

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

One Year Vocational Course of Training in Agriculture cum Field Assistant (Agriculture) NVQ-4 Training Course to be conducted at the District Agriculture Training Centres, Homagama (Male) and Walpita (Female) — 2017/2018

THE Provincial Director of Agriculture, Western Province invite applications for the recruitment and students for the above course and training. The course will be conducted in the Sinhala medium. This course and training is targeted for those who intend either to find employment in agricultural sector or engage in self-employment agricultural ventures.

02. Certificates will be awarded by Department of Agriculture, Western Province to those who successfully complete this course which will be in the forum of practical and theoretical training. Further more arrangements will be made for the trainees to obtain NVQ 4. National Vocational Qualifications from the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission. The subjects of the course as follows:

For NVQ 4

1. M-01 – Supervision of land preparation and soil conservation,
2. M-02 – Supervision of establishment and maintenance of plant nurseries,
3. M-03 – Supervision of establishment and maintenance of crops in the field,
4. M-04 – Supervision of harvesting/processing of machinery and equipment,
5. M-05 – Supervision of operational maintenance of machinery and equipment,
6. M-06 – Administration functions,
7. M-07 – Occupational Safety.

In addition - Animal husbandry, Rice cultivation, Home Economics, Entrepreneurship

In presenting this course of training through the aforesaid subjects, familiarization in the latest findings relating to the development of modern agricultural technology (e.g.- Post-harvest technology, Greenhouse cultivation), Self-employment techniques (e.g. Landscaping, Farm accounts, maintenance of farm equipment and training in tractor driving) and a training modern methods of processing of information (e.g.- operation of computers) will be provided to students. Development of English knowledge of students, and an understanding of the contemporary agriculture policy will also be provided.

03. Conducting of the Course of Training .—

The course which is over a period of one year consists of three terms. At the end of second term, when training in all the modules is over written and practical tests are conducted. Also continuous evaluation is done throughout the modules. Educational tours are organized within first and second terms. During the third term all students are required to follow a project study in the selected field, in conjunction with an external agriculture project/institutions. Students are required to submit a project report at the end of the study. The final written and practical test will be held on conclusion and there after certificate will be awarded to the students who complete 85% attendance and are successful upon a continuous evaluation. In the meantime arrangements are made for students to face necessary assessments and obtain NVQ 4 National Vocational Qualification Certificate on “field assistant (Agriculture)” from the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

04. Scheme of Recruitment :

04.1 *Educational Qualifications.*-

Passes in six subjects with 02 credits including Sinhala Language (Language of Literature), Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and a Technical Subject (Agriculture, Needle work, Home Gardening, Home Economics, Accounts and Commerce, Motor Mechanics) at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in not more than two sittings.

04.2 *Other Qualifications.*-

- I. All applicants should be between the age of 17 and 25 years on the date of calling of applications.
- II. Applicants should be unmarried.
- III. Applicants should be in a physical condition suitable for practical agriculture (in proof where of a certificate obtained from a Government Medical Officer should be submitted at the commencement of the course).
- IV. Eligible candidates will be called for an interview to be held by the Provincial Director of Agriculture and selection will be made on the results thereof.
- V. Preference will be given to persons who are engaged in agriculture and are prepared to continue it as a vocation.
- VI. Applicants should adduce proof of permanent residence within the Western Province for a least two years out of the three years immediately preceding the closing date of applications, with a certificate of residence obtained from the Divisional Secretary of the area.

In addition

Where any persons who possess the educational and other qualifications and are not residents within the Western Province, are desirous of following the course they will also be afforded an opportunity. However, residents of the Western Province will be given priority in making selection. It has been decided to select applicants outside the Western Province through an interview if a sufficient number of applications are not received within the province.

05. Incentive allowance for the course of training:

- I. An incentive allowance of Three Hundred and Twenty Five rupees (325/=) for each day of attendance for training will be paid to each trainee during the period of training. This allowance will have to be utilized to meet the cost of meals.
- II. All trainees will be provided with residential facilities during the period of training free of charge.

06. Procedure to be observed in participation in the course of training.

- I. A deposit of Rupees Five Hundred (500/=) should be furnished.
- II. Basic facilities for engaging in agriculture after the completion of training should be available at least on a small scale.
- III. It is specially emphasized that neither the Western Provincial Council nor the Central Government is under any obligation to provide employment after the completion of training.
- IV. A written undertaking should be given agreeing to comply with general rules and regulations imposed by the Training Institute.
- V. The authorities will take action to cancel the studentship of those who engage in any act of indiscipline and any act in contravention of the rules and regulations, during the period of training.

07. Applications prepared on a sheet of paper 8 1/2 x 12 (A4) using both sides and in accordance with the specimen form appended, should be sent under Registered cover to reach the Provincial Director of Agriculture, Office of the Provincial Director of Agriculture (Western), No. 154, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before 30th of June, 2017. The words “Application for the Vocational Course of Training in Agriculture 2017/2018” should be written on the top left-hand of the envelope containing the application.

- I. The decision of the Provincial Director of Agriculture of the Western Province with regard to recruitment shall be final,
- II. Any application which is incomplete or not in order will be rejected without notice, only a limited number of selected applicants will be called for an interview,
- III. Since only school-leavers will be considered for selection, it is compulsory for the school-leaving certificate to be produced at the interview,
- IV. Copies of two character certificates, one from the school where the applicant was educated, and another from a person of standing in the area, and copies of educational and other qualifications should be annexed to the application,
- V. Original of the educational and other certificates together with the National Identity Card should be furnished at the interview.

I. U. MENDIS,
Provincial Director of Agriculture.
(Western).

Office of the Provincial Director of Agriculture,
(Western),
No. 154,
Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 07.
April, 2017.

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

FOR RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS FOR THE ONE YEAR VOCATIONAL COURSE OF TRAINING IN AGRICULTURE CUM FIELD ASSISTANT
(AGRICULTURE) NVQ-4 TRAINING AT THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURE TRAINING CENTRES OF HOMAGAMA (MALE) AND WALPITA
(FEMALE) FOR THE
YEAR 2017/2018

1. Full Name of Applicant :_____.
2. Name with initials :_____.
3. (I) Permanent Address :_____.
- (II) District of Residence :_____.
4. Full Name of Applicant (In English capital letters) :

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Female: ☐ Male: ☐

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(II) Institution & Date of issue :_____.

10. Name of Father or Guardian :_____.

11. Address of Father or Guardian :_____.

12. Educational Qualifications :

(a) General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination (.....year)

<i>Subjects Passed</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Subjects Passed</i>	<i>Grade</i>
1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

(b) General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination (.....year)

<i>Subjects Passed</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Subjects Passed</i>	<i>Grade</i>
1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

(c) General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination

<i>Subjects Passed</i>	<i>Grades</i>
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

13. Other Qualifications/Extra Curricular Activities :

- I.
- II.
- III.

14. Have you been selected for a course of study in a Higher Educational Institute or a Technical College? If so, give details :_____.

I hereby certify that the particulars furnished above are true and accurate. I am aware that my traineeship is liable to be cancelled without any inquiry after I am selected, if any of the particulars furnished herein are found to be incorrect.

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Signature of the Applicant.

Date.