

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Department of Forest Conservation

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF BEAT FOREST OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREST CONSERVATION 2023

APPLICATION are called from qualified Sri Lankan Applicants for the Open Competitive Examination to be held for the selection of qualified persons to appoint to the vacant posts of Beat Forest Officers of the Department of Forest Conservation by 14.03.2025.

01. Salary System :-

- i. MN-1-2016
According to the Public Administration Circular 03/2016
Rs. 27,140-10x300-11x350-10x495-10x660-Rs.45,540

02. General Terms of Engagement and service conditions :-

- i. This post is permanent and pensionable should make contributions to the widow/widower and orphans pension scheme.
- ii. The appointment will be subjected to a probation period of three years.
- iii. Work places of the Beat Forest Officer are located in arduous forested areas. The Beat Forest Officer are responsible for checking forest offences, arresting offenders and assisting in legal activities. The selected candidates should prepare to work in any part of the island.
- iv. The examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English media. No candidate will be allowed to change the medium of language indicated in the application.

03. Age Limit :-

Applicants should not be less than 18 years and not more than 30 years of age by 14.04.2025, the closing date of applications.

04. Educational and other qualifications :-

4.1 Educational Qualifications :

All applicants should have completed following educational qualifications satisfactorily.

- i. Should pass the General Certificate of Education (O/L) in six subjects with credit passes for four subjects including Sinhala or Tamil or English Language, Mathematics and Science in one sitting.
- ii. Should pass at least one subject from the General Certificate of Education (A/L) (Except Common Test)

4.2 Professional Qualifications :

- i. Professional qualifications obtained from the field are considered as special qualifications.

4.3 Physical Qualifications :

- i. Minimum height of the applicants should be 05 feet and 02 inches and chest should be 32 inches.

- ii. All applicants should be physically and mentally fit to work in any part of the island and to perform duties assigned to the post.

4.4 Other Qualifications :

- i. Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. Applicants must possess an excellent character.
- iii. Qualifications required for the recruitment to the post, should be completed successfully by the date mentioned in the notification/ gazette calling applications.
- iv. Only male applicants can be applied for this post.

05. Method of Recruitment :-

- i. Based on the marks obtained by the applicants at the written examination, twice the number of approved vacancies will be summoned for the structured interview from the highest scores of the written competitive examination.

Accordingly, the applicants who have scored highest total marks will be recruited in the descending order based on the number of vacancies.

- ii. The written examination consist of two question papers. The applicants must score minimum of 40% marks for each paper to pass the written examination. The applicants must sit for both papers in same medium of language.

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| Intelligence Test | Duration - 01 hour Marks - 100 marks |
| | This written paper consists of 50 multiple choice questions and short answer questions in order to assess logical thinking ability, analytical competence and decision making ability of the applicants. (Applicants must answer all the questions) |
| Technical | Duration - 02 hours Marks - 100 marks |
| | This written paper consist of semi structured and structured questions. * Knowledge on the affect of climate and weather on forest resources and fauna on it. * Knowledge on environment conditions, geological importance and natural disasters of Sri Lanka. * Knowledge on traditional and modern agricultural economy of Sri Lanka. * Important facts about the Ministry of Environment and the Department of Forest Conservation and their mission and objectives. * Knowledge on natural environment, forest and vegetation. * Knowledge on the importance close relationship between forests and the general public. * Basic knowledge on Geography (will test the knowledge on the shape of the earth, zonal geographical features and locations etc. and general knowledge.) |

06.

- i. The application is published in the "Online Applications - Recruitment Exams" which is categorized under "Our services" of the web site of the Department of Examinations, www.doenets.lk. Applications can be submitted only via online method. Acceptance of online applications will be opened on **14.03.2025 at 9.00 a.m.**
- ii. Online applications must be completed only in English. Acceptance/ Non. acceptance of online submitted application by the applicant to the Department of Examination will be notified to the applicant by a SMS to the mobile telephone which is used to access the system or to the given E-mail address. Before completing the online application, it is necessary to download instructions prepared for completing the application. You must adhere to the instructions during completing the application. Applicants who are already in Governments/ Provincial Government service should hand over a copy of their application to the relevant authority to keep in their personal file. They are required to submit a copy of the application certified by the Head of the institution and a service letter affirming the service at the interview.

