

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

2nd Efficiency Bar Examination for Officers of the Sri Lanka Principals Service - 2026 (Officers in Grade II of the Sri Lanka Principals Service and officers appointed to Grade II of Class 2 of the Sri Lanka Principals Service on the Supernumerary basis must appear for the examination.)

IT is hereby informed that the Efficiency Bar Examination will be held in **January 2027** in Colombo for Officers in Grade II of the Sri Lanka Principals Service according to the Service Minute dated 22.10.2014 bearing the No. 1885/31 and, for the Officers appointed to Grade II of Class 2 of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service in accordance with the Cabinet Decision No. **CM/21/1824/308/139** dated **2021.11.23**, as per the Cabinet Decision No. **CM/12/1101/530/035** dated **2012.08.08**.

The application form is available through the "Online Applications – Recruitment/EB Exams" section under "Our Services" on the website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations and applications can be submitted online only. The submission of the online application will open on **28th September 2026 at 09.00 AM and will close on 26th October 2026 at 09.00 PM**. After submitting the application online, it should be downloaded, fill in the relevant sections of the printed copy in handwriting, attest the applicant's signature, and submit a copy of the application to the Head of the Institution for inclusion in his/her personal file.

The applicant must bear any adverse consequences resulting from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date.

02. The syllabus and other provisions relating to this examination have been published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1885/31 dated 22.10.2014. For the convenience of the candidates, the examination procedure (Table 01) and the syllabus (Table 02) are given below:

(a) Examination Procedure (Table 01)

<i>Subject number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Minimum score required to pass</i>
01	School Administration and Supervision	03 hours	100	40
02	School Planning	03 hours	100	40
03	New Trends and Practices in Education	03 hours	100	40

(b) Syllabus (Table 02)

<i>Subject number</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Syllabus</i>
01	School Administration and Supervision	Questions are included to test the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the role of a principal for the good governance of a school. Knowledge is measured in the areas of school management methods, preparation of time table, distribution of responsibilities, public participation in school development, school-based management, school-based teacher development, teacher welfare, student-friendly school concept, and student-centered education.
02	School Planning	Questions are included to test the knowledge and understanding of the candidates on the role of a principal as a pioneer of development. Knowledge is assessed in the areas of school management boards, vision and mission of a school, school information base preparation, integrated planning, long-term and short-term plans, annual implementation plans, school network and resource planning, and the school's contribution to regional development.
03	New Trends and Practices in Education	Knowledge is measured about the new concept of learning and teaching, experiential learning, logical thinking, equity in education, education for those with special needs, non-formal education, adult education, lifelong learning, competency-based education, education for living, student counseling and career guidance.

03. **Medium of Language of the Examination: -**

Will be held in Sinhala and Tamil medium. Candidates must appear for the examination in only one medium of their choice. A candidate is not permitted to change the examination medium indicated in his/her application.

04. The results list containing the results of all candidates who appeared for the examination will be submitted to the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education. Accordingly, the results will be published on the ministry website www.moe.gov.lk. The Commissioner General of Examinations will not issue personal result documents to the candidates.

05. The online examination application form must be completed in English only. The Department will notify the mobile phone number used to access the system *via* SMS or **e-mail** that the soft copy submitted online by the applicant has been accepted/not accepted as a valid application. Before completing the online application, download the instructions prepared for applying for the examination. Follow the instructions carefully when filling the application form. Any amendment made to the application form after obtaining a printed copy will not be considered as a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

NB - The applicant should be very careful while filling in his/her personal details in the application form and requests for amendment of any information including name, National Identity Card number, address, etc. after issuing the results will not be considered.

06. The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue the admissions online to the candidates who have submitted duly completed applications on or before the last date for receipt of applications on the premise that only those who acquire the qualifications stated in the Gazette notification have applied. As soon as the admissions are issued, the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka will inform the candidates through a web notification /SMS. If a candidate has not received the admission, he / she should inquire about it from the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka. When making such inquiry, it would be beneficial that the applicant send a request letter stating the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card number and address correctly to the email address in the web notification. Forwarded to the specified e-mail address. When making the inquiry, it would be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application form and, if applicable, a photocopy of the receipt of payment of the examination fee ready to certify any information sought by the Examination Department. After checking the admission and if there are any amendments, the Department of Examinations should be contacted in advance and the relevant amendments should be made as per the application. Requests for amendments made at the examination hall will not be entertained.
07. The applicant's signature in the admission for the examination must be attested by the Head of the Institution or an officer authorized by him. A candidate must appear for the examination under the prescribed examination number in the examination hall assigned to him and on the day of the examination, the candidate must hand over the admission with attested signature to the Invigilator. Candidates who do not submit the admission will not be allowed to sit for the examination.
08. Candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the invigilator for each subject they appear for in the examination hall. Only the following documents are valid for this purpose:
- i. National Identity Card
 - ii. Valid Passport
 - iii. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Candidates must also enter the examination hall without covering their faces so that their identity can be verified and without covering their ears so that it can be confirmed that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Candidates who do not agree

to this will not be admitted to the examination hall. Furthermore, they must remain without covering their faces and ears from the moment they enter the examination hall until the examination is concluded and they leave.

09. Examination Fees:

- (a) For the entire examination or part thereof no fee will be charged for the first time.
 - (b) The fees charged for each examination thereafter are as follows:
For one subject : Rs. 250/-
 - (c) When paying the examination fee, payment should be made only under the following payment methods provided by the online system.
 - (i.) By any credit card
 - (ii.) By any debit card with online payment facility
 - (iii.) Through Bank of Ceylon Online Banking / Flex App
 - (iv.) Through any Bank of Ceylon branch
 - (d) Instructions on how to make payments using the above methods are published on the website under the technical instructions related to the examination.
 - (e) Payment will be acknowledged *via* SMS or e-mail. The full amount of the examination fee must be paid and applications that have been underpaid or overpaid will be rejected. The Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka will not be held responsible for any errors that may occur in the payment of examination fees through the above payment methods.
 - (e) The amount paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another examination for any reason.
10. Candidates are subject to the rules imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding conducting the examination. The violation of those rules will subject him or her to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the examination results is final.
11. If it appears that there is any discrepancy or inconsistency between the language versions of this announcement published in Sinhala, English and Tamil media, in such a case, action will be taken in accordance with the Sinhala media announcement.

12. The Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education reserves the right to decide on any matter not covered by this announcement.

NALAKA KALUWEWE,
Secretary,
Ministry of Education, Higher Education and
Vocational Education.

At the Ministry of Education,
Higher Education and Vocational Education,
Isurupaya, Pelawatta,
21st of September, 2026.

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