

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Selection of Candidates to follow the Full Time (Internal) Course of Post Graduate Diploma in Education in Academic Year - 2020

APPLICATIONS are invited to select candidates for the study of One Year Full Time (Internal) Post Graduate Diploma in Education Course during the academic year 2020.

02. This course will be held in the Universities of Colombo, Peradeniya, Rajarata and Jaffna.

03. Language medium/media in which the course will be conducted in each university are indicated below :

1. University of Colombo - Sinhala Medium and Tamil Medium
2. University of Peradeniya - Sinhala Medium
3. University of Rajarata - Sinhala Medium
4. University of Jaffna - Tamil Medium

Application for the course can be made only in one medium.

04. Every candidate should confirm that he/she is holding the following qualifications :

- (i) Should be a citizen of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Should not be more than 50 years of age as at 20.03.2020.
- (iii) Should be in good health physically and mentally and should possess a good character.
- (iv) Should be a graduate of a recognized university or should hold a degree or another equivalent qualification obtained from another institute approved by the University Grants Commission or the Ministry of Higher Education.
- (v) Should have obtained a permanent appointment and serving in a relevant post in the following services :
 - (a) * Sri Lanka Parivenacharya Service
 - * Sri Lanka Private School Teachers' Service
 - * Sri Lanka Teachers' Service

(b) Sri Lanka Principals' Service

(c) Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service

(d) Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service.

(vi) Should have completed a service of one year as a graduate in a post of the services indicated in Para. 04(v) as at 20.03.2020.

N.B. :

- (i) Teachers with National Diploma in Teaching will be qualified to apply only if they have completed the five-year compulsory period of service according to the bond in relation to their appointment by 20.03.2020 and have obtained the qualification mentioned in 4(vi).
- (ii) Applicants who are on study leave and serving under a bond will be qualified to apply only if they have completed the compulsory period of service indicated in the bond as at 20.03.2020 or have completed at least five (5) years out of the compulsory period.
- (iii) Applicants who hold the Bachelor of Education Degree will not be eligible to apply for following this course.

05. 05.1 *Method of Selection :*

- (i) Every candidate should sit a written examination.
- (ii) Thrice the number of candidates, who will be selected for the course will be called for the interview, based on the merit order of marks obtained by candidates in the written examination.
- (iii) Marks will be allocated at the interview for the period of service in the relevant post/posts of the service/services of the candidate as indicated in 4(v) of the *Gazette* Notification. 04 marks each for one year of service will be awarded. Maximum marks provided for the service will be 40. Period of service of a candidate will be calculated using the date of assuming duties in the relevant post of his/her first appointment in the service from among the services indicated in 4(v).

N. B.– The applicant should possess a continuous service in a post/posts in a service/ services mentioned in 4(v).

- (iv) The total of the marks obtained from the written examination and the marks obtained for the period of service will be treated as the final marks and the selection for the course will be made according to the order of such marks.
- (v) If disabled candidates have applied for the course, 1% of the vacancies for candidates will be reserved for them.
- (vi) The number of candidates to be selected for the course will be decided according to accommodation facilities available in each university.

05.2 *Written Examination :*

- (i) The written examination for selection conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations will be held in Sinhala and Tamil medium in Colombo and Jaffna.
- (ii) Candidates may appear for the Examination at a preferred center selected from the two centers indicated above and in a medium of language they prefer.
- (iii) Candidates should act in accordance with the rules and regulations related to the examination as published by the Commissioner General of Examination.
- (iv) The written examination will consist of two question papers :
 - (a) General Knowledge - Question paper on Current Affairs, General Knowledge, Information on Education and issues (Time 01 hour) ;
 - (b) Aptitude Test - Question paper on Language ability, Comprehension, Logic, Arithmetical Skills (Time 01 hour 30 minutes)

