
Officer of Class III of Sri Lanka Technological Service in the Department of Export Agriculture.

02. The applicants should not be less than 18 years and more than 30 years of age. The requirements related to the age are deemed to have met only if the applicants, dates of birth fall on or before 08.01.2000 and on or after 08.01.1988.

03. This post is entitled to the monthly salary scale of Rs. 31,040-10 x 445 - 11 x 660 - 10 x 730- 10 x 750 - Rs. 57,550 as per MN-3-2016 as at 01.01.2020. Actions will be taken to pay salaries as per Administration Circular No. 03/2016.

04. This is a Permanent and pensionable post. You will be subject to policy decisions made by the government on this pension scheme in the future. Further, you must make contribution to the Widow/Widower and Orphan's Pension Scheme. Contribution to this fund must be made by you as may be ordered by the Government from time to time.

05. It is essential that the applicants have fulfilled all the basic educational qualifications and professional qualifications mentioned below, by the closing date for receiving applications.

Educational Qualifications.— Should have passed the G. C. E. (O/L) examination in 06 subjects with credits for Sinhala/Tamil/English Languages, Science, Mathematics and any other subject at one sitting.

and

Should have passed the G. C. E. (A/L) examination in one sitting in three (03) subjects including any two (2) subjects from Bio Science, Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics, Agri-Technology, Bio-Technology and Science for Technology.

Professional Qualifications :

Having one of the following diploma certificates related to the field of agriculture :-

1. The two year Diploma in Agriculture awarded by an institute approved by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.
2. The Higher National Diploma in Technology related to the field of agriculture awarded by the Ministry of Higher Education.
3. The National Diploma in Technology related to the field of agriculture awarded by the Hardy Advanced Technological Institute, Ampara.



MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Department of Export Agriculture

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF FARM
MANAGER, EXTENSION OFFICER AND
TECHNOLOGICAL OFFICER OF CLASS III OF
SRI LANKA TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICE OF
DEPARTMENT OF EXPORT
AGRICULTURE - 2017/(2018)

APPLICATIONS are hereby invited from the citizens of Sri Lanka to fill the below mentioned vacancies in the post of Farm Manager, Extension Officer and Technological

4. The Diploma related to the field of agriculture awarded by the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority.
5. The Diploma related to the field of agriculture awarded by the Open University of Sri Lanka.
6. Completion of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 6 related to the field of agriculture.
7. The two - year Diploma in Agriculture awarded by the Department of Agriculture.

06. *Mode of Applying :*

- (a) Application forms should be duly prepared using both sides of an A4 (21cm x 29cm) sized sheet including Sections 01 to 07 on the first page while the rest of the pages should carry the other passages respectively in accordance with the Specimen Application Form appended to this *Gazette* notification. Applications must be filled by the candidate himself/herself in clear hand writing in the medium language applicant is appearing for the examination.
- (b) One candidate is able to apply for one post or several posts. It is not required to forward separate applications. The preferential order of the posts applying for must be clearly indicated on the applications with the code numbers provided below. In addition, it is not possible to alter the preferential order of posts applied, later.

<i>Sequential Number</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Code Number</i>
1	Farm Manager	001
2	Extension Officer	002
3	Technological officer	003

Example :

An applicant who wishes to apply for the post of Extension Officer as his 1st Preference, the post of Technological Officer as his 2nd preference and the post of Farm Manager as his 3rd preference, should indicate the code numbers relevant to the posts applied under the column "Code Numbers" of the table No. 02 on the application, in the following manner.

<i>Sequential Number</i>	<i>Priority of preferences</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Code Number</i>
1	1st preference	Extension Officer	002
2	2nd Preference	Technological Officer	003
3	3rd Preference	Farm Manager	001

- (c) Both Sinhala and Tamil medium applications should have the name of examination written in the title in English.
- (d) Duly filled applications should be forwarded under registered post to "the Commissioner of the Examinations, Organization and Foreign Examinations Branch. The Department of Examinations, PO Box 1503, Colombo" on or before 08th January 2018. The name of the examination must be clearly written on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application.
- (e) The receipt obtained in the applicant's name, after paying the examination fee related to the number of the posts indicated below, in a manner it could be credited to state revenue under the Revenue Head 2003-02-13 of the Commissioner of Examinations, must be firmly affixed on its one margin on the application. It may be useful to retain a photo copy of the receipt. It is also kindly notified that any fee, other than the examination fee, will not be charged. While money orders or stamps are not entertained in respect of the examinations, the fee paid for the examination will not be reimbursed or transferred for other examinations under any consequence.

