

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - WESTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

TRAINING COURSE OF NATIONAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 4 (NVQ4) FOR “FIELD ASSISTANT (AGRICULTURE)” CONDUCTED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE ONE YEAR AGRICULTURE TRAINING COURSE, IN DISTRICT AGRICULTURE TRAINING CENTERS - HOMAGAMA (MALE) WALPITA (FEMALE) 2019/2020

APPLICATIONS are called for the recruitment of students for the above training course by the Provincial Director of Agriculture, Western Province and the Course will be conducted in Sinhala medium. This course of training is targeted for those who intend either to engage in agriculture as a business or on the basis of self - employment.

02. Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully complete this course, which will be in the form of a practical and theoretical training. Further, Tertiary and Vocational Training Commission provides opportunities to obtain Certificates of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ 4). The subjects of the course are as follows.

With relevant to NVQ 4

- i. M - 01 - Supervision of Land Preparation and Soil Conservation
- ii. M - 02 - Nursery Establishment and Supervising the Maintenance
- iii. M - 03 - Establishment of Crops in the Field and Supervising the Maintenance
- iv. M - 04 - Supervision of Harvesting and Harvest Preparation
- v. M - 05 - Utilization of Machinery and Supervising the Maintenance
- vi. M - 06 - Administrative Activities
- vii. M - 07 - Job Security

and in addition, Animal Husbandry, Paddy Cultivation, Home Science, 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 methods), self-employment techniques (e.g. Landscaping, Farm accounts, maintenance, of farm equipment and training in tractor driving) and a training on modern methods of processing of information (e.g. operation of computers) will be provided to students. Enhancing English knowledge of students and an understanding of the contemporary agriculture policies will also be provided.

03. *Conducting of the Course :*

The course which is over a period of one year consists of three terms. Written and practical tests are conducted at the end of the terms, after the completion of studying the module. Further, continuous assessments are carried out during the period of studying this module. Educational tours are organized for the first and the second terms. During the third term, all students are required to follow a project study in the selected field. in conjunctions with an external agricultural business/institution. With the completion if the project final written and practical tests are conducted. The final written and practical tests are held after the completion of the project and thereafter certificates will be awarded to the students who complete 85% attendance and are successful upon a continuous evaluation. Further, Tertiary and Vocational Training Commission provides opportunities for these students to obtain Certificates of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ4) “Field Assistant” (Agriculture).

04. *Scheme of Recruitment :*

04.1 Educational Qualifications :

Passing six subjects including Sinhala Language (Language and Literature), Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Technical Subject (Agriculture, Needle work, Home Gardening, Home Economics), Accounts and Commerce, Motor

Machanics) at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination with 02 Credit passes in not more than two sittings.

04.2 *Other Qualifications :*

- i. All applicants should be between the ages of 17-25 years on the date of calling applications.
- ii. Applicants should be unmarried.
- iii. Applicants should be in a sound 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 selected through an interview held by the Provincial Director of Agriculture.
- 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 at 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, will also be provided an opportunity. However, residents of the Western Province will be given priority in making the selection. It has been decided to select applicants outside the Western Province through and 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 five hundred rupees (Rs.500) 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 followed in participating the course of training :*

- i. A deposit of five hundred rupees (Rs.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 from appended, should be sent under registered post to reach the Provincial Director of Agriculture, Office of the Provincial Director of Agriculture (W.P), 07th Floor, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla on or before 30th of June 2019. The words "Application for the Vocational course of Training in Agriculture 2019/2020" should be written on the top left-hand corner 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 the 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.

(II) District of Residence :

(III) Contact Number (Mobile) :

(IV) Contact Number (Home) :

7. Sex: Male: Female:

8. Date of birth Year : Month : Date :

9. (I) Identity card No. :

(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 ever 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.

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 Date.