

## **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **Recruitment under Open Stream to the Post of Legal Officer in Grade III of Executive Service Category at the Department of Agrarian Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation - 2026**

ON the order of the Public Services Commission, applications are hereby called from citizens of Sri Lanka, who have possessed following qualifications, for filling of 02 post of Legal Officer in Grade III of executive service category at the Department of Agrarian Development, which has fallen vacant, under open stream.

(a) The closing date for application is 30/10/2026

#### **1. Functions assigned to the post:**

- Providing legal consultations to the District Offices, Agrarian Development Centres fallen under the Department of Agrarian Development and its scope, preparing legal documents such as draft bills, regulations, observation reports, proxies etc.
- Maintaining coordination with the Department of Attorney General, taking action on complaints on human rights violations, and providing consultation regarding the court cases, of which the officers Department of Agrarian Development and in above mentioned public institutions fallen under the scope of the Department are named as respondents on matters relevant to the scope, and appearing before the court on such cases
- Providing consultations to take action as per section 4,5,6 of the chapter XXXIII and section I of chapter XI of the Establishments Code, providing necessary guidance, and carrying out other relevant activities and performing other duties entrusted by the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development.

#### **2. Method of Recruitment:**

Out of the candidates, who have satisfied qualifications stipulated in the notification, the candidates who secure highest marks on the results of an interview to be held to evaluate the eligibility by an interview board appointed by the Public Services Commission will be recruited to the post fallen vacant. The interview will be held conforming to the marking scheme (Mentioned under No. 7) approved by the Public Services Commission.

Active date of the appointment will be determined by Public Services Commission.

### 3. Required qualifications:

#### 3.1. Educational/ professional qualifications

Should have taken oath as an attorney at law at the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

#### 3.2 Experience

Should have possessed an active and professional experience of not less than three years (03) after taking oath as an attorney at law at the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. (The period of experience, official stamp of the attestor and the date of attestation should be clearly indicated in the documents submitted to prove the active and professional experience.)

*Or*

Should have possessed experience of not less than 03 years in a legal post\* in a public institution after taking oath as an attorney at law at the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

- I. Coordination with the Department of Attorney general on court cases and carrying out legal affairs.
- II. Legal affairs connecting to agreements
- III. Legal affairs on relevant acts and ordinances
- IV. Formulation of legal documents such as draft bills, circulars, regulations etc.
- V. Laws imposed by various Statutory Institutions, court cases or investigations

**Note:** The copies of the documents certified by the candidate him/herself, which prove the basic qualification of the candidate, should be attached to the application. **The certificates, which does not contain clearly the date of commencement and termination of service, may be rejected without any notice.**

\* Legal post means the posts, for which the Degree in Law or taking oath as an attorney at law at the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka are considered as basic qualification for recruitment.

#### 3.3. Physical Fitness:

Every candidate should be with sound physical and mental condition to perform the duties of the post and to serve at any part of Sri Lanka

### 3.4. Other qualifications:

- (i.) The candidate should be with an excellent character.
- (ii.) The candidates, who are government officers, should have not been subjected to any disciplinary punishment as per provisions in Public Services Commission Circular No. 01/2020.
- (iii.) Should have satisfied each and every way the qualifications prescribed for recruitment to the post as at the closing date of applications 30/10/2026

### 4. Conditions for engagement in service:

- (i.) This post is permanent and pensionable. You are subjected to the policy decision taken in due course by the Government on the pension scheme to which you are entitled. Further you are required to contribute to Widows and Orphan's pension scheme/ Widower's and Orphan's Pension scheme and required to pay contributions as determined by Government from time to time.
- (ii.) This post is subjected to a probationary period of 03 years. It is required to pass the first efficiency bar examination as prescribed in the scheme of recruitment within 03 years from the date of recruitment to the post.
- (iii.) Should have acquired the competency in other official language/s as per the provisions stipulated in Public Administration Circular 18/2020 dated 16.10.2020.
- (iv.) This appointment is subjected to the procedural rules of the Public Services Commission, Establishments Code and Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, scheme of recruitment for the post of Legal Officer in Grade III of Executive service category of the Department of Agrarian Development and conditions in the revisions already made or to be made in due course to the same.
- (v.) The candidate will not be allowed at later occasions to change the language medium applied by the candidate. The language medium, under which you are qualified to receive an appointment, will be the language medium you have indicated in your application.