<i>No. of posts applied for</i>	<i>Examination fee</i>
For the post of Farm Manager and/or Extension Officer	Rs. 600
For the post of Technological Officer	Rs. 600
For the post of Farm Manager and/or Extension Officer and Technological Officer	Rs. 900

- (f) Applications that are not in conformity with the Specimen Application Form included in this notification, or not complete in every respect, applications received after the closing date will be rejected without prior notice and the Department will not be liable for the loss of applications

in the post or for any postal delays. Therefore, you are advised to scrutinize before forwarding the application whether your application is in conformity with the specimen Application Form given in the examination notice, whether the application has been accurately completed including all the particulars and whether the prescribed examination fee has been paid and the particulars in that regard have been included in the application and the receipt has been affixed on the application, further it may be advisable to retain with you a copy each of the completed application and the receipt concerning the payment of the examination fee.

- (g) The Signature of the applicant must have been attested both on the application and the admission card for the examination. A person applying for the examination through a certain institute, must get his/her signature attested by the respective head of the department or by an officer authorized by the head of the department, and the other applicants must get their signatures attested by a principal of a government school, the Grama Niladhari of the relevant division a justice of the Peace, a Commissioner of Oath, a lawyer, a Public Notary, a commissioned officer of the tri-forces or an officer in the Public or provincial public service or in a permanent staff grade post. receiving an annual consolidated salary of Rs. 240,360.
- (h) The candidates who are already in Public service should forward their applications through the Head of the Department.

Penalty for fraudulent particulars. – The application form must be carefully filled providing the accurate particulars. If applicant's ineligibility is disclosed under the rules and regulations of this examination, his/her candidature can be cancelled before the examination, while conducting the examination, after the exam or at any occasion.

07. Examination Procedure :

- (a) Under the presumption that only the candidates who possess the qualifications mentioned in the *Gazette* have applied, admissions will be issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations to the candidate who are within the age limits mentioned in the notification and have forwarded their applications forms before the closing date for receiving application. The candidate should produce the admission containing the attested signature to the Supervisor of the examination hall prescribed to him/her on the very first day he appears for the exam. Any candidate who fails to

produce the admission card will not be allowed to sit for the examination.

- (b) This examination will be held in March 2018 in Colombo only. The applicants who do not receive their admissions 05 days prior to the date of examination, must enquire without delay from the Organization and Foreign Examination Branch of the Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, producing the particulars listed below.
- (c) Immediately after the issuance of admissions to the candidates, a press notification will be published by the Department of Examination notifying it, if there are applicants who have not received their admissions even 2 or 3 days after the publishing of the notification, it must be informed to the Department of Examinations as mentioned in it. In such as instance, the full name of the candidate, the address, the National Identity Card Number and the name of examination must be mentioned and it is important to have in your hand the copies of the application, receipt for the payment of the examination fee the and receipt for the registered post. With regard to a candidate residing away from Colombo, it may be efficient to make an inquiry by sending a letter of request mentioning a fax number and the particulars given below in order to receive a copy of the admission by fax. It may be useful to keep the following information.
- (i) Name of examination
 - (ii) Full name of candidate
 - (iii) Date, Post office and number of registration of the application.
 - (iv) Receipt number, date and the post office of payment of examination fee.
- (d) Travel or any other expenses incurred by the candidate in order to appear for the examination will not be reimbursed.
- (e) *Identity.* – The candidate should prove his/her identity in a manner satisfactory to the Supervisor in respect of all the subjects he/she sits for. For this purpose.
- (i) The National Identity Card issued by the Department of Registration of Persons, or;
 - (ii) A Valid Passport will be accepted.

