

6.1.3 Applicants who prefer to follow English medium courses in Library Science and Information Studies, Information Communication Technology, Science, Mathematics, Western Music and Physical Education should qualify with a credit pass in English Language/English Literature at G.C.E. (O/L) Examination. Candidate should have passed G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in six subjects including Sinhala/Tamil Language with a very good pass for English Language and a credit pass for English Literature in 2007.

6.1.4 Applicants should reach a satisfactory level at the practical test conducted for Physical Education, Dance (Oriental)/Dance (Bharatha), Music (Oriental)/Music (Carnatic) and Western Music courses.

6.2 *Difficult District basis :*

6.2.1 Admission for difficult districts will be made from candidates those who belong to the 15 districts treated as difficult, based on the distribution of educational qualifications. Number to be admitted from each district will be decided for each course proportional to the number of students who sat for G.C.E. (A/L) examination in the all media in each district.

6.2.2 If the expected number to be selected from each difficult district is not available, places will be filled from other difficult districts.

6.2.3 *Difficult District and Numbers :*

Matale	04	Trincomalee	15
Nuwara Eliya	06	Ampara	17
Hambantota	09	Puttalam	18
Jaffna	10	Anuradhapura	20
Kilinochchi	11	Polonnaruwa	21
Mannar	12	Badulla	22
Mulativu	13	Monaragala	23
Vavuniya	14		

6.2.4 *Determination of District :*

6.2.4.1 The district of any school candidate will be the district of the location of the school/schools in which he/she had studied during the entire or the major part of the five year (more than two and half years) period ending on the last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which he/she had sat the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination at the first sitting.

6.2.4.2 If any private candidate had left school after having previously sat the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination as a school candidate, his district will be the district of location of the school from which he had first sat the above examination.

6.2.4.3 If any private candidate has left school without having previously sat for the G. C. E. (A/L) Examination as a school candidate, his/her district will be the district of location of the school or schools in which he/she has studied during the entire or the major part of the five year (more than two and half years) period ending on the last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which he/she had sat the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination at the first sitting.

6.2.4.4 If any private candidate has not studied in a school he/she should confirm his/her district of residence with the voters' list of Election commissioner's office or Grama Niladhari and Divisional Secretary's affidavit.

6.3 *Selections for Sri Pada National College of Education :*

6.3.1 75% of the number of vacancies will be filled by applicants of Indian Tamil origin and 25% from Sinhalese applicants.

6.3.2 75% will be selected to Tamil medium courses and 25% will be selected to Sinhala medium courses.

6.3.3 Primary, Mathematics and Science courses will be conducted in Sinhala medium and Primary, Mathematics, Science, Carnatic Music, Bharatha Dance and First Language (Tamil) courses will be conducted in Tamil Medium and Information Communication Technology course in English medium.

6.3.4 Applications will be entertained only from the children of the residents of following estate districts. Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Matale, Badulla, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Kalutara, Matara, Galle and Kurunegala to Sripada National College of Education.

6.3.5 In selection the priority will be given to the children of estate workers residing in the estate districts mentioned above. The district will be decided on the same basis of the districts mentioned under 6.2.2 for Sri Pada National College of Education.

6.3.6 In selection at least one candidate will be considered for each relevant district.

(**Note.**— Candidates of Indian origins who have studied in Sinhala Medium will be considered under the percentage entitled to Indian origin. Similarly Sinhala candidate who studied in Tamil medium will be considered under Sinhala Medium percentage.)

