

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Fisheries Officer Grade III (Associate Officer 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 the Competitive Examination to be held to recruit to the vacancies in the post of Fisheries Officer Grade III (Associate Officer Service Category) of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatics Resources. Recruitment will be made based on the results of the Competitive Examination which will be conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations in May, 2024 in Colombo.

The application has been published *via* "Online Applications - Recruitment Exams" under "Our Services" in the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka www.doenets.lk and the applications can only be submitted *via* online. Acceptance of online applications will be open on **02nd February, 2024 at 9.00 a.m.** After submitting the application online, it should be downloaded, and then by filling relevant parts of the printed copy in handwriting and upon the signature of the applicant being attested, the same should be sent by registered post to reach the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka on or before the closing date of applications along with the certificate of the Head of the Institution concerned.

Closing date of application will be **01st 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 fifty (50) vacancies in the Post of Fisheries Officers remaining in 15 Coastal District Fisheries Offices and 149 Fisheries Inspector's Divisions around the Island. Duties of this post include field duties in coastal areas, combatting illegal fishing and related activities, night duties etc.

01. Terms of Service:

Candidates to be selected will be appointed to the Post of Fisheries Officer Grade III 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 4-2016

Salary Scale: Rs. 31,490 – 10 × 445 – 11 x 660 – 10 x 730 – 10 x 750 – 54,250/-

03. Educational Qualifications:

Having a Degree in Biology, Microbiology, Zoology, Fisheries Science, Fisheries and Marine Science, Food Science, Food Technology, Economics, Management or Sociology from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or a Degree which includes one of the above subjects as the principle subjects in the degree Course.

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 (including the **Islands belonging to the territory 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 all respects before the closing date mentioned in the notice inviting applications.
- (iv) Should be a holder of pensionable post in the Public / Provincial Public Service as on the date of calling for applications.
- (v) Should not have been subject to 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 examination and a structured interview. Eligible candidates will be selected having interviewed a number of candidates equal to the number expected to be recruited in order of merit of the total marks of the candidates who pass the written examination.

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

10. Written Examination:

Question Paper	Time	Total Marks	Pass Marks
1. Intelligence Test	01 hour	100	40%
2. General Knowledge	02 hours	100	40%

Name of the Question Paper	Syllabus
Intelligence Test	This is framed with the aim of gauging the candidate's rational thinking and analysis power and ability to arrive at correct case inferences, and intelligence. This question paper consists of 50 questions in multiple choice and short answer mode and all the questions have to be answered.
General Knowledge	This is a question paper 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. This question paper consists of 50 questions in multiple choice and short answer mode and all the questions have to be answered.

11. Structured Interview:

Headings to which marks are allotted	Maximum marks	Minimum marks considered for selection
Extra Educational Qualifications	15	Not applicable
Computer Related Knowledge	15	
Proficiency in English Language	05	
Merits shown at the interview	15	
Total	50	

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 candidate will be notified by SMS to the mobile phone number used to access the system or to the e-mail address to the effect 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.

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 applications, within the age limit specified in the notification, on the 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 candidates, an announcement stating the same will be published on the website of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka. 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 when inquiring such details, it is important to retain a photocopy of the application, a photocopy of the receipt for 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 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:

Recruitment is based on the results of a written competitive examination and a structured interview. In order of merit of the total marks of the candidates who pass the written examination, twice the number of male candidates equal to 75% of the number expected to be recruited and twice the number of female candidates equal to 25% of the number expected to be recruited will be subjected to the structured interview. 75% of the expected number of male candidates and 25% of the female candidates who have secured the highest marks according to the merit of the aggregated marks of both the written examination and the structured interview will be selected for appointment based on the number of vacancies.

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 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 cancelled 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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24th January, 2024.