

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & MASS MEDIA

Recruitment for the Student Nursing Training – Year 2026

APPLICATIONS are called from eligible Sri Lankan citizens to recruit for the Student Nursing Training, of the Ministry of Health from 2026.05.29 to 30.06.2026. Applications could be submitted only through the official web site of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media. (www.health.gov.lk)

1. Important:

- 1.1. Each applicant can submit only one application. If an applicant has submitted more than one application, all applications will be rejected. An applicant who has passed GCE A/L in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 should submit only one application. The applicant should submit only one application based on the preferred year of examination. Applicant should not submit separate applications for the separate years. If an applicant has submitted applications for more than one year all applications will be rejected.
- 1.2. In the past few years, considering recruitment, it was observed that many other qualified students did not get even one such opportunity due to the registration of several courses by one student under the free education privileges of the Government. Apart from this, the Government's money is being wasted due to this situation, and the planned goals of the relevant institutions cannot be achieved due to the lack of the expected number of trained professionals at the end of course. Therefore, necessary provisions to mitigate this situation and give every applicant at least one opportunity have been published in paragraph 5 of this *Gazette*. Accordingly, as detailed in sub-paragraphs number 5.1 to 5.5, a person who is not eligible, should not apply for this course. However, if a person with such disqualification applies for this course and is discovered later, action will be taken against them as per sub-paragraph 9.3 of the *Gazette* notification.
- 1.3. In past recruitments, it was observed that false information (false examination years, subjects, grades obtained etc.) was submitted in the applications. It has also been observed some applicants provide certificates with false information to the Interview Board. It is a serious offense. Therefore, no applicant should provide false information in the submitted e-application. If an applicant submits such false information the application will be rejected. Applicants name will be submitted to Department of Criminal Investigation for necessary legal actions. Further their names will be included in the blacklisted names for recruiting to Government Service.
- 1.4. Each Applicant should read and understand this *Gazette* and the information provided in the e-application. If the applicant is eligible to apply, ensure the receipt obtained by paying Rs.1000/- to any Bank of Ceylon Branch (as per paragraph 7.3) and the documents mentioned in 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 sections are available with you before you apply and submit the application.

02. Educational qualifications and other specific qualifications relevant to the post:

Table – 01

<i>G.C.E.(O/L) Qualifications</i>	<i>G.C.E.(A/L) Qualifications</i>	<i>Other specific Qualifications relevant for the Training Course</i>
Should have passed 06 subjects with credit passes for 04 Subjects namely Sinhala/ Tamil Language, Mathematics, Science and English in not more than two sittings at the G.C.E.(O/L) examination.	Should have passed any 03 subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Agriculture, Physics and Mathematics which belong to Bio Science subject stream in one sitting at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination either in 2021,2022,2023 or 2024. (Common General Test and General English is not considered as subjects) or Should have passed any 03 subjects from Combined Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Advanced Mathematics which belong to Physical Science subject stream in one sitting at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination either in 2021, 2022,2023 or 2024. (Common General Test and General English is not considered as subjects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fulltime training is of 3 years duration and will be conducted in English Medium • Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 28 years of age at 29.05.2026. • Should not be less than 4'10" (147.3 cm) in height. • Should be unmarried. • Both males and females can apply.

3. Method of recruitment for training:

- 3.1. Recruitments for the student Nursing Training is done from the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications in terms of the Sri Lanka Nursing Service Minute published in the *Extra Ordinary Gazette* No. 1837/8 dated 19.11.2013 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the amendments made there from time to time. (Male applicants will be recruited based on the service exigency of the Institutions under the Ministry subject to the provisions of the Nursing Service Minute)
- 3.2. The total number to be recruited from the Island will be divided in proportion to the population in each District and then the number recruited from each District will be determined.
- 3.3. Thereafter the number to be recruited from each District will be divided in proportion to the number of applicants who apply from the respective district in 2021, 2022 ,2023 or 2024 and have satisfied the minimum educational qualifications, and then number of recruits in each year from the respective Districts will be determined.
- 3.4. Thereafter, the number of recruits from each examination will be divided in proportion to the number of applicants who apply and satisfied the minimum educational qualifications from the Bio Science and Physical Science subject streams in the respective year and then the number of recruits from the respective District in each year from each subject stream will be determined.

