

DEPARTMENT OF FOREST CONSERVATION

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Range Forest Officer of Training Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service in Department of Forest Conservation - 2023

APPLICATIONS are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the recruitment to the post of Range Forest Officer of Training Grade of Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Forest Conservation. Examination will be held in June 2024 at Colombo.

1. Salary:

- Training Grade : MN 01 As per Public Administration Circular No.03/2016,
1st year - Rs. 27,140/-
2nd year – Rs. 27,440/-
- Salary Scale : MN 03 As per Public Administration Circular No.03/2016, Rs. 31040-10×445-11×660-10×730-10×750-57550/=

2. General Terms of Engagement and Service Conditions:

- Recruitments will be first made to the Training Grade and the period of training is two years.
- Appointments will be made to the Range Forest Officer of Grade III of Sri Lanka Technological Service after passing the examination of National Vocational Qualifications Level 6 (NVQ – 6) held at the end of two year training.
- This post is permanent and pensionable. The appointees shall be subjected to the policy decision taken by the Government in future, regarding the Pension Scheme this post is entitled to.
- The appointment shall be subjected to a probation period of three years.
- The places of service of the Range Forest Officers are located in remote places in forested areas and the selected candidates shall serve in any part of the Island.

vi. Sections in the Service Minutes of Sri Lanka Technological Service and the Scheme of Recruitment for Range Forest Officers and Forester of Supervisory Management Assistant - Technological Service Category shall be applicable.

vii. The examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English media. No candidate will be permitted to change the medium of language indicated in the application later.

3. **Age Limit** - Candidates shall be not less than 18 years and not more than 30 years of age as at the closing date of application.

4. **Educational Qualifications** – All the applicants should have satisfactorily completed the following educational qualifications.

(i) Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in three (03) subjects (Except Common Test) including Biology or Agriculture in one sitting.

or

Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in three (03) subjects including either Zoology, Botany or Agriculture as two subjects in one sitting under the old syllabus ;

and

(ii) Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in Six (06) subjects with credit passes for Sinhala/Tamil/English Language, Mathematics, Science and one more subject in one sitting.

5. Other Qualifications:

- Shall be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Shall be of excellent character.
- Shall have completed all the requirements for recruitment to the post mentioned in 3 and 4 above as at the closing date of application.
- Only male applicants shall apply for this post.

- v. All the applicants shall be both physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of the Island and to perform the duties of the post.

6. Method of Recruitment

- I. The applicants who are qualified under Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above will have to sit for a written examination upon which a general interview will be conducted for those who get through the written examination, based on the order of the highest marks. Accordingly, the candidates will be recruited to the existing vacancies based on the highest total marks in the order of priority.
- II. Results will be notified to all the candidates personally by the Commissioner General of Examinations by post or through the website www.results.exams.gov.lk
- III. When there are several candidates who have scored equal marks for the available last vacancy as mentioned in Paragraph 6.1 above, only the candidates who have scored higher marks than the said equal marks will be recruited.
- IV. The candidates selected based on the qualifications mentioned under Paragraph 6.1 above will be absorbed to the Grade III of Sri Lanka Technological Service after passing Level 6 of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ 6) Examination and completing 02 year theoretical and practical training conducted at the Sri Lanka Forestry Institute in Nuwara Eliya.

7. Syllabus

The written examination consists of two question papers:

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
1. Intelligence Test Duration - 01 hour Marks - 100	There are 50 questions in the form of multiple – choice and short answers in order to test the candidate’s rational thinking and analytical skills and the decision making ability. The candidate should answer all the questions.

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
2. Subject related Technical Test Duration - 02 hours Marks - 100	This is a structured and semi-structured question paper to test the knowledge of candidates on forest resource and its effects on organisms, the ecology of Sri Lanka, Geographical importance, Agricultural Economy of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation, important information on Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation and its mission and objectives, natural environment, forest and vegetations, importance on the close relationship between forest and people, basic knowledge on geography (shape of the earth, geographical features), etc. and general knowledge. The candidates should answer all the questions.

The candidates should sit for both these question papers in one medium of language. The candidates should score minimum of 40% marks for each paper to pass the examination.

