

Examinations, Results of Examinations, &c.

DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT

Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to the Post of Statistician

APPLICATIONS are invited for the Competitive Examination to select suitable persons for the post of Statistician in the Department of Census and Statistics. Applications prepared in accordance with the specimen form appended hereto should be sent under registered cover to reach "The Commissioner General of Examinations, Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla" on or before the date given below. The words "open competitive examination for recruitment to the post of Statistician" should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application.

- (a) Local applications - Closing date is 10.08.2005
- (b) Overseas applications - Closing date is 17.08.2005

The Examination is scheduled to be held on November 2005.

Note.— Any complaint of loss of an application or related letter in the post shall not be entertained. Candidates who delay their applications till the last date will do so at their own risk.

(2) *Service Conditions.*— This post is permanent. An officer recruited to this post is entitled to a contributory pension under contributory pension fund.

Exception.— If a person who held a pensionable post prior to 01.01.2003 is recruited to this post, such person will continue to be entitled to a pension under the Pensions Minute and will continue to be entitled to the benefits enjoyed under the Widowers' and Orphans'/widows' and Orphans' Act.

(3) *Terms of Engagement.*— Sub sections from 10 to 12 of the Chapter II are applicable.

(4) *Salary Scale.*— Salary Scale attached to the post is Rs. 157,500 15x3780-Rs. 214,200/- (TB 5-1-2 salary scale)

- 4.1 Should pass the 1st Efficiency Bar Examination before reaching 4th salary step. (in accordance with the PA Circular No. 20/2001 of 12.09.2001)
- 4.2 You will not be released beyond Efficiency bar based on age.
- 4.3 Inability to pass the Efficiency Bar Examination within the scheduled period will be resulted in the deferment of the increment.

(5) *Age Limit.*— Between 18 and 45 years of age. (This maximum age limit does not apply to officers who are already in the Public Sector and Provincial Public Service.)

(6) *Educational and other Qualifications.*—

- 6.1 Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka,
- 6.2 Should be of excellent moral character and physically sound to serve in any part of Sri Lanka.
- 6.3 Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years of age as at the date on which applications close (This age limit will not apply to persons who are already in Public Service or Provincial Public Service).
- 6.4 Should possess the following Educational Qualifications.
 - 6.3.1 A special degree with a Class in one of the subjects from among the subjects, namely Statistics, Mathematics, Economics, Demography, Geography, Computer Science, Information Technology or Sociology from a recognized University or
 - 6.3.2 A general or special degree with a Class from a recognized University including one of the subjects referred to in 6.3.1 above together with a Postgraduate Degree in one of the aforesaid subjects or
 - 6.3.3 A general degree with a Class from a recognized University having Statistics, or Mathematics or Economics, Computer Science or Information Technology as one of the three main subjects.

(7) *Method of Recruitment.*— 80 percent of the vacancies of the post of statistician will be filled through internal recruitments while the remaining 20 percent filled by external recruitment.

Applications will be invited through notification in the *Gazette of the Republic of Sri Lanka*, or through a Newspaper advertisement. The candidates have to sit for a competitive examination, to be held by the Commissioner General of Examinations. In order to pass the two papers, it is required to score a minimum of 40% in each paper. Candidates who score highest marks will be called for an interview held exclusively to check their certificates and will be recruited accordingly.

The syllabus and scheme of examination of the Competitive Examination is as follows :

Syllabus :

I. Aptitude

One hour Paper, consisting of case study questions designed to test the skills in Statistics, Conflict Resolution, Logical Thinking General Aptitude etc. Total marks 100.

II. General Knowledge

One hour paper consisting of questions based on the following subjects. Total marks 100.

