

MINISTRY OF LAND

Survey Department of Sri Lanka

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF APPRENTICE SURVEYORS IN THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF SRI LANKA - 2020

OPEN competitive examination for recruitment to the posts of apprentice surveyors in the Survey Department will be held in Colombo in December 2020 by the Commissioner General of Examination. Date and the venue of the Examination will be informed in due course.

Applications are invited from the candidates who completed the prescribed qualifications as follows to recruit for 31 posts of apprentice surveyor in Survey Department, outside the Sri Lanka Survey Service, so as to be able to fill vacancies remain in the grade III of Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service. (Appointing authority has power not to fill all or certain number of vacancies)

01	Surveying science graduates	28 posts
02	Other graduates	03 posts

01. Qualifications :

1.1 Educational Qualifications :

- (a) Should have obtained from a University / Institute recognized by the University Grant Commission
- (i) A BSc degree in Surveying Science
or
(ii) A BSc Special degree (Mathematics or Physics or Computer/Information Technology Science as a main Subject)
or
(iii) A BSc degree in Engineering Science
or
(iv) A Computer/Information Technology Science degree with a class
or

(v) General BSc degree with Mathematics or Physics subjects with a class

And

- (b) Should have passed Mathematics and Physics subjects for G.C.E. Advanced Level

Note: No one who is in pending results of a degree examination is allowed to apply to this examination. However, when someone who graduated from a recognized university submits an official letter obtained from the registrar of said university confirming that he/she has passed the degree examination, with the application, permission is granted to sit for this examination.

1.2 Professional Qualifications and experience : Not applicable

1.3 Physical Qualifications :

Every candidate should be a person who is physically fit in every respect to serve in any part of Sri Lanka with three dimensional sight void of color blindness.

1.4 Other Qualifications :

- (i) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- (ii) Should be of excellent moral character.
- (iii) Persons ordained in any religious order will not be recruited to this post and they cannot apply for this post. Likewise, they are not in any way permitted to sit for the recruitment examination.
- (iv) The fact that the qualifications required to sit for the competitive examination for appointment to the Service have been fulfilled will be accepted only if the qualifications prescribed in this Appendix have been completed as at date stated in the *Gazette Notification* as the date on which the qualifications should be completed. Copies of the certificates should be submitted with the application in support of the qualifications.

1.5 Age :

- 1.5.1 Minimum Age limit : 22 years
- 1.5.2 Maximum Age limit: 28 years
(Accordingly, only those who were born on or before 12.10.1998 and on or after 12.10.1992 will be eligible to apply).

02. Method of recruitment.— Recruitments will be made by a written competitive examination conducted only by the Commissioner General of Examination. The candidates who have passed all the subjects and secured a minimum of 40% marks for each question paper, will be recruited to the post of Apprentice Surveyor outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service in order of merit of marks, subsequent to an interview conducted by the Surveyor General to ascertain the qualifications and general physical fitness.

- (a) Details of the open competitive examination for recruitment to the post of Apprentice Surveyor of the Department of Survey outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service.

The open competitive examination held for the post of Apprentice Surveyor of the Department of Survey of Sri Lanka is conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English language and candidates are allowed to sit only in one language and the medium applied for will not be allowed to change subsequently. This examination is consisted of question papers related to three subjects as follows and every candidate should appear for all three subjects.

Name of the question paper	Time	Maximum marks	Passed marks
1. Comprehension	2 hours	100	40
2. Intelligence Test	2 hours	100	40
3. General Knowledge	2 hours	100	40

Comprehension : A number of short texts are given to the candidate by these question papers for a period of two hours (02). Certain texts are given to express in one sentence. Questions for which comments should be provided to the underlined words are also given. A number of alternative statements are given to the candidates in respect of certain other text and one of them is most suitable for the contents included in this text. Candidates should select the most appropriate statement from it. Several questions will

be given to the candidate in regard to certain other texts. Correct answers for them are expected. These questions are prepared to test the manner in which the candidate grasps the meaning of such texts. In addition to this, a long text will be given for summary writing.

Intelligence Test : This paper which is limited to two (02) hours, has been prepared to assess the logical state of thinking of the candidate, analytical competence of his mind and his decision making power. This question paper will consist of questions fitting into multiple choice methods.

General Knowledge : This is a general question paper which is confined to two (02) hours to test the knowledge of the entire gamut including political, social, cultural and economic and environmental state of Sri Lanka and the technological and technical developments as well as nationally and internationally important contemporary matters. Selection of questions of their choice out of several questions is permitted.