## 5. Salary Scale:

The monthly salary scale applied to this post will be Rs.82,150-10×2,400-8×2,940-17×3,900-195,970/- (SL1-2025) as per the provisions of Public Administration Circular 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025.

## 6. Age limit:

The candidate should be not less than 21 years of age and not more than 45 years of age as at the closing date of applications.

## 7. Interview for evaluating eligibility:

Structured interview will be held by an interview board appointed by the Public Service Commission and the following marking scheme will be applied for the purpose.

| <i>Serial No.</i> | <i>Subject</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Marks</i>         | <i>Maximum marks</i> |
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| 01                | <b>Additional Educational Qualifications</b><br><br>(a) For a post graduate degree in Law awarded by a local state University or foreign University recognized by University Grants Commission or a University established by an Act of the parliament of Sri Lanka or a such degree recognized under section 25A of the University Act No. 16 of 1978. | 25                   | <b>25</b>            |
|                   | (b) For a post graduate diploma in Law obtained by a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or a post graduate diploma in Law obtained from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the Law Collage of Sri Lanka                                                                                                                  | 20                   |                      |
|                   | (c) For a<br>✓ Degree in Law with a first class<br>✓ Degree in Law with a second-class upper division<br>✓ Degree in Law with a class<br>✓ General Degree in Law                                                                                                                                                                                        | 15<br>10<br>07<br>05 |                      |
|                   | recognized by a local state University or foreign University recognized by University Grants Commission or a University established by an Act of the parliament of Sri Lanka or recognized under section 25A of the University Act No. 16 of 1978                                                                                                       |                      |                      |
|                   | (d) First class pass in the final year of Law Collage<br>Second class pass in the final year of Law Collage<br><i>Note: Above 5 marks will be allocated only if the candidate has passed the final examination of Law Collage with honours pass.</i>                                                                                                    | 10<br>05             |                      |
|                   | (e) For a diploma course in relation to the field of law of which duration is not less than 06 months and awarded by an institute recognized by the Government                                                                                                                                                                                          | 03                   |                      |
|                   | (f) For a diploma course in relation to the field of law of which duration is not less than 03 months and awarded by an institute recognized by the Government<br><br><i>(Marks will be allocated strictly for the highest qualification.)</i>                                                                                                          | 02                   |                      |

| Serial No.      | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Marks                                                     | Maximum marks                          |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
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| 02              | <p><b>Additional experience</b><br/>Preparation of documents relevant to cases and making submission at open courts</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Marks for filing a case (For one case)</td><td>Marks for making submissions at open court (For one case)</td></tr><tr><td>Supreme Court</td><td>2</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Court of Appeal</td><td>2</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>High Court</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>District Court</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Tribunals</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr></table> <p><b>Note:</b> In order to prove the above-mentioned qualifications, copies of the verdicts issued by the court or certified copy of the report of the case on the last date of hearing should be submitted to the Board of Interview.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                           | Marks for filing a case (For one case) | Marks for making submissions at open court (For one case) | Supreme Court | 2 | 5 | Court of Appeal | 2 | 4 | High Court | 2 | 3 | District Court | 4 | 5 | Tribunals | 2 | 3 |  | 35 |
|                 | Marks for filing a case (For one case)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Marks for making submissions at open court (For one case) |                                        |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
| Supreme Court   | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5                                                         |                                        |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
| Court of Appeal | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4                                                         |                                        |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
| High Court      | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3                                                         |                                        |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
| District Court  | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5                                                         |                                        |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
| Tribunals       | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3                                                         |                                        |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |
| 03              | <p><b>Language competency</b></p> <p>(a) Degree with English Language as a main subject possessed from a University recognized by University Grants Commission. 15</p> <p>(b) Competency in English proved at Moot Court Competitions either at recognized national or international level. 12</p> <p><u>Individual</u></p> <p>i. First place/ Best merit - 12</p> <p>ii. Second place - 10</p> <p>iii. Third place/Other merits - 08</p> <p><u>Groups</u></p> <p>i. First place/ Best merit - 10</p> <p>ii. Second place - 08</p> <p>iii. Third place/Other merits - 06</p> <p>(c) A Diploma in English Language possessed from a University recognized by University Grants Commission or a Diploma in English Language at SLQF level 3 or above from an Institute or a Diploma in English Language ,of which duration is at least 1500 hours, from a Government Training Institute / an institute affiliated to a Government Training Institute. 10</p> <p>(d) At least a distinction pass for English Language at G C E (Advance Level) Examination (Local or London) or marks level 6.5 or above at IELTS, 79 marks or above at TOEFL-IBT, 213 marks or above at TOEFL-CBT or 550 marks or above at TOEFL-PBT. 08</p> <p>(e) Higher Certificate for English Language obtained from a University recognized by University Grants Commission or a certificate at the level SLOF 2 form an institute. 05</p> <p>(Marks will be allocated strictly for the highest qualification.)</p> |                                                           | 15                                     |                                                           |               |   |   |                 |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |           |   |   |  |    |