- 3.5. The number of recruits from each subject stream in each examination will be determined as such and 5% out of the total number will be male applicants and 95% will be for female applicants. Recruitments will be made from the applicants who have obtained the highest Z score from each subject stream in the respective district in each year.

4. Eligibility:

Each Applicant -

- 4.1. Should be a Sri Lankan citizen.
- 4.2. Applicant should be excellent in character and be physically and mentally fit.
- 4.3. You should have been a permanent resident of the District for three consecutive years immediately prior to the closing date of applications i.e.2026.06.30. The Certificate of residence issued by the Grama Niladhari should be submitted. Where any applicant is unable to prove the residence during the preceding 3 years, they will not be eligible to be recruited from the current (residence) District. Based on the past Districts of residence, the District in which he/she has lived longest duration of time will be considered for recruitment by the Interview board. The applicant should provide necessary documents to prove the residence to the Interview Board.

Note:

Where any candidate is unable to prove the residence during the preceding 3 years due to employment of his/her father or mother in a transferrable service of the Government or of Provincial Public Service or as a State Corporation or due to any other unavoidable reason, if he/she provides acceptable reasons, the final decision will be taken by the Secretary of Ministry of Health & Mass Media.

5. Who are not eligible to apply /get selected for the course:

- 5.1. Students who are registered or currently following any fulltime/internal course conducted by a State University or a State University college recognized by the University Grants Commission under the national free education policy.
- 5.2. Students who are registered or currently following any fulltime course conducted by a National College of Education of Sri Lanka.
- 5.3. Students who are registered or currently following any fulltime course conducted by the Ministry of Health & Mass Media, or any other Government Institute.
- 5.4. If you have registered for a full-time course conducted by an institute which falls under 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 above; even though, you cancelled your registration after this *Gazette* is published, you are not eligible to apply or to get selected for the training.
- 5.5. A student who has registered the marriage or a divorcee.

6. Other Information:

- 6.1. If you have completed a Degree in any University, the effective date should be a date which is earlier than the date of application i.e., 2026.05.29 to the course.
- 6.2. It should be strictly noted that no section contained in this *Gazette* notification implies that you will be selected to the course applied for even the above conditions have been fulfilled. It should also be noted even if you have satisfied the above conditions, you are not eligible for above course, if you have not obtained a sufficient Z score to be eligible or if you have not fulfilled any other condition.

- 6.3. Subsequent to the recruitment for the training if it is revealed that you are not eligible for the training as you have got registered/ or was following a fulltime programme as mentioned in 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 above or if you are not eligible under 5.4 or 5.5 conditions you will be withdrawn from the training /dismissed from the post and all the expenses incurred by the government until then will be recovered from you. Further, their names will be included in the blacklisted names for recruiting to Government Service.
- 6.4. The validity date of all educational and other certificates submitted for verification of eligibility should be on or before 2026.06.30 which is the last date of submission of applications.
- 6.5. Also, after applying for this course without the qualifications specified in the *Gazette* notification, this Ministry will not bear any responsibility for the inconvenience caused to the applicant.

7. The method of application:

- 7.1. Candidates shall apply for the above training course *via* the official website of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media. (www.health.gov.lk). They are required to fill and submit the online application on the website. Instructions for filling the application form are available on the online application form.
- 7.2. The application form should be filled in English only.
- 7.3. Applicants should pay an amount of Rs. 1000/- to the Bank of Ceylon to the credit of the account of “ The Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media., Collection of Examination fee” Thaprobane Branch of Bank of Ceylon No. 7041318. Every applicant should arrange to pay this amount at any Bank of Ceylon Branch before submitting the application. This payment should not be made through a cash deposit machine or internet banking service. These fees are non-refundable for any reason and transfer for another exam is not allowed. You should keep the proof of payment (receipt) safe, and if you attend the interview, it must be presented. Accordingly, applicants who are observed to have made payments after submitting the application and applicants who fail to submit a receipt will be considered ineligible for recruitment.
- 7.4. A copy of the submitting electronic application should be received at your email address:
 - (a). Every applicant who successfully submits an application in accordance with all the points mentioned in this *gazette* notification and the instruction sheet published on the website for completing the e-application will receive a copy of it your email address as soon as their application is properly forwarded.
 - (b). Every applicant should obtain a print-out of their application as it appears on the computer screen. It is not necessary to send it by post. It is your responsibility to keep it safe as this copy is the formal and only proof available to every applicant who has submitted an application to confirm that he has submitted an application for this purpose.
 - (c). If at any time the application is not uploaded to your email address after submitting your application, the application has not been forwarded correctly. If there are applicants whose applications are not received at your email address, it should be understood that their applications have not been properly uploaded/ submitted. All such students will be considered as students who have not submitted their applications. Accordingly, such an applicant should promptly contact the Human Resources Management and Coordination Unit via the telephone number or/and email address given in paragraph 7.5 (a) below and resolve the issue regarding his/her application before 2026.06.30 and obtain a copy of his/her application, and I emphasize that this task is entirely the responsibility of the applicant. However, requests submitted after 2026.06.30 regarding electronic applications that have not been formally forwarded to this Minister will not be considered at all.
 - (d). Furthermore, I further emphasize that an applicant should send a copy of his/her application with every request made regarding any matter related to this recruitment, and I further emphasize that any request without it will not be considered.