Note :

- (a) Marks will be deducted for illegible handwriting and spelling mistakes, of the candidates who sit this examination. Candidates who have illegible handwritings may be disqualified in the examination.
- (b) On the presumption of that only the candidate who have qualifications specified in gazette notification, have applied, admission card will be issued by the Commissioner General of Examination to the candidates within the age limit mentioned in the notice, who have sent duly completed applications together with receipt obtained, paying the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date of application. A newspaper advertisement will be published by the Department of Examination Sri Lanka as soon as the admission cards have been issued, Candidates who do not receive admission cards even after the newspaper advertisement has been published, should inquire without delay from the Organization (Institutional and Foreign Examination) Branch of the Department of the Examination Sri Lanka as mentioned in the notice. The name of the examination applied, full name of the applicant, National identity card number and address should be mentioned correctly when an inquiry is made. If the applicant is a resident of outside Colombo, making an inquiry by sending a letter of request to the fax number mentioned in

the notice along with the above details and a fax number of the candidate which can be obtained a copy of the admission card by fax, may be most beneficial. Keeping a copy of the application that you have your possession, a copy of the cash receipt if the payment of examination fee is applicable and the receipt of registration obtained when posting the application will be useful to confirm any information requested by the Department of Examination.

- (c) Candidates are bound to abide by the rules laid down by the Commissioner-General of Examinations. If the rules and regulations are violated, he or she will be liable to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner.
- (d) Result list of eligible candidates, in terms of the chapter 02 of this notification will be submitted to the Surveyor General, Department of Survey. In addition to that, all the candidates will be informed results personally or by publishing in the website of Department of Examination Sri Lanka www.result-exams.gov.lk

3. Service Conditions :

(i) Salary :

In terms of public Administrative circular No. 03/2016 (MN-5-2016) dated 25-02-2016, monthly salary scale entitled to this post is Rs.34,605 -10 x 660 - 11 x 755 - 15 x 930 - Rs. 63,460/ and you will be paid salary from the date on which the appointment is implemented.

(ii) Nature of the post :

This post is permanent and pensionable and you are subject to a policy decision taken by the government in future about your pension scheme. Further, you should make contribution to the widow / widower and orphan's pension scheme. You should pay contribution for that in the manner ordered by the government time to time.

(iii) Induction training :

(a) Training on departmental activities will be provided to the surveying science graduates appointed to the post of Apprentice Surveyor in the Department of Survey outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service

(b) Officers with other degrees other than the holders of the Surveying Science degree appointed to the post of Apprentice Surveyor in the Department of Survey outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service should complete a BSc degree course in Surveying Science as their second degree at the Institute of Surveying and Mapping and training on departmental activities will also be provided.

(iv) Recruitment to the grade III of Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service and confirmation in the service

Recruitments will be made to the grade III of Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service from the officers who fulfill the following qualifications and completed the apprentice training successfully, recruited to the service as an apprentice surveyor through a language other than an official language and acquired relevant proficiency in an official language prior to confirm in the post and carrying out of his/her duties and behavior has been fulfilled in satisfactory manner and serve in the post of Apprentice Surveyor in the Department of Survey outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service and who is a registered surveyor in the Land Survey Council in terms of the Survey Act. 17 of 2020.

(a) If an officer who recruited to the post of apprentice surveyor with a surveying science degree, having served at least three years (03) active and satisfactory period as an apprentice surveyor in the Survey Department together with six (06) months training on departmental activities.

(b) If an officer who recruited to the post of apprentice surveyor with non-surveying science degree should have complete a degree in surveying science and served at least three years (03) active and satisfactory period as an apprentice surveyor in the Department of Survey.

(v) Appointees should appear for a medical test conducted by a medical officer in a government hospital to check whether they are physically and mentally fit to serve in any part of the country.

- (vi) Should be bound to a cash guarantee of Rs.25,000/- for government stores goods provided to the officers who recruit.
- (vii) Officers, who receive appointment as an apprentice surveyor with a surveying science degree, are subjected to six years (06) compulsory service period from the date appointed as a surveyor and officers who receive appointments as an apprentice surveyor with a non-surveying science degree are subjected to eight years (08) compulsory service from the date appointed as a surveyor. Each officer who receives appointment as an apprentice surveyor should enter into an agreement with the Surveyor General and the regarding the officers who leave before the compulsory period of service shall act in terms of the said agreement.
- (viii) Selected candidates should subject to Procedural rules of Public Service Commission, provisions of Establishment Code, financial Regulations, Departmental Orders, other regulations and orders issued by the government from time to time.

