



SRI LANKA ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH SERVICE

Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Posts of Veterinary Research Officer and Research Officer in the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service - 2026

Applications are called for the competitive examination from officers in the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service who possess the qualifications specified below, to fill 12 vacant posts of Veterinary Research Officer and 03 vacant posts of Research Officer.

01. Recruitment Qualifications

1. Veterinary Research Officer

- i. Having completed a minimum of one (01) year and maximum of three (03) years of permanent service as a Veterinary Surgeon in the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service, and possessing a four-year degree in the relevant field of Veterinary Science with a First Class or Second Class (Upper Division) pass.

- ii. Not having been subjected to a disciplinary punishment in terms of the provisions of Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.
- iii. Having earned salary increment in the preceding years.
(*Note:* On this occasion only, Veterinary Surgeons of the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service who were appointed in the year 2016 will be given the opportunity to apply for the post of Veterinary Research Officer.)

2. Research Officer

- i. Having completed a minimum of one (01) year and a maximum of three (03) years of satisfactory, Permanent service as a Veterinary Surgeon or Livestock Officer in the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service, and possessing a four-year degree in the relevant field of Veterinary Science/ Animal Husbandry/ Agriculture Science with a First Class or Second Class (Upper Division) pass.
- ii. Not have been subjected to a disciplinary punishment in terms of the provisions of Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.
- iii. Having earned salary increment in the preceding years.
(*Note:* On this occasion only, Veterinary Surgeons and Livestock Officers of the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service who were appointed in the year 2016 will be given the opportunity to apply for the post of Research Officer.)

02. If you intend to apply for these posts, the specimen application form attached hereto should be completed and sent by registered post to the address "Director General of Animal Production and Health, Department of Animal Production and Health, P. O. Box : 13, Peradeniya on or before 26.10.2026. The application form should be prepared using both sides of an A4 size paper, so that the information from heading Nos. 01 to 06 is included on the first page and remaining headings appear sequentially on the other page. Applications that do not comply with the specimen application form given in the notice and incomplete application will be

rejected. Please not that 'Competitive Examination for recruitment to the post of Veterinary Research Officer and Research Officer in the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service - 2026.' should be clearly written on the top left hand corner of the envelope in which the application is enclosed.

03. The written competitive examination will be conducted by the Director General of Animal Production and Health, and candidates should present the National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons, a valid passport or a valid driving license to prove their identity for the examination. Candidates should pay an examination fee of Rs. 1,000/- to the Shroff at the Head Office of the Department of Animal Production and Health or to any branch of the People's Bank island wide to be credited to the account number given below and securely paste the receipt or a clear copy of the receipt in the designated space on the application form. Money orders or cash will be accepted for the examination fee, and the fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred for any other examination under any circumstances.

Name of Account Holder : Director General of Animal Production and Health
Bank : People's Bank, Peradeniya Branch
Account Number : 057-100179027275

04. In the event that a candidate does not received the admission card after admission cards have been issued for the examination, an inquiry should be made by forwarding certified copies of the application form and the payment receipt to the Department of Animal Production and Health. Every candidate must get the signature on the relevant admission card certified at the designated examination hall and hand it over to the Supervisor of the examination hall on the first day of appearing at the hall. Examination candidates shall be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the Director General of Animal Production and Health with regard to the conduct of the examination and the released of results.
05. The examination will be held only in Kandy, in the Sinhala, Tamil and English language as media of examination.
06. Recruitment will be made based on the merit achieved in the written competitive examination. Depending on the results and the existing vacancies, officers who obtain the highest marks will be appointed by the Public Service Commission in order of merit. (The syllabus is set out in Annexure 02.)

07. Furthermore, once an appointment has been made as a Veterinary Research Officer or Research Officer on the basis of the results of the above-mentioned written examination, there will be no opportunity for re-appointment to the posts of Veterinary Surgeon/ Livestock Officer.

By order of the Public Service Commission,

Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and
Irrigation.

Date :

**APPLICATION FOR RECRUITMENT OF OFFICER IN THE POST OF VETERINARY RESEARCH
OFFICER AND RESEARCH OFFICER IN THE SRI LANKA ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH
SERVICE - 2026**

(For official use)

Medium for the written Competitive Examination

Sinhala - 2

Tamil - 3

English - 4

(Write the relevant number in the cage.)