Note :

A copy of the application has to be handed over to the relevant authority to keep in the personal files and a copy of that application certified by the Head of the institution and a service letter affirming the service have to be submitted at the interview.

07. Examination Fee

Examination fee is **Rs. 600.00**. Payments can be made only via following modes of payments given by the online system.

- i. By any Bank Credit card.
- ii. By any Bank Debit card with the facility of Internet Transactions.
- iii. By online Banking method of Bank of Ceylon.
- iv. By any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon.

Note:

- a) Instructions regarding making payments by above methods have been published under "technical instructions" relevant to the examination in the Website.
- b) Receipt of payments will be notified by a SMS or by an e-mail. Total payment relevant of the examination fees has to be made at the same time and the applications of which payments have been made in higher or lesser amounts will be rejected. The Department of Examination will not be responsible for the errors encountered during the payment of examination fees by above mentioned modes of payments.
- c) The money paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred for another examination due to any reason.

08. Any one of the following documents or all the documents have to be produced when it is required.

- i. Birth certificates.
- ii. Educational certificates.
- iii. A Grama Niladhari Certificate obtained recently.
- iv. Two character certificates.
- v. other relevant certificates.

N.B : Documents/ Certificates or copies of them should not be sent along with the application.

09. Examination Centers and admission cards.

- i. The examination will be held at the examination centers to be established in the towns mentioned in schedule - 1 of this notification. The towns preferred by the candidates to sit for the examination and their numbers have to be mentioned at the Head of the application as the first choice and the second choice when there are no sufficient applicants to hold the examination in a particular town, those applicants will be directed to the town mentioned as their second choice or to another closely located town. Further, when there are no sufficient applicants to hold the examination in all proposed or majority the commissioner General of Examination will take necessary actions to hold the examination in Colombo.
- ii. Admission cards will be issued by the Commissioner General of Examination only *via* online method to the candidates who are within the age limit mentioned in notice and have sent duly perfected application forms on or before the closing date along with the receipt obtained after paying examination fee. As soon as the admission cards are issued, a notice regarding this will be published in the web site of the Department of Examination. If any candidate has not received the admission card, that has to be informed to the Department of Examination as mentioned in the notice. During these inquiries it is required to mention the name of the examination applied the full name of the candidate, National Identity card number and the address accurately. If the applicant is a resident outside Colombo, it may be more effective to submit a fax number along with other information in the request letter to which a copy of the admission card can be received quickly. This request letter has to be sent to the fax number of given in the notice. It will be benefited if you can produce a copy of the application, a copy of the receipt obtained after paying examination fee and receipt obtained after sending the application by registered post during these inquiries.
- iii. The issue of an admission card to a candidate does not necessarily mean that he/she has fulfilled the required qualifications to sit for the examination and the admission card in which his/her signature has been duly attested should submit to the Head of the Examination Center on the very first day he/she sits for the examination.
- iv. Candidates are subjected to the rules and registration issued by the Commissioner General of Examination regarding the conduct of the examination and issue of results. Those who violate such rules and regulations will be subjected to any punishment determine by the Commissioner General of Examination.
- v. The candidates who have scored not less than 40% marks for each subject at the written examination will be summoned for the structured interview in descending order of total marks. Twice the number of candidates as the number of available vacancies will be summoned for the interview. the results sheet prepared based on the total marks scored at both written examination and structured interview arranged in the descending order will be handed over to the Conservator General of Forest.

Results will be issued to each and every candidate personally or will be published in the web site

www.results.exams.gov.lk.

10. Identity of the candidate.

Candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Head of the Examination center for each subject they sit. One of the following documents will be accepted for this

- i. National Identity Card
- ii. Valid Passport
- iii. Valid Driving license

Allowing the confirmation of identity, the candidate must enter the examination hall without covering their face and two ears. Further, the candidates who refuse to prove their identity will not allow to enter to the examination hall. The candidates should not cover their face and two ears from the moment they enter the examination hall until they leave the examination hall allowing the examination authority to prove your identity.

11. Whenever necessary, actions will be taken regarding the fact that have not been mentioned in this notice according to the decision of the Conservator General of Forests.
12. If there is any inconsistency seen among Sinhala, English and Tamil texts of this notice in such a situation Sinhala text shall be accepted.

Conservator General of Forests.

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