4. Providing false information : When applying to recruit to the post of Apprentice Surveyor in the Department of Survey outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service, if a candidate is found not to have required qualifications, his/her candidature will be cancelled at any time. Even after recruited to this post of apprentice surveyor, if any of the particulars furnished by a candidate are 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.

05. Preparation and submission of Application :

- (i) The application should be prepared by the applicant himself using both sides of paper size 21x29 (A4) as per the specimen application appearing at the end of this notice. The application should be prepared so as to include No. 01 - 05 on page 01 and rest in other pages.
- (ii) Applications should be prepared in the language in which the candidates are eligible to sit for the examination and relevant information should be completed by their own handwritings. The name of the examination mentioned in the topic should be entered in "English" in addition to

- Sinhala in Sinhala applications and in addition to Tamil in Tamil applications. Each section of the application should be completed by candidates themselves as per the instructions given and sections not applicable, should be marked as not applicable, if any.
- (iii) Applications which are not complying with the specimen application, examination fees have not been paid before due date and incomplete and of improper filling will be rejected without any notification. Candidates should bear consequences of improper filling of application. It would be useful to retain a photocopy of the application. Applicant should check out whether the completed application is conformity with the specimen application mentioned in the notice. If not, the application can be rejected. It should be strictly remembered that application can be rejected by leaving blanks.
- (iv) Candidates, who are already in public or provincial public service, should submit their applications through the Head of Institution, and who are in public corporations, boards, local government institutions, should submit their applications through the head of institution on or before the due date. The applications receive after the due date will be rejected, even if they submit through departments. If signature and official stamp have not been placed for certification of signature in the applications of the Candidates, who are already in public service ,they will also be rejected.
- (v) The words "**Recruitment to the post of apprentice surveyor in the Department of Survey outside the Sri Lanka Surveyors' service-open competitive examination-2020"** should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope in which the application is enclosed.
- (vi) Only those who have fulfilled qualifications prescribed in the *Gazette* notification as at 12.10.2020, the closing date of application, should apply. Only the candidates who submit applications on or before 12.10.2020, fulfill all prescribed qualifications are allowed to sit the written examination by the Surveyor General. Giving opportunity to sit the examination does not mean that

they have fulfilled the qualification for this post.

06. *Attestation of Signature*.— Signature of a candidate who is already in the public service should have been attested by the relevant head of the department or any officer authorized by him. The other candidates should get their signature attested by a person who authorized for that i.e. a Principal of a Government School, Justice of peace, sworn commissioner, Notary Public, Commissioned officer of three armed forces, an officer holding gazetted post in the police, service, or an officer in permanent staff or grade in public service and, an officer in tertiary or senior level as per the grading of posts in Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016.

07. *Examination Fees*.— Examination fee is Rs. 1,200/=. The receipt obtained by paying this fee at any of the Post/ Sub Post office in the island in order to credit to the Revenue Head 20-03-02-13 of the Commissioner General of Examinations, should be pasted in the relevant cage in the application form. (It is advisable to keep a photocopy of the receipt with the applicant). The fee is not refundable in any circumstance and money orders and cheques will not be accepted. Applications without receipts will be rejected.

08. *Submission of application*.— Duly completed applications should be sent by registered post to reach to the following address on or before 12.10.2020.

Commissioner General of Examination
Organization(Institutional and Foreign Examination)
Branch
Department of Examination - Sri Lanka
P.O. Box 1503
Colombo.

09. *Identity of candidate*.— The candidate must prove his/her identity to the satisfaction of examination supervisor for each subject in the examination room.

Any of the following documents will be accepted for this purpose.

- I. The National Identity Card
- II. Valid passport.
- III. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Candidates must access the examination hall without having covered their faces and two ears so as to be able to establish their identity. Candidates who refuse to prove their identity will not be allowed to access the examination hall. Further, faces and two ears should not be covered so as to be able to identify the candidates to the examination authorities from the moment they accessed the examination hall, and until leaving after end of the exam.

10. Any matter not specified here will be determined by Surveyor General and all candidates shall be bound to act in terms of the general rules and regulations specified in this notification.

11. In case of any inconsistency or contradictory among the texts in Sinhala, Tamil and English in this *Gazette* notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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Survey Department,
Colombo 05,
On 02nd of September 2020.