Post applying for -
(Veterinary Research Officer - 01)
(Research Officer - 02)
(If it is both posts - 03)
(Write the relevant number in the cage.)

01. I. Name in full (In block letters) :
(eg. HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE SAMAN KUMARA GUNAWARDHANA)
- II. Last name with initials :
(In block letters) :
(eg: GUNAWARDHANA, H. M. S. K.)
- III. Name in full (In Sinhala/ Tamil) :
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02. Present place of work and address (In English block letters) :
03. National Identity Card No. :

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04. Gender : Male - 0
Female - 1 (Write the relevant number in the cage.)
05. Date of Birth : Year:

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 Month :

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 Date :

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06. Present Post :

07. Date of first appointment in the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service :

08. I. Confirmed date in the post :

II. Service Period :

09. Service Particulars :

<i>Present Post</i>	<i>Service Period</i>		<i>Place of Work</i>	<i>Department/ Provincial Council</i>
	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>		

10. Details of degrees obtained :

<i>Degree/ Post Graduate Degree</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Year</i>
1.			
2.			
3.			

11. Whether salary increments have been earned in the years immediately preceding the closing date for applications :

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Whether salary increments have been earned or not Year</i>	

12. I. Whether any disciplinary action has been taken?

II. If any disciplinary action has been taken, details with the time period

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13. Details of the receipt obtained paying the fee :

I. Branch of the bank to which the payment was made :

II. Receipt No. :

III. Date :

Affix the receipt with one edge so as not to fall off

I declare that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that, if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect, I am liable to be disqualified, if detected before selection and to be dismissed without any compensation, if such detection is made after appointment. I hereby certify placing my usual signature that I have not been convicted of any criminal offence by any court of law. I also declare that I will abide by the rules and regulations laid down by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conduct of the examination.

Date :

....., Signature of the

Applicant.

Certificate of the Head of the Department

I certify that the above applicant Mr/Mrs/Miss is serving in this Department/ Provincial Council as a and the particulars furnished in the application are correct as per his/her personal

file. He/she could/ could not be released from this Department/ Provincial Council if selected for the above post. (Write off irrelevant words.)

Date :

.....,
Head of the Department,
(Official stamp)

**Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Post of Veterinary Research Officer and Research Officer in the
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01. Details of the Examination :

<i>Question Paper No.</i>	<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Total Marks</i>	<i>Pass Marks</i>
01	Question paper to test knowledge related to the field of research	02 hours	100	50
02	Aptitude Test	01 hour	100	50

- The appointing authority has the discretion to reduce the minimum pass marks required, in a situation where the number of officers who have obtained the minimum pass marks is less than the relevant number of vacancies.

02. Syllabus for the Examination :

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
01. Question paper to test knowledge related to the field of research	- Science and research environment of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka's National Research Policy, Agricultural Research Policy, allocation of funds for research activities, national institutions engaged in research activities, research priorities. - Research nomenclature, types of research, basic research that can be formulated and applied research. - Research needs - the need for identification and analysis, methods of identification and methods of analysis, prioritization. - Research design, sampling techniques, sample size, testing methods, factors to be considered in site selection, experiments, the chi method, use of the logical framework, the 'all or nothing' theory. - Reviewing research (literature review), international and national research publications, journals, information retrieval, library networks. - Statistics related to research, statistical and data analysis packages and software, basic calculations, aggregate/total, mean, standard deviation, correction coefficient, use of the standard distribution curve. - Documentation, publication of research findings, standard format for research publications, conventions to be followed in writing, benefits of summary presentations and various forms of presentation along with their relative advantages and disadvantages.

<i>Question Paper</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
	8. Research and Development - gap between research and extension, research-extension linkages, dissemination of research findings, post-research relationships. 9. Research ethics, obtaining information from other sources, use of unpublished data, and the use of such data for research purposes. Answer must be provided to all questions.
02. Aptitude Test	This Paper consist of 50 questions in multiple-choice and short-answer format, intended to test the candidate's logical thinking, analytical ability, and decision-making capacity. All questions must be answered.