The candidates who fail to produce documents to prove their identity will not be allowed to sit for the examination.

(f) Syllabus :

One written examination will be held for both Farm Manager and Extension Officer Posts.

<i>Subject Number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time Hours</i>	<i>Maximum Mark</i>	<i>Pass Mark</i>	<i>Relevant Post</i>
01	Intelligence Test	1	100	40%	For all the Posts
02	Common Test - I (Technological and Subject Related Common Test)	3	100	40%	For the posts of Farm Manager and Extension Officer
03	Common Test - II (Technological and Subject Related Common Test)	3	100	40%	For the post of Technological Officer

(i) **Intelligence Test** (relevant to all posts)

The test consists of questions to determine the candidates ability of logical reasoning, analytical thinking and decision making. This test consists 50 multiple choice and short answer type questions and all the questions must be answered by the candidates.

(ii) **Common Test I (Technological and Subject Related Common Test) : (Relevant to the posts of Farm Manager and Extension Officer)**

- * General Agriculture and principles.
- * Crop production and principles, agronomical matters.
- * Soil, Fertilizer, plant nutrition and environmental impacts.
- * Plant propagation methods
- * Diseases and agents of pests, characteristics and damages.
- * Agricultural principles, past present and future potentials.
- * Botanical matters, climatic factors, impact of fertilizer and nutrition, diseases and pest and post - harvest technology related to Export Agricultural Crops such as pepper, cinnamon, cocoa, cardamom cloves, nutmeg, betel, arecanut, Vanilla and other crops
- * Sale of Export Crops and export potentials.
- * Organic farming
- * Management of farm, production of plants and planting material, management of nurseries and organic farming.
- * Methods of agricultural extension and the science of extension.

(iii) **Common Test II (Technological and Subject Related Common Test) : (Relevant to the post of Technological Officer)**

➤ **Principles of agriculture**

- * Climatic zones of Sri Lanka and their impact on crop production.
- * Types of soil conservation, plant nutrition and conservation of water.
- * Identification of pests, classification and control.
- * Plant propagation, management of nurseries and tissue culture.

- * Agriculture and environment
- * Horticulture, field crop cultivation, mixed crop cultivation and agri forest cultivation.
- * Post - harvest technology.
- * Definition of Export Agricultural Crops, propagation, field establishment, maintenance. diseases, control of pests and processing of harvest.
- * Management of farms and planning.
- * Contribution of public and private institutes in the development of agriculture in Sri Lanka.
- * Identification of laboratory equipment, use, cleaning and the safe use of chemicals and storage.

(f) The examination will be held in Sinhala, English and Tamil and media and the candidates who sit for the exam should appear for all the subjects of the examination in one medium language only. It is not allowed to change the medium of examination later.

08. *Conditions of Employment :*

- (i) The candidates selected are bound to serve in any area of the Island.
- (ii) The recruited officers will be subject to a probationary service period of 03 years.

(09) *Mode of Recruitment.*— A number of candidates equivalent to the number of vacancies to be filled will be called for the interview on the merit order of the total marks obtained by the candidates who obtained 40% or more marks for every question paper prescribed for the written examination. While awarding of marks will not be done at the interview, the recruitment will be done on the order of merit of the total marks obtained at the examination by the candidates who have verified their qualifications. A results sheet, containing the marks obtained by the candidates who appeared for the examination for each paper and the total marks, will be issued to all the candidates who appeared for the examination by the Commissioner General of Examinations after a notice has been issued by the Director General of Export Agriculture to release the results of the other candidates, following the finalization of all the recruitments.

(10) Issuance of admissions to appear for the examination will not be considered as an acceptance that the candidate is qualified for appearing for the examination or for the post. The candidature will be cancelled if it will be revealed that the candidate lacks necessary qualifications on the occasion the candidates are called for an interview and their qualifications are checked according to the *Gazette* notification.

(11) The decision with regard to any matter not mentioned here in will be taken by the appointing authority. All the candidates are obliged to act according to the examination rules and regulations mentioned in the *Gazette* notification.

