

## **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **Notice on conducting a common competitive examination for the recruitment of officers to the posts in government all-island services**

The Cabinet of Ministers, at its meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> November 2020, has granted approval for the selection of suitable persons from a single competitive examination instead of conducting separate competitive examinations for each service for filling up of vacancies in the all-island services in public service.

Accordingly, action will be taken by the Public Service Commission to conduct this examination in the following manner.

1. Structure of the Examination: -

This examination consists of two parts. Namely,

Part I – (Common Part)

Part 2 – (Specific Part relevant to each service)

Part 1: - This part is common to all the all-island services and it consists of two question papers which contain below mentioned subjects.

Question Paper 1: Intelligence Test

Question Paper 2: Comprehension

Part 2: - In case where any other subjects are mentioned in the service minutes of the relevant all-island service in addition to the two subjects mentioned in Part 1 above, such subjects are included under Part 2. (Details on these subjects will be published when the applications are called.)

2. Method of conducting the Examination: -

The Commissioner General of Examinations, as per the instructions of the Public Service Commission, conducts this examination every year within a specific period of time. Applications are called via online and the candidates are allowed to apply for any number of all-island services, for which they fulfill the required qualifications, through one application. The candidates will not be allowed to change the preference order of the services marked by them.

This examination will be conducted in Colombo and outlying areas appropriately. Admission for the examination will not be sent by post and the candidates should get it downloaded from the relevant website.

All candidates should sit the Part I (Common Part) of the examination and only the candidates who obtain 40% of the marks or more for each paper and 100 of aggregate marks or more for two question papers will be eligible for Part 2 of the examination. The eligibility/ ineligibility of each candidate to sit the Part 2 of the examination will be published.

The examination time table of the Part 2 will be prepared as to give every candidate the opportunity to sit all the subjects they have applied for.

3. Method of selection for the all-island services

Selections will be made as set out in the service minute of the relevant all-island service based on the marks obtained by the candidates in this examination pertaining to each service. Action is being taken to amend the service minutes of each all-island service where necessary so as to make this method of examination applicable for the selection.

This method of examination will be implemented from the year 2021 and amendments to the service minutes required to implement this method have already been made in respect of the following services and streams.

1. Recruitment to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service – Open Stream
2. Recruitment to the Sri Lanka Accountants Service – Open Stream and Limited Stream
3. Recruitment to the Sri Lanka Planning Service – Open Stream
4. Recruitment to the Sri Lanka Scientific Service – Open Stream
5. Recruitment to the Sri Lanka Architects Service – Open Stream

Action will be taken to introduce this method of examination to the other all-island services in the future after introducing necessary amendments to the service minutes. However, until such amendments are made, the existing method of examination conducted for the recruitment to each service will remain unchanged.

By order of the Public Service Commission,

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