05.3 *Interview :*

- (i) At the interview, candidates should substantiate that they are qualified to follow the course under Para. 04 in the *Gazette* Notification.
- (ii) Candidates should submit to the interview board the documents required to confirm their period of service in the post/posts of a service/services indicated in 4(v) in the *Gazette* Notification. Specially the date of assuming duties in the post should be substantiated at the interview. It will assist the candidate in obtaining the marks assigned for the period of service.
- (iii) Teachers who apply for the course from government registered Pirivenas and Government approved Private Schools should submit a statement at the interview, obtained from the Manager/ Manager of the Administrative Board certified as follows :
 - (a) The teacher will be released for the course ;
 - (b) Salaries will be paid to the teachers during the period of study of the course ;
 - (c) The teacher will be re-employed at the end of the course ;
 - (d) Another teacher will not be recruited to fill the vacancy of the relevant teacher during the period of his/her study ;
 - (e) The duties of the teacher will be distributed among the approved teaching staff of the school.

Note.– If the number of applications received is less than the number that can be enrolled the enrollments is done without a written examination but only through an interview with the concurrence of the Department of Examination and the Ministry of Education.

06. *Method of submission of applications :*

- (i) Applications should be prepared using both sides of a A4 paper in conformity with the given specimen form.
- (ii) The term, "An applicant visually impaired/hearing impaired/having other special needs" should be written in red on the top left hand corner of the applications prepared for candidates who are visually impaired/hearing impaired/having other special needs.

(iii) *Payment of Examination Fees :*

A sum of Rs. 900 should be paid as examination fees to the nearest post office and the receipt obtained should be affixed firmly in the cage provided for the purpose in the application. Post Master General has been notified by the Commissioner General of Examinations to make provisions to issue this receipt at all post offices from 20.02.2020 to 20.03.2020.

(iv) *Submission of applications :*

- (a) The term "Post Graduate Diploma in Education (Internal) Full Time Course 2020" should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application.
- (b) Applications should be sent under the registered post to reach Commissioner General of Examinations, Sri Lanka Department of examinations, Evaluation and Testing Service, Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before 20.03.2020.
- (c) A copy of the application should be handed over to the personal file of the applicant through the Head of the Department. If the applicant is selected to follow the course, it will assist in obtaining study leave.
- (v) Time table and the admission cards will be posted to the candidates and if any candidate does not receive his/her admission card at least 07 days prior to the date of the examination, he/she should inform the Commissioner General of Examinations, Department of Examinations,

Pelawatta, Battaramulla including the following Information :

- (a) Name of Examination :
- (b) Candidate's name in full :
- (c) Address :
- (d) Post Office where fees were paid and receipt No. :
- (e) Date of posting the application :
- (f) Post office where the application was posted and receipt No. :
- (vi) Refund of examination fees or transfer of fees for any other examination will not be made under any circumstances.
- (vii) Incomplete applications will be rejected without further notification.
- (viii) Every candidate should substantiate his/her identity at the written examination using a valid identity card.
- (ix) The candidates will not be allowed to change the University after being selected to a particular university to follow the course.
- (x) If it is revealed that a particular candidate has not fulfilled the requirements as per the *Gazette* Notification ever after the selection, the selection of such candidate is liable to be cancelled.

07. *Study leave.*— Study leave with full pay will be granted to the selected candidates to follow this course. Where, the officers in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service, the holders of the Principal Grades and Teachers serving in the staff of National Schools, Private Schools and Pirivenas have to get their study leave approved by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education while the approval of study leave of other officers should be done by the Secretary of Education of the relevant province.

08. *Bond.*— Candidates who are selected for the course are required to sign a security bond with the Secretary of the Ministry of Education/Provincial Secretary of Education that, he/she would upon successful completion of this course, serve in the department for a period recommended by the rules and regulations stipulated in the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

09. If any selected candidate fails to obtain the Diploma Certificate within the stipulated period without successfully completing this course owing to reasons within his/her control, the salaries and allowances paid to him/her during the period of study leave should be fully recovered from him/her.

10. If the work, conduct and attendance of any student is found to be unsatisfactory during the period of study, such students will be removed from the course.

11. In the event of any inconsistency between Sinhala and Tamil or English text of this *Gazette* Notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

N. H. M. CHITHRANANDA,
Secretary,
Ministry of Education.

Ministry of Education,
Isurupaya,
Battaramulla,
On 31st January, 2020.