

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK,
LANDS & IRRIGATION
SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF SRI LANKA**

**Open competitive examination for recruitment to
posts of survey field assistant
in primary semi-skilled service category which
remain vacant in Survey Department of Sri Lanka
- 2025**

1.0 APPLICATIONS are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka to the open competitive examination to be held in month of October 2025 in Colombo for recruitment to the post of survey field assistant in primary semi-skilled (PL 02) which remains vacant in Survey Department.

1.1 Post	Grade
Survey Field Assistant	Grade III

1.2 Nature of duties of posts

Assistants' Service is Rs. රු.41,800 -10 x 490 -10 x 540 - 10 x 590 - 12 x 630 – 65,560 =/

Post	Main Functions
Survey Field Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving assistance to draw the sketch relevant to the survey • Preparation of survey lines as possible as to observe old boundaries, using Survey field books and plans. • Placing and opening of relevant land marks and pickets in area relevant to the Survey. • Giving Assistance to Survey duties relevant to finding out and placing of bench marks relevant to the Survey. • Giving Assistance to maintenance relevant to the Safety and storing of instruments, use in the field. • Setting out of G.P.S. instruments in survey points in field For surveys which are done, using of satellite technology including of theodolite, leveling instruments and new electronic total stations. • Giving assistance to all activities of placing of geo control points require for air photography. • Keeping of targets properly that require for determination of location and level of all stations which made in surveys and giving assistance to collect data. • Setting out of landmarks and bench marks using correct data in survey, • Setting out of landmarks relevant to blocking out of lands which basically done using the data in survey field books and tracing entries. • Attending to any duty assigned by Surveyor General or his representative as applicable to surveying. • Supervision of works of other survey field assistants is assigned for those who hold the post of overseers in survey field assistant grade, in addition to the above duties.

4.0 This post is permanent. The Pension entitled to the officers appointed to the grade III of Survey Field Assistants' Service, by this examination will be determined in terms of the policy decision, on pension scheme taken by the government in future. This appointment is subject to 03 year probation period and selected candidates are prepared to serve in any part of the country and subject to general conditions applicable to appointment to the public service specified at the beginning of this gazette notification.

5.0 Qualifications

5.1 Educational qualifications

(a) Should have passed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination in six (06) subjects with at least two credits passes in not more than two sittings.

5.2 Professional qualifications

Should have obtained a skill at least in level two of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) as determined by the tertiary and Vocational Education Commission as appropriate for the post of survey field assistant.

5.3 Minimum skills

- a) Giving assistance to identify survey fields.
- b) Attending to Safety and maintenance of survey instruments and equipments.

5.4 Physical fitness

All candidates should have physically and mentally fit adequate to serve in any part of Sri Lanka and to carry out duties in the post.

5.5 Other

- i. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. The candidate should be of excellent moral character
- iii. All the necessary qualifications for recruitment to the post should have been fulfilled in all respect as at the closing date of calling for application.

5.6 Age

a) The minimum age should be 18 years and maximum age should be 45 years as at the closing date of applicable.
(The maximum age limit is not applicable for those who hold a permanent post already in the public service)

2.0 The number of appointments and the date of appointment will be decided by the appointing authority. The appointing authority has power to fill all or any number of vacancies

3.0 Salary

In terms of public administration circular No:10/2025 and dated 2025.03.25 monthly salary scale applicable for the III,II, I and special grade of Survey Field

6.0 Furnishing false information

In filling these vacancies, if a candidate is found not to have necessary qualifications, his/her candidature will be cancelled at any time. If any of the particulars furnished by a candidate is found to be false within his/her knowledge or if he/she has willfully suppressed by material fact he/she will be dismissed from the public service.

7.0 Method of recruitment - By a written examination and an interview to ascertain qualifications.

Examination Procedure :

The examination will consist of written test consisting two subjects. This examination will be held in Sinhala Tamil and English mediums. The medium applied for will not be allowed to change subsequently.

	Maximum marks obtainable	Minimum percentage of marks required For a pass	Time
1. General Knowledge	100	40%	02 hours
2. Intelligence	100	40%	01 hour and 15 minutes.

