

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Department of Sri Lanka Customs

To Customs Guards,

**LIMITED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR THE
PROMOTION TO THE POST OF INSPECTOR OF
CUSTOMS, GRADE II OF SRI LANKA CUSTOMS-
2026**

ONLINE applications are called from Customs Guards-Grade II who possess below mentioned qualifications to fill 50% of existing vacancies of posts of Inspector of Customs-Grade II.

01. Qualifications

0.1 Professional Qualifications

- i. Should be an officer of the post of Customs Guard- Grade II
- ii. Should have an immediately preceding 05 years period of active and satisfactory service and have earned all the salary increments during the said period.
- iii. Should have performed average or higher performance level in accordance with the approved scheme of performance appraisal during five years (05) preceding the date of promotion.
- iv. Should have passed Efficiency Bar examinations, relevant to the post of Customs Guard- Grade II.

1.2 Experience

Should have completed a period of service of at least 03 years as a Customs Guard- Grade II.

Note -

Officers who have fulfilled below mentioned qualifications up to 31.12.2026 will be recruited under the limited stream.

- i. Should have completed an active and satisfactory period of service of at least eight (08) years of the post of Customs Guard- Grade III.
- ii. The appointment should be permanent.
- iii. Should not have been subject to a disciplinary punishment as per the provisions set out in Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.

- iv. Should have earned eight (08) salary increments and should have performed average or higher performance level of 8 years (8) in accordance with the approved scheme of performance appraisal.
- v. Should have passed the relevant efficiency bar examinations.
- vi. Should have acquired the competency in relevant official language.

1.3 Other

- i. Should not be subjected to disciplinary action during the prescribed period as per Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2020.
- ii. It is mandatory to complete the qualifications mentioned in 01 above before the closing date of acceptance of applications of 12.10.2026.

02. The application has been published on www.doenets.lk website of the Department of Examinations on "Online Applications – Recruitment Exams" under "our Services" and, applications should be submitted through online system only. Submission of online applications are open from 14th of September 2026 at 9.00 a.m. and closed on 12th October 2026 at 9.00 p.m.

A copy of the application should be submitted by the officer to the head of the institution to be entered into the personal file and at the time of the calling for the interview, a certified copy of the application by the Head of the Department and a service confirmation letter should be submitted.

The applicant shall bear any adverse consequences resulting from delay in submitting the application until the closing date.

Online applications should be completed only in the English language. Before completing the online application, download the instructions prepared to apply for the examination. Strictly follow these instructions when filing out the application. No amendment made to the application after obtaining a printout of the application will be considered as a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

03. The examination fee is Rs. 600/-. Payment of examination fee should be made only by the following methods, provided by the online system.

- i. Any bank credit card
- ii. Any bank debit cards with the facility of Internet transaction
- iii. Online banking method / Flex App of Bank of Ceylon
- iv. Any branch of the Bank of Ceylon

Note:-

- (a) Instructions on the method of payment under above methods have been given under the technical instructions for the examination of the website.
 - (b) Payment will be notified by an SMS or e-mail. The full amount for the examination fee should be paid and applications that pay less or more examination fees will be rejected. The Department of Examinations will not be responsible for the delays in the payment of examination fees by aforesaid methods.
 - (c) The examination fee shall not be refunded or transferred to any other examination due to any reason.
04. This examination will consist of two parts, a written examination, and a general interview. The marks and time given for each subject in the written examination are given as follows:

Part 1- Written Examination

	<i>Total marks</i>	<i>Pass marks</i>
Case Study (02 Hours)	100	50

Part 2 - General Interview (Marks are not given).

Candidates similar to the number of vacancies are called for a general interview on a merit order to examine whether they have fulfilled the basic qualifications required for appointment to the post and are recruited after their qualifications have been confirmed.

This examination will be conducted in all three mediums; Sinhala, Tamil, and English. Applicants should sit for the whole examination in the same medium. It is not permitted to change the applied medium later. The applicants can apply for the examination medium in which they passed the qualifying examination to enter their present service.

05. The syllabus of the case study subjects of the examination is given below:

Knowledge will be tested through a written examination consisting case studies, based on procedures related to the duties of Inspectors of Customs with special attention towards the following duties.

1. Inspection of the movement of inward and outward vehicles, persons, passengers and baggage from gates of other customs premises of harbour, Export Processing Zones and Airports for imports and exports.
2. Storing and releasing of goods, brought to store in Customs Offices, harbours, airports, export processing zones and other customs premises, custom warehouses and customs bonded warehouses and releasing after customs clearance and documentation and securing of relevant documents.
3. Key duties
4. Operations, raids and arrestments
5. Goods and containers retained, arrested, and forfeited at Customs and related documents.
6. Carrying and handing over of goods for which duties and other customs levies have not been paid under their supervision on behalf of Sri Lanka Customs.

06. **6.1** Applicants who have scored 50% or more marks for the Case Study subject will be eligible for calling for interview.

Applicants who have passed the written examination and qualified at the interview will be selected to be appointed subject to the approved number of vacancies for the relevant recruitment and 10% of approved vacancies for recruitment will be allocated for female officers.

6.2 Release of results

The results sheets including the names of applicants who are eligible as per above 6.1 paragraph will be forwarded to the Director General of Customs. Thereafter, the Department of Examinations will inform the results to all the applicants who sat for the examination, *via* the post or official website of the department www.results.exams.gov.lk

6.3 The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue admissions online only, to the applicants who have paid the prescribed examination fee and submitted the duly completed applications on or before the closing date, on the assumption that only the applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications referred to in this notification have forwarded the applications. The Department of Examinations will notify it by a web notice/ SMS to the applicants immediately after the issuance of admissions to applicants. If admissions have not been received, they should inquire about it from the Institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka as mentioned in the Notice. When making such an inquiry, it will be more effective to forward a request letter clearly mentioning the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card number and address, to the email address mentioned in the web notice. When making such an inquiry, it will be useful to keep a photocopy of the completed application and if payment is applicable a photocopy of the receipt obtained for the payment, in order to verify any information inquired by the Department of Examinations. The admission card should be carefully examined and if there are any amendments, the Department of Examinations should be contacted well in advance to make the relevant corrections as per the application. Requests made at the examination hall/interview for amendments will not be considered.

6.4 The applicant should sit for the examination under the prescribed center under the prescribed index number. All the applicants should hand over the attested admission cards to the examiner in charge of the examination on the first day of the examination. The applicants who fail to do so will not be permitted to sit for the examination.

07. Applicants should prove their identity to the satisfaction of the examiner in charge of the examination center for all subjects of the examination. For that the following documents will only be valid.

- (I) National Identity Card
- (II) Valid Passport
- (III) Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Also, the applicants should expose their identity without covering their faces and ears in order to confirm that not wearing any electronic equipment, when they enter the examination hall. Applicants who refuse to do so will not be allowed to enter the examination hall. Further, the applicants should remain with their faces and ears uncovered at the moment they entered to the examination hall till they leave the hall, enabling the examination authorities to identify the applicant.

08. 8.1 Issuance of admission to the candidate does not confirm that he/she has fulfilled all the requirements required to sit for the examination or qualified for the post.

8.2 This examination will be held only in Colombo. The date and venue of the examination will be informed later.

09. Applicants will be liable to rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examination in relevant to conducting the examination. In case of violation of such rules and regulations he or she will be liable to any penalty imposed by the Director General of Examination. Regarding the results of the examination, the decision of the Examiner General will be final.

09. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil, and English text of this *Gazette* Notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Matters not included in these regulations if any will be decided at the discretion of the Director General of Customs.

Director General of Customs.

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