| <i>Serial No.</i> | <i>Subject</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Marks</i>                                 | <i>Maximum marks</i> |
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| 04                | <b>Knowledge on Information Technology/Information Technology Law</b><br><br>(a) having studied Information Technology or Computer Science as a main subject for a degree from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission.<br><br>(b) A Diploma in Information and Communication Technology Law obtained from a University recognized by University Grants Commission or Law Collage of Sri Lanka or a Vocational Institute recognized by the Government.<br><br>(c) A Diploma in Computer Science or Information Technology obtained from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or a Diploma in Computer Science or Information Technology at the level of NVQ-5 or above obtained from another institution<br><br>(d) Certificates obtained after studying courses in the field of Information and Communication Technology Law/ participating in training programmes on the same at a University recognized by the University Grants Commission or Law Collage of Sri Lanka or a Vocational Institute recognized by the Government . (02 marks will be allocated for one certificate subjected to the maximum of 02 certificates.)<br><br><i>(Marks will be allocated strictly for the highest qualification.)</i> | 10<br><br><br>08<br><br><br>05<br><br><br>04 | <b>10</b>            |
| 05                | <b>Merit proved at the interview</b><br><br>Marks will be allocated considering the answers given by candidate questions aimed at the evaluation of:<br>✓ Strengths<br>✓ Situational approaches and<br>✓ Competency<br>which are supportive to perform the duties of the candidate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 02<br>03<br>10                               | <b>15</b>            |
|                   | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              | <b>100</b>           |

8. Identity of candidates:

Only the candidates, who have duly perfected their applications each and every way, will be called for the interview for evaluating eligibility. At the interview, originals of all certificates and the copies certified duly by the candidate him/herself should be submitted.

Following documents will be accepted to prove the identity of the candidate at the interview.

- i. Valid National Identity Card issued by the Commissioner for Registration of Persons
- ii. Valid passport

9. Method for submitting applications:

- i. Duly perfected applications should either be sent by registered post or handed over to reach Commissioner General, Department of Agrarian Development, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before 30/10/2026. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.
- ii. The words 'Recruitment to the post of Legal Officer (open stream)-2026' should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope in which the application is sent.
- iii. Specimen of the application is attached at the end of this notification. Candidates should prepare their application on a paper of A4 size and section 01 to 03 should be indicated on the first page whilst indicating section from 04

to 06 on the second page and section 07 to 10 on the third page. Application should be filled by the candidate in his/her own hand writing.

- iv. The signature of the candidate in the application should be attested by a Principal of a Government School/ Justice of Peace/ Commissioner of Oaths/ Attorney At Law/ Notary Public/ Commissioned Officer of Three Armed Forces/or officer holding a permanent post in Public or Provincial Public Service with a monthly consolidated salary of Rs. 82,150 or more.
- v. The officers already in public or provincial public service should submit their applications through the Head of the Department, where they serve.
- vi. Applications which do not conform to the attached specimen will be rejected without any notice. No complain made on the loss or delay of applications in the post will be entertained.
- vii. The candidates will have to bear the losses incurred due to delaying their applications up to the closing date of applications.