7.1 Syllabus :

i. *General knowledge*:- Including the knowledge of environment of the candidate lives, political, social, cultural, religious, and economical environment in Sri Lanka, Scientific and Technological Development, Internationally Important general facts are expected by this paper.

ii. *Intelligence Test* :- A question paper made in multiple choice method, consists of questions to judge the rationality, ability of thought and ability to take decision, of the candidate.

7.2 Examination Results :- Examination results to candidates will be notified by the Surveyor General by post or on website www.survey.gov.lk

8.0 Interview :

8.1 After an interview held by an interview board appointed by Surveyor General only to ascertain whether the qualifications have been fulfilled by the candidates, recruitment as survey field assistant in

grade III will be made only on the order of merits, obtained by candidates in the written examination.

The number of candidates decided by the Surveyor General as per the vacancies remain, will be called for the interview for ascertaining of qualifications.

9.0 Preparation and submission of applications:

- The application should be prepared by the applicant himself on a paper size 21×29(A4) using both sides as per the specimen application appearing at the end of this notice. Item no 1.0 to 4.0 should be on page 01, no. 5.0 – 9.0 on page 02, and no 10.0 –12.2 should be on page 03.
- Candidates who are already employed in public service should forward their applications through their heads of the departments before the closing date of application.
- Applications should be in the language in which the candidates are eligible to sit the examination.
- Applications which are not complying with the specimen form, examination fees have not been paid before the prescribed date, of improper filling, will be rejected without any notice. Candidates should bear consequences of improper filling of applications. It would be useful to retain a photocopy of the application. It is responsibility of the candidate to find out whether the completed application complies with the application specified in the notice. If not, application will be rejected.
- Receipt of applications will not be acknowledged. Complaints for any loss of applications in the post will not be considered.

9.1 Only those who have fulfilled qualifications prescribed in chapter 5 of *gazette notification* as at the closing date of application should apply. Surveyor General will allow candidates who have paid specified examination fees and submitted application on or before **22.10.2025** to sit the competitive examination. Issuing of admission card shall not be deemed as the applicant possesses qualifications to the post or to sit the examination.

9.2 The envelope containing the application should be clearly marked “**Recruitment to posts of primary semi skilled - Survey Field Assistant**” on the top left hand corner.

9.3 The signature of the applicant in the application should be certified by a principal of a government school/ justice of the peace/ commissioner of Oaths / Attorney – at – law/ Commissioned officer in the army / an officer in police service hold a *gazette* post or an officer who hold a permanent post in public service in tertiary or senior level in terms of the grading of public service Circular No. 10/2025

10.0 Examination Fees :

Examination fee is Rs 800/=. This fee should be paid at the cashier of the Surveyor General's office at P.O. Box 506, Colombo 05 or at any of District Survey office or at institute of Surveying and Mapping – Diyathalawa. The receipt should be pasted in the relevant cage in the application form. (It is advisable to keep a photocopy of the receipt with applicant). The fee is not refundable in any circumstance and money orders and cheques will not be accepted. Applications without cash receipts will be rejected.

11.0 Submission of application :

Completed application should be sent by registered post to reach to the following address on or before **22.10.2025**

Surveyor General,
Examination Branch,
Survey Department,
P.O.Box.506,
Colombo 05.

11.1 A notification on the issuance of admissions shall be published in the Official Website of the Survey Department immediately after issuing

admissions. A candidate, who does not receive his/her admission 03 or 04 days after publishing the notification, should inform in that regard from the Examination Branch of the Survey Department.

12.0 Appearing for the Examination :

Every candidate should hand over their admission card to the supervisor of the Examination Centre. A candidate who fails to hand over his admission card will not be permitted to sit the examination. The candidate should sit the examination at the examination hall assigned to him.

13.0 Identity of candidate

Candidates should prove their Identity at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor for each paper they sit. Any of the following documents will be accepted for their purpose.

- (i.) The National Identity card issued by the Department of Registration of persons.
- (ii.) Valid passport.
- (iii.) Valid driving license

14.0 Any matter not specified here, will be determined by the surveyor general.

Y. G. GNANATHILAKA,
Surveyor general.

Surveyor General's Office,
Colombo 05,
10th September, 2025.