(12) The candidates who have paid the relevant examination fee and forwarded the applications on or before the closing date will be allowed to sit for the competitive examination on the presumption that only those who have the qualifications mentioned in the *Gazette* notification have applied. The candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations with regard to holding of the examination. In the events of violation of these rules and regulations, she or he will have to be subject to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of the Examinations.

(13) If any inconsistency exists among the texts of this notifications published in Sinhala, Tamil and English, the Sinhala Medium Notification shall prevail.

Dr. A. P. HEENKENDA,
Director General of Export Agriculture.

(For office use only)

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POST OF FARM MANAGER, EXTENSION OFFICER AND TECHNOLOGICAL OFFICER OF CLASS III OF SRI LANKA TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICE FOR DEPARTMENT OF EXPORT AGRICULTURE - 2017

01. Medium applied : Sinhala - 2
Tamil - 3
English - 4 (Write the relevant number in the cage)

02. Post/Posts applied : _____.

The post or posts applied must be indicated in the order of preference. Even though, one post is applied, that post must be mentioned.

<i>Sequential Number</i>	<i>Order of presence</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Code Number</i>
1	1st preference		
2	2nd preference		
3	3rd preference		

03. Name :-

- 3.1 Name in Full (in English capital letters) : _____.
(Example : HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE SAMAN KUMARA GUNAWARDHANA)
3.2 Name with initials : _____.
(Surname followed by the initials of the other names in English Capital letters)
(Example : Gunawardhana H. M. S. K.)

04. Permanent Address :

(In capital English Letters)

4.1 Address to which admission card should be posted : _____.

(In capital English Letters)

4.2 Contact Number (If available) :- Mobile

Landline

05. National Identity Card No. :

06. Gender : Female 1 Male - 0
(write the relevant number in the cage)

07. Marital Status :
Married - 2 Unmarried -1 (Write the relevant number in the cage)

08. 8.1 Date of Birth : Year Month Date
8.2 Age as at the closing
Date of applications (2018.01.08) : Years Months Days

09. Educational Qualifications :

(a) G. C. E. (O/L) :

Year & Month :_____.

Index Number :_____.

Language Medium :_____.

	Subject	Grade		Subject	Grade
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		

(b) G.C.E. (A/L) :-

Year & Month :_____.

Index Number :_____.

Language Medium :_____.

	Subject	Grade
1		
2		
3		
4		

(c)

Name of Diploma and Institute	Year of passing the examination	Index Number

10. (a)

No : of the receipt for the payment of examination fee	
Date	
Post office or sub post office	
Amount Paid	

Affix the receipt for the payment of examination fee firmly on one margin here.
(retaining a copy of the receipt will be useful)

11. Certificate of the Applicant :-

I, hereby certify that the information furnished by me in this application is true and accurate. I am aware that if

any information furnished by me in this application is found to be false or inaccurate before I am selected. I am aware that I am liable for disqualification before selection and for dismissal without compensation if such revelation is made after the appointment.

Further, I declare that I am subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of the Examinations with the regard to holding of this examination.

_____,
Signature of the Applicant.

Date :_____.

12. Attestation of the candidate's Signature :

I, certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms..... who forwards this applications is personally known to me and he/she placed his/her signature, in my presence on..... and, the receipt obtained by paying the prescribed examination fee is affixed here.

_____,
Signature of the Attester.

Date :_____.

Full Name of the Attester :_____.

Designation :_____.

Address :_____.

(Affirm by Official Stamp)

13. Certificate of the Head of the Department (if the Applicant is employed in the Public Service) :

I, certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms..... is employed at this Ministry/Department /Office and his/her service is satisfactory, and has paid the prescribed examination fees. I also certify that the particulars furnished above by him/her are true and if he/she is selected for an appointment based on the results of this examination he/she can be/Cannot be released from the present post.

_____,
Signature of the Head of the Department.

Date :_____.

Full Name of the certifying officer :_____.

Designation :_____.

Address :_____.

(Office Stamp).