

Limited Competitive Examination for Making Recruitment to the Posts of Grade II in the Category of Executive Service (SL-01-2025) of the Department of Archaeology under the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates who are engaging in service in the Department of Archaeology for the posts mentioned herein below related to the Executive Service Category (SL-01-2025) of the Department of Archaeology. The applicants who have fulfilled the educational and professional qualifications of each post related to relevant vacancies shall send an application prepared as per the Format appended herewith to reach the Director General of Archaeology on or before 03.08.2026.

Serial No.	Post	No. of Vacancies
i.	Assistant Director (Explorations and Documentations)	02
ii.	Assistant Director (Excavations)	01
iii.	Assistant Director (Epigraphy and Numismatics)	01
iv.	Assistant Director (Museums)	01
v.	Assistant Director (Promotions)	01
vi.	Assistant Director (Maintenance)	01
vii.	Assistant Director (Epigraphy and Numismatics)	01
viii.	Assistant Director (Regional)	10
	Total	18

01. Method of Recruitment :

Recruitment will be made on the order of merit of the marks of the candidates, among the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications mentioned in the notification, on the results of a written examination and a General interview of which the interview panel is appointed by the Public Service Commission for getting ascertained the educational qualifications and physical fitness. There, action will be taken to award the appointments for the existing vacancies on the order of merit of the marks and the order of the consent of those who have passed the Limited Competitive Examination.

02. Written Examination :

This examination comprises of the following Question papers and action will be taken to hold the Limited Competitive Examination by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

- General Question Paper
- General Intelligence Question Paper
- Management Aptitude

Written Examination : This examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English media.

Date of Examination : This Examination will be held in Colombo in the month of September, 2026. The Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs reserves the power subjecting to the approval of the Public Service Commission to postpone or cancel this examination.

03. General interview : Candidates shall sit all the Question papers of the written examination and minimum marks of 40% shall be obtained for each subject for passing the examination. A General interview will be held to get ascertained the educational qualifications and the physical fitness of the candidates who have secured the merit of marks prescribed by the Public Service Commission and no marks will be given for the purpose.

04. Terms of Engagement in Service : A candidate selected, subjecting to the General Conditions which govern the appointments of Government Service, procedural rules of the Public Service Commission, Circulars issued from time to time and all the terms related to the Scheme of Recruitment of the Executive Service Category (SL-01-2025) of the Department of Archaeology approved by the Public Service Commission on 01.10.2019 and all the amendments already made or to be made in future, will be appointed to Grade III of the officer Category (SL-01-2025).

4.1 The appointments of the candidates, who fail to assume duties on due date in the post awarded to him / her and / or who refuse or avoid to assume duties or assume duties in an area they are appointed, will be liable to cancel.

05. Monthly Salary Scale :

Monthly salary scale of the post as per Schedule I of the Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025 is Rs. 82,150 - 10x2,400 - 8x2,940 – 17x3,900 - 195,970/- (SL-01-2025). Your salary will be paid in compliance with the provisions in the Circular.

The First Efficiency bar Examination shall be passed within three years from the date of appointment and Second efficiency bar within 03 years from the date of promotion to Grade II and Third Efficiency Bar shall be passed before lapsing 05 years from the date of promotion to Grade I. The proficiency in other official language / official languages shall be acquired in terms of the provisions in Public Administration Circular No. 18/2020 dated 16.10.2020.

06. Health and Conduct :

Every candidate shall be of good physical and mental health condition and moral character as to serve in any area of the Island.

07. Qualifications :

- I. Shall be a Sri Lankan Citizen.
- II. Educational / Professional Qualifications and Experience :

Serial No.	Posts	Educational Qualifications
I.	Assistant Director (Explorations and Documentations)	I. Shall have possessed a Special Degree in Archaeology obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission. or A Degree recognized by the University Grants Commission along with a one year Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology or an equivalent or higher educational qualification awarded by an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission and Shall be an officer who has completed 05 years of active and satisfactory service in a post of Regional Explorer / Regional Excavation and Museum Officer / Regional Conserver / Regional Maintenance Manager in the field / office - based Service Category 2 (MN-05) of the Department of Archeology or
II.	Assistant Director (Excavations)	
III.	Assistant Director (Epigraphy and Numismatics)	
IV.	Assistant Director (Museums)	

		2. Shall be an officer who has completed 15 years of active and satisfactory service in a post of Regional Explorer / Regional Excavation and Museum Officer / Regional Conserver / Regional Maintenance Manager in the field / office - based Service Category 2 (MN-05) of the Department of Archeology
V	Assistant Director (Promotions)	1. Shall have possessed a Special Degree in Archaeology obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission.
VI.	Assistant Director (Project Operations and Supervision)	or
VII.	Assistant Director (Regional)	A Degree recognized by the University Grants Commission along with a one year Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology or an equivalent or higher educational qualification awarded by an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission and Shall be an officer who has completed 05 years of active and satisfactory service in a post of Regional Explorer / Regional Excavation and Museum Officer / Regional Conserver / Regional Maintenance Manager in the field / office - based Service Category 2 (MN-05) of the Department of Archeology or 2. Shall be an officer who has completed 15 years of active and satisfactory service in a post of Regional Explorer / Regional Excavation and Museum Officer / Regional Conserver / Regional Maintenance Manager in the field / office - based Service Category 2 (MN-05) of the Department of Archeology or 3. Shall be an officer who is serving in a post of Technical Officer (Conservation Assistant) / Draughtsman of Special Class (MN – 07) of the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category of the Department of Archaeology.
VIII.	Assistant Director (Maintenance)	Shall be an officer who is serving in a post of Technical Officer (Conservation Assistant) / Draughtsman of Special Class (MN – 07) of the Supervisory Management Assistant Technical Service Category of the Department of Archaeology.