8. Applications and Other Information

- ❖ The application form has been published on the website of Ministry of Examinations Sri Lanka www.doenets.lk under “Our Services” “Online Applications -” Recruitment Exams” and the application form can only be submitted online. The online submissions will be accepted from **9.00 a.m. on 22nd March 2024 to 9.00 p.m. on 19th April 2024.**
- ❖ Online application form should only be filled in English language. Acceptance or non-acceptance of online submission of the application will be acknowledged by an SMS to the mobile phone number used to access the site or by an email. Before completing the online application form, download the instruction sheet prepared for completing the application form. Strictly follow the instructions thereof in completing the application form. Applicants who are already in the Public Service /

Provincial Public Service should hand over a copy of the application to the relevant authority of current place of employment in order to include it in the personal file. Accordingly, a service certification letter and a copy of the application certified by your Head of Department should be produced in the event that you are called for an interview.

9. Examination Fees

- ❖ The examination fee is Rs. 600/-. Payment of examination fee should be done with the following payment methods only.
 - i. 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 with aforesaid methods have been published on the website under technical instructions relevant to the examination.
- (b) Receipt of payments will be acknowledged by an SMS or email. The total examination fee prescribed should be paid and application forms of applicants who have paid less or more than the prescribed amount will be rejected. The Department of Examinations Sri Lanka bears no responsibility for errors that might occur in paying the examination fee by the above payment methods.
- (c) The examination fee is not refundable and is not transferable to any other examination under any circumstance.

10. The applicant should produce one or all of the documents given below, when required.

- i. Birth Certificate
- ii. Educational Certificates
- iii. A recently obtained certificate from the Grama Niladhari
- iv. Two character certificates
- v. Other relevant certificates

Note- Documents/certificates or photocopies of the same should not be sent along with the application.

11. Examination Centers and Admission Cards -

- I. The examination will be held at the examination centers in towns mentioned in Schedule -I of this notice. The town where the candidate wishes to sit for the examination and the number assigned to the town should be mentioned as first and second choice in the header of the application. When there are no sufficient candidates to hold the examination in a particular town, those candidates will be directed to the town mentioned as their second choice or to another closer town. Further, when there are no sufficient candidates to hold the examination in all or majority of the proposed towns, the Commissioner General of Examinations will take necessary actions to hold the examination in Colombo.
- II. Admission cards will be issued only through online method by the Commissioner General of Examinations to the applicants who have sent duly perfected application forms on or before the closing date along with the receipt relevant to payment of the prescribed examination fee. As soon as the admission cards are issued, a notice in that regard will be published in newspapers by the Department of Examinations. In the event that a candidate has not received the admission card, he /she should inquire from the Organization and Foreign Examination Branch of the Department of Examinations. During these inquiries, the candidate should mention the name of the examination applied for, full name, National Identity Card number and address accurately. If the applicant is a resident outside Colombo, it may be more effective to fax a request letter including a fax number along with the above information to the fax number mentioned in the notice in order to get a copy of the admission card faxed quickly. It would be advisable to keep a copy of the application and a copy of the receipt relevant to payment of examination fee to prove any information requested by the Department of Examinations during the inquiries.
- III. The issue of an admission card should not be treated as an assurance that he/she has fulfilled the requirements to sit for the examination

and the admission card with duly attested signature of the candidate should be submitted to the Supervisor of the Examination Center on the very first day of the examination.

- IV. The candidates are subjected to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conducting of examination and issuing of results. Those who violate such rules and regulations will be subjected to any punishment determined by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

12. Identity of the Candidate -

- ❖ The candidates will be required to prove his/ her identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the Supervisor for each subject he /she sits for. For this purpose, any of the following documents will be accepted.

- I. National Identity Card Number
- II. A valid Passport
- III. A valid Driving Licence of Sri Lanka

Further, the candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their face and ears so that their identity can be verified. Candidates who refuse to prove their identities will not be permitted to enter the examination hall. Further, the candidates should remain with their face and ears uncovered from the moment they enter the examination hall to the moment they leave the hall at the end of the examination, so that the examination authorities can identify the candidates.

13. **Penalty for Furnishing False Information** - If a candidate is found to be ineligible, prior to or after the selection, his candidature or selection is liable to be cancelled at any stage. If any of the particulars furnished by a candidate is found to be false within his knowledge or if he / she is found to have willfully suppressed any important fact, he will be liable to dismissal from the Public Service.

14. If required, actions will be taken as per the decision of the Conservator General of Forests with regard to the matters that have not been mentioned in this notice.
15. In the event of any inconsistency between Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notice, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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Conservator General of Forests.

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15.03.2024

Schedule- I

Towns and the numbers assigned to the towns in which the Examination Centers are to be established.

Town	No. assigned to the Town
Colombo	01
Kotte	02
Nugegoda	03
Maharagama	04
Homagama	05
Avissawella	06
Moratuwa	07
Piliyandala	08
Dehiwala	09
Kaduwela	10

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