7.0 Other particulars relating to Selection :

- 7.1 Applicants should produce valid documents and original certificates to prove their eligibility for the particular course at the interview date. More applicants than the required number will be called for interviews.
- 7.2 Candidates who fail to submit the originals of all certificates on the date of the interview will not be selected.
- 7.3 If the Board of Interview considers it necessary that an applicant face a special Board of Interview in order to ascertain the mental or physical status for enrollment in the Course, the applicant will be called upon to face such interview. The report of the special Board of Interview will be submitted to the Colleges of Education Board, for a final decision.
- 7.4 Selected applicants who fail to get themselves registered in the respective National College of Education within three days from the specified registration date, will forego their Chances of admission and the resulted vacancies will be filled according to the merit order.
- 7.5 All the selected applicants should undergo a medical examination prior to the admission to prove their mental and physical fitness to serve in any part of the island.
- 7.6 It is not permitted to change the course or the National College of Education once selected, If sufficient number of candidates are not available for a particular course in any NCOE the selected candidates will be transferred to another near by NCOE where such courses are conducted.
- 7.7 In selecting candidates for a Course, if the number of applicants who have obtained the same Z score at the G.C.E.(A/L) is in excess of the number of places available, the results obtained by the applicants in the G.C.E (O/L) at the first sitting will be considered. Marks will be awarded for the 08 Core subjects ; 3 marks for a distinction pass, 2 marks for a credit pass and one mark for a general pass and candidates selected on the basis of their total marks.

8.0 Persons who are ineligible to apply or to get admitted to the courses :

- 8.1 Those who already have teaching appointments in a Government or Private Schools ;
- 8.2 Those who have been selected to be appointed to Government Schools ;
- 8.3 Those who are following a course or have followed a course in a National College of Education ;
- 8.4 Those who are following or have followed an internal course or courses in a University or University Institute or other Higher Education Institution ; where G.C.E. (A/L) is the entry requirement and those who have completed degree courses.
- 8.5 Those who have been discontinued from a College of Education on disciplinary grounds.

9.0 Conditions related to Training :

- 9.1 The duration of the training course is three years. This consist of two years residential institutional training in the National College of Education and one year of Internship training attached to a school. Attendance of a student teacher should be not less than 90% to sit for the External Final examination conducted by the Examinations Department at the end of the 2nd year.
- 9.2 All trainees should pass the Internal First year and Second year Examinations and Final External Examination conducted by the Sri Lanka Examinations Department. All the trainees who follow the courses except the English course should obtain a pass in English in the above Examinations. Applications should be submitted by only those who are willing to abide by these requirements.

- 9.3 A trainee will be provided with board and lodging facilities to the value of Rs. 1,500 per month for a period of 10 months annually during the two years of residential training. An allowance of Rs. 2,000 per month for a period of 10 months will be provided during the year of Internship. All other expenses should be borne by the trainee.
- 9.4 A trainee will not be allowed to pursue an academic course in a University, University Institution or other Higher Educational Institute, for which the G. C. E. (A/L) is the entry requirement. If it is proved that a trainee followed such a course all the costs incurred will be charged and will be removed from course.
- 9.5 If trainees get married during the period of training their registration will be cancelled. The act of disrobing of Buddhist monks after admission will result in removal from the training. Clergy who are in various religions should enter to an agreement with the Ministry of Education to serve the Ministry of Education without disrobing for a minimum period of five years.
- 9.6 If during the training period the general conduct, application and academic progress of the trainee is not up to the level expected the trainee will be removed forthwith from the training. All those who do not reach a satisfactory level in the assessment during the first year of academic training or following course in any other institute mentioned under 9.4, will be likewise be removed. On these matters, the decision of the Colleges of Education Board of the Ministry of Education will be the final.
- 9.7 If any complains are made on the physical or mental fitness of the trainee by either President of the College during the training period or by the Principal of School during the Internship period, the trainee will be sent before a Special Interview Board, the report of which will be submitted to the colleges of Education Board for a final decision.
- 9.8 A Trainee should enter to an agreement with the Ministry of Education undertaking to Pay back the costs incurred by the Ministry in training if the training is terminated before the completion of the specified period of 3 years.
- 9.9 Trainees who satisfactorily complete the course of training will be awarded the National Diploma in Teaching. Course-work and personality development (inclusive of compulsory co-curricular activities) will be continuously assessed during the period of training and this assessment will form a component of the final assessment in awarding the Diploma.
- 9.10 Those who have successfully completed the training course will be considered for appointments as teachers in government schools based on the availability of vacancies. In future priority will be given to those who have successfully completed this training course, in appointing teachers to government schools. Those who complete the Library Science and Information Studies course satisfactorily will be qualified to get appointments as teacher Library in government schools. Those who are appointed as teachers will have to enter into a bond with the Ministry of Education undertaking to serve the Ministry for a period of five years from the date of appointment.
- 9.11 Those who complete the training course successfully but do not accept the employment as teachers in government service should refund the cost of training to the Ministry of Education. They should enter into a bond to this effect.
- 9.12 All educational and other qualifications should have been completed before the last date of calling for applications.
- 10.0 *Applications :*
- 10.1 A candidate can apply for a maximum of three Courses.
- 10.2 A candidate should forward only one application, Two certified photocopies of this original application (original and two photocopies) should be enclosed and forwarded in the same envelope. All applications other than these will be rejected.
- 10.3 The application should be prepared in accordance with the instructions, in the specimen form given below.
- 10.4 Applications should be sent under registered post to be received on or before 02nd July, 2005, addressed to "Commissioner-General of Examinations, School Examinations Organization Branch, National Evaluation and Testing Services, Department of Examinations, P. O. Box 1503, Colombo".