Note: The Degree qualification mentioned under the educational qualifications related to each post in 7. II above shall be,

1. A Degree awarded by a foreign or state university recognized by the University Grants Commission;

or

2. A Degree awarded by a university established by a Parliamentary Act of Sri Lanka;

or

3. A Degree recognized under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

- III. All the qualifications required for making recruitment to the post shall be fulfilled in every respect as at the closing date of applications to apply for this examination.
- IV. The maximum age limit will not be applicable for the applicants in the Public Service.

08. Examination Fees :

The examination fee is Rs. 1000/- . It shall be paid online as to be credited to the Account No. 086100169026207 of the Director General of Archaeology of Thimbirigasyaya Branch of Peoples Bank before the date of closing applications. The receipt obtained making payment online shall be affixed in the appropriate place on the application. This fee paid will not be refunded. (It will be useful to keep a photocopy of the receipt.)

09. Method of forwarding Applications :

- I. The format of the application to be submitted is at the end of this notification. Applicants shall prepare their applications on A4 size paper. The application shall be prepared in such a way that the headings 1 to 4 shall be appearing on the 1st page, from 5 to 9 on the second page and from 10 to 13 shall be on the 03rd page. The incomplete applications and applications without conforming to the specimen application will be rejected without any intimation. (It will be useful to keep a photocopy of the application.)
- II. It shall be completed in the medium in which the candidate wishes to sit the examination. Furthermore, one candidate may submit only one application.

Indicating the preferences : An applicant who has fulfilled the qualifications required to make recruit for each post may apply for several posts. In applying, applicants shall indicate their preferences in sequence for each post in the application form.

N.B. : In applying for more than one post, the sequence of the preferences in the application indicated by the applicant will not be permitted to be amended later. Requests for making appoint to the posts for which the applicant has not indicated his / her preference will not be taken in to consideration on any grounds.

- III. Duly completed Applications for the examination shall be sent under registered cover to reach the Director General of Archeology, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Department of Archaeology, Colombo 07 on or before 03.08.2026. The top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing application shall clearly be marked "Open Competitive Examination for Making Recruitment to the Posts in the Executive Grade (SL-01) of the Department of Archaeology – 2026. Applications received after closing date of applications will be rejected.
- IV. Signature of candidate in the application shall be attested by a Principal of a Government School, a Justice of Peace, a Commissioner of Oaths, a Lawyer, a Notary Public, A Commissioned officer of Three forces, an officer who holds a permanent post in the Public Service obtaining a monthly consolidated salary of Rs. 82,150/- of more or a Chief Incumbent Thero or Viharadhipathi of a Buddhist Temple or a Clergy of other religion.
- V. The applications which are not completed in every respect will be rejected. No complaint will be taken in to consideration regarding loss or delay of an application in post.
- VI. Immediately after issuing the admission cards, candidates will be informed the same by an SMS. If any applicant who has not received admission card even after two or three days from the date of sending SMS shall inform it as mentioned in the SMS to the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. The full name, address, National Identity Card number of the applicant and the name of the examination applied shall correctly be mentioned.

10. Permission is not granted to enter the examination hall without an admission card. Only the Admission card in which his / her signature has been got attested shall be handed over to the Supervisor of the Examination Hall on the first day of the examination. Issuance of an admission card to a candidate shall not be constituted as fulfillment of the qualifications to sit him / her for the examination.

The Identity of candidates : The candidate shall prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Supervisor for each subject he /she sits in the examination hall. Any of the following documents will only be accepted for the purpose.

- I. National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
- II. Valid Passport
- III. Valid Driving License

11. Penalty for providing false information : The candidature of an applicant will liable to be cancelled if it is found that he /she does not eligible at any time before the examination, at the event of holding examination or after the examination. If it is found that a candidate has furnished information with knowledge that they are false or suppressed any important fact with knowledge, he / she will be liable for dismissal from the Public service.

12. Action will be taken when necessary as per the decision made by the Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasna, Religious and Cultural Affairs subjecting to the instructions of the Public Service Commission regarding the facts which have not been mentioned in these regulations.

13. Method of selection : This examination will be conducted through a written examination comprising the following syllabus. Eligible candidates from among those who sat for all the question papers of the written examination will be called for the general interview as mentioned under paragraph 03 above.

Name of Question Paper	Syllabus
General Question Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological Laws and Regulations of this country. • A question paper that measures the general knowledge and comprehension of national, regional and global social and economic environments and the social, cultural, economic, political, educational and scientific factors of the country and the trends in changing their basic characteristics.
Question paper on General Intelligence	It is hereby expected to measure the candidate's level of intelligence in relation to the analytical skills, logical understanding, ability for interpretation, ability to apply to other situations and decision making regarding the issues presented in relation to numerical, linguistic and figurative structures and interrelationships.
Question paper on Management Aptitude	It is hereby expected to measure the candidate's skills in identifying issues and their causes, decision making, maintenance of interpersonal relationships, communication skills, formulating self-discipline policies and strategies, and emotional intelligence, based on the events and opportunities referred to the candidate.

14. In case of any inconsistency or nonconformity in the language phrases of this notification published in Sinhala, Tamil and English media, action will be taken as per the notification in Sinhala medium.

By order of the Public Service Commission,

Secretary,
Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs