours |

### 6.2. Syllabus :

#### Subject No. 01 - Comprehension

The candidate will be given passages. The candidate will be presented with a group of alternative statements relating to the passage one of which fits the contents of the passage best. The candidate will be directed to select and state the most appropriate sentence. The questions in respect of other sentences will be set to test how best the candidate grasps their meaning. All questions should be answered.

#### Subject No. 02 - Case Study

A question paper designed to test the candidate's creative thinking power and problem solving abilities. In this paper, the candidate will be presented with one or more situations based on books and publications relating to the economy and planning of present Sri Lanka and directed to give solutions. All questions should be answered.

#### Subject No. 03 – Planning

This question paper is intended to test the candidate's basic knowledge of principles of planning and planning strategies.

### 6.3. Interview :

Only a general interview will be conducted. Of the applicants who obtained at least 40% of marks or more out of the prescribed marks for each written question paper, only a number equivalent to the number of vacancies will be called for the

interview according to the order of merit of the aggregate marks. The applicants who are confirmed at this interview that they have fulfilled the basic qualifications will be selected for appointment. Marks will not be awarded for this interview.

#### N. B. :-

Only attending the interview will not be considered as a completion of qualifications for granting an appointment.

### 6.4. Results of the Examination:-

The result sheet containing the names of the candidates who qualified in the written examination will be sent to the Secretary, Public Service Commission.

The Commissioner General of Examinations will convey the results to all applicants who appeared for the examination, personally by post or on the website [www.results.exams.gov.lk](http://www.results.exams.gov.lk).

### 7. Examination Conditions :-

- I. This examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages. Candidates can sit the examination in any one of these languages of their choice. Candidates should answer all question papers of this examination and select only one medium of language for all the papers. Candidates will not be allowed to change the medium of examination produced by them in the application form.
- II. The online application of the examination should be filled only in English Language. In addition to the soft copy of the application submitted by the applicant via online, a printed copy thereof should also be sent by the registered post. Once the Department of Examinations receives both soft copy and printout copy of the application, those copies will be verified and the applicant will be informed whether the Department accepted/ did not accept it as a valid application by sending an SMS message to the mobile phone. Before filling the online application, please download the Common Instructions Sheet prepared for the examination. Follow these instructions thoroughly when the application is filled. Any revision made after taking a printout of the application will not be considered as a valid revision. The incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

- III. The examination fee for this examination is Rs. 1200/-. When the examination fee is paid, the payments should be made only through the following payment methods provided in the online system.
- (i) Any Bank Credit Card
  - (ii) Any Bank Debit Card with Internet transaction facility
  - (iii) Bank of Ceylon Online Banking System
  - (iv) Bank of Ceylon Teller Slip Payment
  - (v) Any Post Office of the Department of Posts
- Note – Instructions on the manner in which the payments are made through the above methods are published under Technical Instructions in the website of the Department of Examinations.
- IV. Acknowledgement of the payment will be informed by an SMS. The full amount of examination fee should be paid and the applications for which the payments have been made less or more than the examination fee will be rejected. The Department of Examinations will not be responsible for the errors occurring in the payment of examination fees by the above payment methods.
- V. The fee paid for the examination will not be refunded under any circumstance or will not be transferred in respect of any other examination.
- VI. The signature of the applicant placed on the application and the admission card should have been attested. An applicant who is applying for the examination should get his/her signature attested by the Head of the Institution or by any other officer authorized by him.
- Note :** No candidate is allowed to enter the examination hall without the admission card. Only an admission card in which the signature of the candidate is attested should be presented to the supervisor on the date of commencement of the examination. The issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be treated as an acceptance that he or she has fulfilled a qualification to sit the examination or for a post.
- VII. On the assumption that only those who possess the qualifications mentioned in the *Gazette* Notification have sent applications, the Commissioner General of Examinations will
- issue admission cards to the candidates who fall within the age limit specified in the notice and who have paid the relevant examination fees and duly submitted their applications through online and sent printed copy by registered post on or before the closing date of applications. Moreover, the Department of Examinations will provide the facility to download a copy of the admission card through its website. Immediately after the issuance of admission cards to the applicants, a notice thereon will be published in newspapers and the website of the Department of Examinations. If the admission card is not received even after 2 or 3 days of such notice, steps should be taken to make inquiries thereon from the Institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations in the manner specified in the notice. The name of the examination and the full name, address and national identity card number of the applicant should be correctly mentioned when making such inquiry. In case of an applicant outside Colombo, it would be advisable to send a request letter with such details to the fax number mentioned in the notice furnishing a fax number of the applicant to promptly obtain a copy of the admission card. It would also be suitable to keep the copy of the application form, receipt of payment of examination fee, printout of the application form and receipt of postal registration in hand to confirm any matter inquired by the Department of Examinations.
- VIII. Candidates shall be bound by the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations on conducting the examination and releasing the results. He or she shall be liable to be subjected to a punishment imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations in case of violation of these rules and regulations.
- IX. Candidates of the examination shall be required to prove their identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each subject they appear for. For this purpose, any of the following documents shall be accepted.
- i. National Identity Card
  - ii. Valid Passport
  - iii. Valid Driving License of Sri Lanka
- Furthermore, the candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their faces

and ears in order to prove their identity. 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 the examination hall up to leaving upon completion of the examination without covering the face and ears enabling the invigilators to identify the candidate.

8. Penalty for false information :-

If it is revealed that a candidate does not possess the required qualifications, his / her candidature is liable to be annulled at any stage before, during or after the examination. If it is revealed that any of false information has been furnished by a candidate within him/ her knowledge or if he/ she has willfully suppressed a material fact, he or she will be liable for dismissal from the public service.

If any of the above matters is revealed after the appointment, all sums of money already paid under the

relevant appointment as salaries and allowances by the Government/ Provincial Council will be recovered.

9. Matters not provided for in these regulations will be decided by the Public Service Commission.
10. In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the texts published in this notice in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

By order of the Public Service Commission

J. J. RATHNASIRI,  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Public Services,  
Provincial Councils and Local Government.

On 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.