Information relating to the following texts should be clearly written on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing the application.

“Application for Admission to National Colleges of Education - 2006 Course indicated as First preference and No.”

(It is that applications should not be addressed to the Ministry of Education or to the National Colleges of Education.)

- 10.5 A photocopy of the application and the postal receipt of registration should accompany any inquiry or appeal regarding admissions to Colleges of Education. Therefore, these should be retained by the candidate.
- 10.6 Applications in which the Index Number, Year, Course number and the name of the Course correctly, as well as the incomplete and informal applications will be rejected.
- 10.7 Applications will not be acknowledged.
- 10.8 No other documents should be annexed to the application.
- 10.9 If any certificate submitted by the candidate is subsequently revealed to be forged or fraudulent such candidate will be dismissed from service even after getting the appointments as teachers and he will not be eligible for any appointment in Public Service.

11.0 The decision of the College of Education Board shall prevail as the final decision relating to any problems arising from the information indicated above in the Gazette Notification.

Dr. TARA DE MEL,
Secretary,
Ministry of Education.

Ministry of Education,
“Isurupaya”,
Battaramulla,
17th May, 2005.

Instructions to prepare the application

Read the *Gazette* notification very carefully. Apply only for three courses to which you are eligible. Submit only one application form which two of its photocopies enclosed in one envelope. Prepare the application according to specimen given below on a white sheet of paper of A4 (21cm x 29.7cm) size. Prepare Sections 01 - 10 to appear on first page. In places where information has to be given in a cage, mark “X” in the relevant cage.

Please note that the candidates are called for the interview based on the computerized list prepared by the Department of Examinations according to the information given in 1.0 - 10.2. Make sure, the name of the course applied for, its number and the index number of the G. C. E. (A/L) are mentioned correctly. The application will be rejected if the numbers are not clear or incorrect.

The information given in paragraph 13.0 for Physical Education, para 14.0 for Buddhism, para 15.0 for Catholicism/Christianity, para 16.0 for Hinduism/Islam, para 17.0 for Technology Studies, para 18.0 Western Music should be considered carefully in filling the application. The information specified will not be changed under any circumstances.

Refer to section 5.0 to find out the numbers assigned to Courses and numbers assigned to National Colleges of Education.

Instructions.- The computer sheet for the Interview will be prepared by the Examination Dept., on the basis of the particulars given from (1.0 - 10.2) in the application.

Numbers assigned to Districts are as follows :

01. Colombo
02. Gampaha
03. Kalutara
04. Matale
05. Kandy