

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Officer Cadet Enlistment at KDU

How can I get an idea about the Degree programmes offered?

Answer: Please visit the KDU website at www.kdu.ac.lk. Detailed information about the Degree programmes can be found through this link: <https://kdu.ac.lk/enlistment-of-officer-cadets/>

Are there any course fees for Officer Cadets?

Answer: No, course fees are not charged for Officer Cadets. However, selected candidates must sign an agreement and bond with the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka before admission to KDU. Selected candidates will also complete military training at the respective military academies before and after the Degree programme. Upon successful completion, Officer Cadets are commissioned into the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, or Air Force and are required to serve for a compulsory period.

How can I apply for KDU Degree programmes?

Answer: Each year, KDU calls for applications for Officer Cadet positions **after the release of the GCE A/L results**. Notifications are published in the Government Gazette, on the KDU website, TV, social media platforms, and newspapers. Applications must be submitted online.

Can I hand over the application to KDU in person?

Answer: No, applications can only be submitted online. Please use the online platform provided by KDU for this purpose.

How do I pay the application processing fee?

Answer: The application processing fee is paid online during the final step of the online application process. There is typically a non-refundable application fee. The fee amount is listed on the admissions website, and payment can usually be made using a credit card or a debit card.

Are scholarships available for Officer Cadets?

Answer: No, scholarship opportunities are not available for Officer Cadets at KDU.

Can I apply if I have dual citizenship?

Answer: No only Sri Lankan citizens are eligible to apply for officer cadet enlistment at KDU.

What are the required physical standards for Officer Cadets?

		Army		Navy		Air Force	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Height	MBBS	5' 6"	5' 3"	168 cm	160 cm	5' 5" (165 cm)	5' 3" (160 cm)
	Other Degrees	5' 6"	5' 3"	168 cm (171 cm for Provost Branch)	160 cm (163 cm for Provost Branch)	5' 6" (167.5 cm)	5' 4" (162.5 cm)
Weight		50 Kg	-	52 kg	41kg	--	--
BMI		-	-	-	-	<26 and >17	<25 and >17
Chest		32" (Unexpanded)	-	81 cm	-	32" (Min. 81 cm)	-

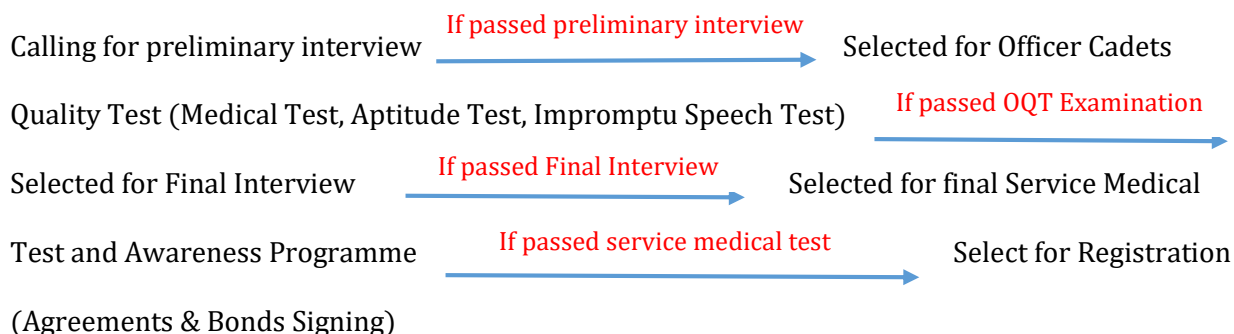
Vision

		Army			Navy			Air Force		
		L	R	CP	L	R	CV	L	R	CP
Professional Category	Without Lenses	6/18	6/18	CP 2	6/18	6/18	24/24 By Ishihara's plates	6/18	6/18	CP 2
	Corrected Vision	6/6	6/6	CP 2	-	-	-	6/6	6/6	CP 2
	With Lenses	-	-	-	6/6	6/6	24/24 By Ishihara's plates	-	-	-
	Near Vision	-	-	-	J - 01 (Sinhala) N - 08 (English)			-	-	-
Other Category	Without Lenses	6/9	6/6	CP 2	6/6	6/6	CP 2	6/6	6/6	CP 2

What happens after I submit the completed application?

After the closing date, shortlisted applicants will be invited for a preliminary interview. You will be notified accordingly.

What is the interview process?



What happens if I do not meet the required marks at the Final Interview?

If you do not meet the cutoff marks for the Final Interview, you will be placed on a reserve list. Candidates on the reserve list may be contacted after registration based on the availability of vacancies.

Does KDU offer any Degree programmes for school students?

No, KDU does not provide Degree programmes for school students.

What are the basic qualifications required to apply?

The candidate must:

- Be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Be unmarried.
- Satisfy the minimum physical standards stipulated by the Tri-services and SL Police.
- Be between 18-22 years of age at the closing date of application for Officer Cadets.
- Have passed the Common General Test (minimum marks: 30).
- Be eligible for university admission in Sri Lanka.
- Have obtained a minimum of a Credit (C) pass for English language at G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination or at Cambridge / Edexcel or equivalent O/L examination.
- Candidates who have sat for the 2023 (2024) or 2024 G.C.E. A/L examination (except for the MBBS Degree Programme). The G.C.E A/L year considered for MBBS degree programme is 2024.
- Candidates who have sat and received results of the Cambridge/Edexcel (A/L) or equivalent foreign examination from 20.07.2024 to 06.06.2025 are eligible to apply for university admission and are considered for all degree programmes.

What is the duration of the Degree Programme for Officer Cadets?

The duration of the Degree Programme depends on the selected field of study. Most programmes range between 3 to 5 years, including military training.

What is the bonded Service Period for Officer Cadets?

The bonded service period for Officer Cadets begins from the date they are enlisted into service. For MBBS and other Degree programmes, the bonded period is 20 years and 12 years, respectively. These service obligations ensure that the government's investment in training and education is reciprocated through dedicated service in the enlisted branches of the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, or Air Force.

Are there any additional benefits for Officer Cadets during academic period?

Officer Cadets receive accommodation, meals, and uniforms throughout their academic period at the university.

Can Officer Cadets take leave during the training period?

Officer Cadets are granted leave under specific circumstances, which are subject to the approval of the commanding officer and based on training schedules.

What opportunities are available after completing the Degree Programme?

Upon successful completion of the Degree Programme, Officer Cadets are commissioned into the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, or Air Force. They will have opportunities to serve in various capacities, participate in international missions, and pursue advanced military training or higher education.

Is there any penalty for leaving the Programme before completion?

Yes, Officer Cadets who leave the Programme prematurely may be required to reimburse the costs incurred by the government, as stipulated in the bond agreement.

Are there extracurricular activities for Officer Cadets?

Yes, Officer Cadets can participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, including sports, cultural events, and leadership development programmes.

How is discipline maintained during the training?

Discipline is strictly enforced through a structured code of conduct. Officer Cadets are expected to adhere to military regulations, and any violations are addressed through disciplinary procedures.

Can females apply to become officer cadets?

Yes, KDU encourages applications from both male and female candidates who meet eligibility criteria.

How can I stay updated on enlistment announcements?

Regularly check the KDU website and official social media pages for updates on enlistment, announcements, application deadline and other important information.