10. Penalty for Furnishing False Information:

If it is found that any information indicated in the application by you is false or incorrect before the

recruitment, your candidature will be cancelled and if it is found after recruitment, action will be taken to dismiss you from the service subjected to relevant actions.

- 11. Public Services Commission reserves the right to fill or not to fill vacancy.
- 12. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
- 13. If any issue arises on a matter not indicated in this notification or in the process for recruitment, the decision taken by the Public Services Commission in this regard should be the final.

On the order of the Public Services Commission,

D. P. WICKRAMASINGHE,  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and  
Irrigation.

80/5,  
'Govijana Mandiraya',  
Rajamalwaththa Road,  
Battaramulla,  
Sri Lanka,  
Battaramulla

SPECIMEN OF THE APPLICATION

**Recruitment under open stream to the post of Legal Officer in Grade III of Executive Service Category at the Department of Agrarian Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation - 2026**

(For office use only.)

(Indicate in the cage the number relevant to the language medium, in which candidate applies)  
Sinhala -2/Tamil -3/ English -4

*Note: - The language medium selected cannot be changed at later on.*

1.0

- 1.1 Name in full (Mr./Mrs./Miss) :.....  
(In Sinhala/Tamil) :.....
- 1.2 Name in full (In English block capitals) :.....  
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1.3 Name with initials (Mr./Mrs./Miss) :.....  
(In Sinhala/Tamil ) .....  
Eg - එම්. ජී. බී. එස්. ගුණවර්ධන  
Eg - M.G.B.S.K. Gunawardana

2.0

2.1 Permanent address :.....  
(In Sinhala/Tamil ) .....

2.2 Permanent address :.....  
(In English block capitals).....

2.3 Address for sending the letter of calling for the interview  
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3.0

3.1 Sex: Male - 0  (Indicate in the relevant cage.)  
Female - 1

3.2 Marital status: Married -1  (Indicate in the relevant cage.)  
Single -2

3.3 Date of birth:

Year: 

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### 3.4 Age as at 30/10/2026:

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6.1 Particulars of the qualifications possessed for applying for the interview as per the notice for calling applications

| Institute, from which qualifications were possessed | Date of possessing such qualifications |
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| .....                                               | .....                                  |
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Date of taking oath as an Attorney At Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka: .....

\*Certificates/documents to prove the basic qualifications should be certified by the candidate him/herself to the effect that they are true and then submitted along with the application.

Particulars pertaining to the possession of each qualification under no 07 of the notice for calling applications

- 6.2 Additional Educational Qualifications :.....  
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6.3 Additional Professional Qualifications :.....  
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6.4 Knowledge on information technology/information technology law:.....  
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6.5 Competency in languages :.....  
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\*Documents to prove the additional qualifications should not be sent with the application and it is the responsibility of candidate to keep them at hand to submit to the Board of Interview.

7.0 Have you ever been convicted by a court for any charge? (Indicate (✓) in the relevant cage)

yes

☐

No

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If the answer is yes, give particulars: .....  
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8.0 Candidate's statement:

I solemnly declare that particulars furnished by me in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, all the parts are duly perfected, and I am fully aware that if this statement is found to be false, I am liable to be disqualified before the appointment and to be dismissed from the service, if it is found after the appointment and further, I am bound by all laws and regulations in this regard.

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Date

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Signature of the candidate.

9.0

Attesting the signature of the candidate

I hereby certify that Mr./Mrs./Miss....., who is submitting this application, is known to me personally and he/she placed signature in my presence on.....

.....  
Signature of the Attesting Officer

Date .....  
Name in full.....  
Designation.....  
Address.....  
(Confirm by placing official stamp)

10.0 Recommendation of the Head of Department: (Only for those who are in service)

It is hereby certified that the Mr./Mrs./Miss....., whose particulars are given above, is serving at present in this institution, particulars furnished by him/her are true and correct, his/her work and attendance are satisfactory and no charge has been made against him/her and further he/she can/cannot be released, if selected to this post.

Date.....  
Name: .....  
Designation: .....  
Address: .....  
(Confirm by placing official stamp)

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Signature of the Head of Department/ Institution.