7.5. Inquiries for essential information:

- (a). If you have fulfilled the conditions and eligible to apply, any questions on completing the application, or assistance relating to section 7.4.(C) above, instructions could be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Management and Coordinating Unit of the Ministry of Health during working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. via telephone number 0112 340 007, can also be contacted at the email address hrcodmoh@gmail.com. (Here it is always necessary to mention your national identity card number and a telephone number where you can be contacted).
- (b). All necessary information has been published in the gazette and web site of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media. Therefore, please do not call for any other reason.

8. The attestation of the applicant's signature:

- 8.1. The signature of the applicant should be attested by an officer in Sri Lanka Administrative Service / an Officer in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service / an Officer in Sri Lanka Accountants' Service / a Government Principal / a Justice of the Peace / An Attorney of Law or an officer who hold a permanent and pensionable post and draws an annual salary not less than Rs. 512, 148.00.
- 8.2. The applications that are not complying with the above terms of the *gazette* or incomplete applications will be rejected without any notice.

9. If you are called for the interview, you shall submit the following documents:

- 9.1. (a). Out of the applicants those who have satisfied the minimum educational qualifications, according to the successfully uploaded online application, only a selected number of applicants will be called for the interview based on a priority list prepared. A general interview will be held by a board of interview appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media. The interview board will check the qualifications and physical fitness required for the post by the Service Minute and this gazette notification. Applicants shall submit the **Originals** of the following documents at the interview;
 - (b). If due to unavoidable reasons (Acceptable to the Interview Board) any applicant is unable to submit any certificate/document on that day, the representative of this ministry shall approach the Deputy Director General (Admin) II within 7 days from the date of the interview as per the instructions of the Interview Board. All applicants who fail to do so will be considered ineligible for selection.
- 9.2. Printed copy of the uploaded application (Duly attested by an officer as mentioned in Sub-paragraph 8.1.)
- 9.3. Birth Certificate
- 9.4. G.C.E. (A/L) result sheet with the Z score (Issued by the Examinations Department)
- 9.5. G.C.E (O/L) result sheet (Issued by the Examinations Department)
- 9.6. National Identity Card issued by Department for Registration of Persons or valid passport or valid Sri Lankan driving license
- 9.7. Receipt obtained for the payment of Rs.1000.00 to the Bank
- 9.8. Certificate of proving residence issued by the Grama Niladari (DS – 04)
- 9.9. School leaving certificate (Education B-59)
- 9.10. A formal affidavit signed over a stamp at the value of Rs 50/- in the presence of a Justice of the Peace to confirm that the applicant is not married or divorced as per sub-paragraph 5.5.

9.11. A solemn declaration of the candidate. (self-declared certificate to prove that one is free of disqualifications as per sub-paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4 of paragraph 5)

Note:

- (a) In addition to the originals of the documents mentioned from 9.2 to 9.11 above true copies of the originals certified by the applicant himself/herself should be brought to the interview.
- (b) Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media shall decide the number of applicants to be called for the interview and number to be selected for training based on the capacity of the training schools and service requirements.
- (c) Any section herein does not mean that those who are called for the interview are selected and it should not be understood so.
- (d) After conducting the interview, the information about the selected applicants will be published on the website of this Ministry <http://www.health.gov.lk> and no one will be notified personally. However, if it is necessary to inform about specific information that arises from time to time, they will be done through the phone number and email address that you have submitted with the application. Therefore, it is your responsibility to keep the telephone numbers and email address provided with the application form unchanged and active, and this Ministry will not be responsible for any problematic situations that may occur due to the fact that the relevant information is not communicated in a timely manner due to such changes or being inactive.
- (e) Appeals will not be considered for any reason by the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications in terms of this *Gazette*, but failed to attend the interview/s. Further appeals will not be considered by the applicants who have not got registered to the course following selection on the due date.