- I. National and International Statistics
- II. Statistics and Community Development
- III. New trends in the field of Statistics
- IV. Socio-economic Information
- V. Environment and Society
- VI. Geographical Factors and Community
- VII. Information Technology

(8) *Written Competitive examination:*

- I. This competitive examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English media. Candidates may answer in any language of their choice. Candidates should answer both papers in one language.
- II. A cash receipt for Rs. 200 drawn in favour of the “Commissioner General of Examinations”, obtained on payment, from any Post Office in the island should be securely affixed in the relevant cage in the application. It is desirable to keep a photo copy of the cash receipt.
- III. The examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- IV. This examination will be held only in Colombo and Jaffna. The date of examination will be notified later.
- V. Admission Cards will be issued to all applicants on the presumption that all persons who have applied for the examination possess the qualifications stipulated in the Gazette Notification. The certificates of candidates who pass the examination will be scrutinized at the interview and the candidates who do not possess the basic qualifications will be disqualified.
- VI. Applications should be prepared on paper 22 x 29 centimeters (A4). The particulars in items 1 to 6 should be included in page one. Particulars in items 8 to 13 should be included in page 02 and remaining particulars should be included in page 03. The specimen application is appended hereto.
- VII. Applications will not be acknowledged and immediately after the issue of admission cards for the examination, a Newspaper notice will be published.
- VIII. Incomplete applications will be rejected without any notice.
- IX. The right to postpone or cancel the examination shall lie with the Public Service Commission.
- X. If admission cards are not received within 07 days prior to the date of examination, the candidates are required to apply to the Commissioner General of Examinations with the following particulars. (Telegrams to be addressed to Exams Colombo)
 - (a) Full name of Applicant
 - (b) Address
 - (c) Date of posting the application, registered No. and Name of Post Office.
 - (d) Post Office which the payment was made, date and Receipt No.

(9) *Identity of Candidate.*— The admission card issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations should be kept with the candidate at the time of examination and should be made available to the Invigilator when required to do so. Every candidate is required to prove his/her identity at the examination hall, to the satisfaction of the Supervisor. For this purpose, it is sufficient to produce one of the following documents.

- (a) National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons.
- (b) A valid Passport.
- (c) A valid Identity Card issued by the Post Master General

10. Candidates selected at the written test should kept the following documents ready to be produced at the interview.

- (a) Birth Certificate;
- (b) Originals of the degree certificate and other educational certificates. With photo copies thereof. (including the letters obtained from the Universities indicating the relevant subjects).
- (c) Two certificates of Character (one of which should be from a Lecturer or Professor of the University);
- (d) Certificates of Professional Qualifications, (if any);
- (e) Certificates of the highest educations passed in Sinhala/Tamil and English.

N. B. (a) No document or copy thereof should be attached to the application

(b) Applications of candidates who fail to produce the documents when required, will not be considered.

11. Officers in the Public Service/Provincial Public Service/State Corporations must forward their applications through the Heads of their Departments/Institutions.

12. Applications of any other communications relating thereto must be addressed to the Commissioner General of Examinations and not personally to any other officer of this department.

Reference is invited to the General conditions, applicable to appointments to posts in the Public Service published at the beginning of Part I Section (IIA) of this Gazette (except the facts contained in Para 8 thereof)

Under the order of Public Service Commission.

W. J. S. KARUNARATNA,
Secretary to the President.

Presidential Secretariat,
Colombo 1.
22nd June, 2005.

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF STATISTICIAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

Index No. :

(For Office use only)

Medium in which the candidate wishes to sit
for the examination
(Sinhala-S/ Tamil-T/English-E) Examination

Town chosen for the

Colombo	1
Jaffna	2

(write the relevant English letter inside the cage)

(✓ Mark inside the relevant cage)

Mr./Mrs./Miss.

[illegible][illegible]

02. National Identity Card No. :

[illegible][illegible]

04. Sex : (✓ Mark in the relevant cage)

Male	
Female	

Year	Month	Date

Years	Months	Days

Sinhala	1	
Sri Lankan Tamil	2	
Muslim	3	

Indian Tamil	4	
Malay	5	
Other	6	

By decent	1	
By registration	2	