10. Scheme of training:

- 10.1. Applicants selected from the interview will be admitted to training schools to follow the training course. Period of the course and the medium in which the course should be followed mentioned in table 02.
- 10.2. Trainees who are admitted to the training schools will be subject to the rules and regulations which are effective in the training schools and the orders imposed by the Ministry of Health from time to time.
- 10.3. Training of those who fail the prescribed examinations, whose work and conduct are not satisfactory of who fail to adhere to relevant conditions of examination and conditions of leave of the training school or whose educational and other qualifications are found to be false, may be terminated at any time without any compensation.
- 10.4. A monthly allowance will be paid to the trainees during the training in terms of the provisions of section VI of Public Administration circular 10/2025.
- 10.5. At the time of admission to the training school, the training will be successfully completed and the course will not be abandoned, and if appointed in the relevant position after the completion of the training, will serve for a period of at least ten (10) years under the public/provincial public service, nominated by the Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media. An agreement must be entered in to with a receiving officer and the guarantee presented by the Ministry of Health regarding your training and compulsory service period with two recognized guarantors. According to 10.3 above, students who withdraw from training during the training period, leave training, have to be removed from training or fail to serve in the relevant position for a period of ten (10) years after being appointed will be removed from training / position and paid to them by the government during the relevant period. Allowances, fees incurred and contracted amounts shall be paid to the Ministry of Health & Mass Media. If not, steps will be taken to recover the money according to the agreement and legally.
- 10.6. Applicants applying for nursing training must be unmarried/not divorced by the commencing date of the application process, and it is mandatory to remain unmarried during the training period.

11. Terms of Employment:

- 11.1. Government is not bound to grant permanent appointments at the end of the training. However, the candidates will be considered for appointing to a post in Class III of the post concerned on the basis of the merit obtained at the final examination of the training to fill the vacancies remaining after making the transfers of senior Officers, according to the priority list of vacancies prepared based on the vacancies exist as at the date of completion of the training. Further selected applicants should serve in any part of the Sri Lanka, based on existing vacancies.
- 11.2. If permanent appointment is granted at the end of the training period, salaries will be paid in terms of the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 VI.
- 11.3. Applicants should carefully and accurately fill the particulars of education and other qualifications in the application. If the above certificates are proved to be false after recruitment to the training or after appointment, action will be taken to refer the case to the Criminal Investigation Department for taking legal action / to cancel the appointment, to dismiss him/her from the training / post, and to enter his / her name in to the black list of those who are not permitted to be re-employed in the Public Service after taking disciplinary action against him / her. Action will be taken to recover the allowance paid to him / her during the training period, expenses incurred by the Government, and the amount of the Agreement and Surety Bond.
- 11.4. Selected applicants should submit themselves for a medical examination during the first month of the training to certify that the applicant is physically and mentally fit to follow the course and to serve in any part of the Island and if an applicant is found to be unfit from the medical examination, he / she will be disqualified from the training.
- 11.5. All persons selected as above will be subjected to provisions of the Establishment Code of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka rules, regulations and orders imposed by the Public Service Commission regarding the Public Service, provisions of the service minutes, Financial Regulations, circulars and instructions of the Government and orders imposed and amendments made thereto from time to time.
- 11.6. This Ministry is not bound to provide hostel facilities in the training schools for the applicants recruited for the training. If such facilities provided, rent assessed for a housing room, water and electricity charges will be charged.
- 11.7. You have no right to engage in trade union activities during the period of training. If it is found to have done so you will be removed from training or take other appropriate action.
- 11.8. If any problem arises regarding recruitment to the training or any matter covered or not covered by this *Gazette* notification, the decision of the Secretary of Health & Mass Media., will be the final. In case of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English text, the text in Sinhala will prevail.

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