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Prison Headquarters,
Colombo 09.
27.01.2026

All Superintendent of Prisons and Assistant Superintendent of Prisons.

The Written Competitive Examination for Promotion to the Post of
Class 11 Jailer and Class 11 Rehabilitation Officer at the Department of Prisons- 2025 (2026).

Applications are invited from officers holding the positions mentioned in Schedule 01, who have satisfied the qualifications specified in Paragraph 05 as of 31.05.2025, to fill vacancies for Class II Jailers and Class II Rehabilitation Officers at the Department of Prisons.

No. of vacancies in Class 11 Jailer(male)	- 28
No. of vacancies in Class 11 Jailer (female)	- 04
No. of vacancies in Class 11 Rehabilitation Officer(male)	- 11
No. of vacancies in Class 11 Rehabilitation Officer(female)	- 03

02. Application prepared as per the format attached to the notice is published on Online Applications - Recruitment Exams/ Efficiency Bar Examination under Our Service in www.donets.lk at the Department of Examinations and "Online" method can only be used submitting applications. Accepting online application will open till 9.00 a.m. on 09.02.2026 and close at 9.00 p.m. on 09.03.2026. Examination will be held by the Commissioner General of Examinations in Colombo in May 2026.

➤ Applicant is responsible for any problem caused by delaying the submission of application until the closing date.

03. Officers must hand over a copy of the application to head of the department for inclusion in her/his personal file and a copy of application and service confirmation letter certified by the head of the department must be presented to the calling up interview. Please notify above information to all officers who meet qualifications and proceed with next steps.

04. Monthly Salary Scale:

04.1 As per Schedule 11 of the Public Administration Circulars no.10/2025 and dated 25.03.2025, the salary scale for Class 11 Jailer/ Class 11 Rehabilitation Officer is:

Rs. 55,410 - 7×670- 2×890- 25×1,190- 91,630 (RS 3-2025).

05. Qualifications:

05.1. Experience:

- i. Earning five (05) salary increments within the five (05) years immediately preceding the date of checking qualifications, and demonstrating a performance level of "satisfactory" or above, as per the approved performance appraisal procedure.
- ii. Must be an officer who has completed the prescribed period of service in a post of the Department of Prisons as per the following schedule.

Schedule 01

Post	Required continuous permanent years of service
01. Sergeant	06
02. Industrial Administrator	06
03. Class I Vocational Instructor	06
04. Agricultural Instructor	06
05. Industrial Forman	06
06. Guard	12
07. Driver	12
08. Agricultural Overseer	12
09. Pharmacist	12
10. Class II Vocational Instructor	12
11. Officer already in service in any of above post with a degree from a recognized university	05
12. Drill Instructor	12

Note:

When officers in above post have not completed required period of service to be qualified, they are qualified to sit for the written examination if they can complete 12 years departmental service by adding the service of their previous post to the service present post.

05.2. Physical Qualifications: Every candidate must have an adequate physical and mental fitness to serve and perform duties in any part of Sri Lanka.

05.3 Other

- I. Must be a Sri Lankan Citizen.
- II. Applicant must have an excellent character
- III. Must have passed the Efficiency Bar Examination related to position on due date.
- IV. No disciplinary penalty should have been received in terms of provisions mentioned in no. 01/2020 of the Public Service Commission Circular and its subsidiary circulars.
- V. Qualifications required for recruitment to the post, as stated in no. 5 to no. 6, must be fulfilled in all respects by the date specified in the notice calling for application notice/Gazette.

06. Age Limit: Not applicable.

07. Scheme of Recruitment: Applicants who received highest marks by passing all subjects in written examination are selected after checking basic qualifications.

7.1. Written Examination:

Subjects	Time Duration	Maximum Marks	Passing Marks
01. Prison Ordinance and Departmental Standing Orders	03 hrs.	100	40
02. Human Rights and International Rules and Regulations for Prisoners.	02 hrs.	100	40

7.1.1 The Syllabus for Examination.

Name of the question paper,	Syllabus
01. Prison Ordinance and Departmental Standing Orders	All Sections from related 02 books
02. Human Rights and International Rules and Regulations for Prisoners.	Includes Rules and Regulations of Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission and United Nations Rules and Regulations for Prisoners.

08. Efficiency Bar Examination:

8.1. The First Efficiency Bar Examination within 3 years of receiving appointment. (Prison Ordinance, Prison Standing Orders, the Youthful Offenders (Training Schools) Ordinance, Establishment Code, & Public Service Commission Procedural Rules, Financial Regulations & Financial Methods)

8.2. The Second Efficiency Bar Examination within 5 years of receiving appointment. (Human Rights and International Rules and Regulation for Prisoners)

09. Method of Applying:

9.1. Online examination application must be completed only in the English language. The applicant will be informed whether the soft copy submitted online has been accepted or not accepted by the department as a valid application, either via a Short Message Service (SMS) to the mobile number used to access the system or via an E-mail address. Before completing the online application, please download instructions prepared for applying for the examination. Strictly adhere to these instructions when filling out the application. Any amendment made to the application after obtaining a printed copy will not be considered valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without any notification.

9.2. Preferences must be clearly indicated in the application, and no subsequent changes to declared preferences will be permitted.

9.3 The applicant must have their signature on the examination admission card attested, and this attested admission card must be presented to the supervisor of the hall on the day of examination. Candidates will not be permitted to sit for the examination without an attested admission card.

9.4. On the assumption that only those who possess qualifications mentioned in the notice of calling applications have applied, the Commissioner General of Examinations will issue examination admission cards online only to applicants who have, correctly completed their applications and paid the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date. As soon as admission cards are issued, the Department of Examinations- Sri Lanka will notify applicants through a web notice and via SMS. If a candidate does not receive their admission card, they must inquire from the Examinations Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations-Sri Lanka, as mentioned in the advertisement. When making such an inquiry, it is most effective to send a formal request to the email address specified in the web notice, accurately stating: the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, National Identity Card (NIC) number and current address. It is useful for the applicant to keep a photocopy of the completed application to verify any information requested by the Department of Examinations during such an inquiry. Upon receiving the admission card, it should be checked thoroughly. If there are any discrepancies, you must contact the Department of Examinations well in advance to make the necessary amendments based on your original application. Requests for amendments will not be considered at the examination hall or during the interview.

9.5. Issuing an admission to a candidate should not be considered as acceptance to appear for the examination or to be qualified for the post.

9.6. Amendments to the admission must be made after examining it and calling the Department of Examination. Any request for amendments made at the examination hall will be rejected.

9.7. All applicants are liable to act in terms of common rules and regulations of the examination mentioned in the notice.

10. Examination Fee:

- ❖ Examination fee is Rs.600/- Payment must only be made using following methods available through the online system.
 - i. By any Bank Credit Card
 - ii. BY any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions
 - iii. Through Online Banking Method of the Bank of Ceylon
 - iv. By any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon

Note:-

- (a) Procedure for making payments using above methods are published under Technical Instructions for Examination in the web site.
- (b) A short message will be sent via SMS or Email to confirm the receipt of the payment. The full amount of the examination fee must be paid. Applications for which the examination fee has been paid less or more than the required amount will be rejected. The Department of Examinations- Sri Lanka, will not be responsible for any errors that occur while paying examination fees through above-mentioned payment methods.
- (c) Money paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another examination for any reason.

11. Identity of candidates:

11.1. Examination candidates must prove their identity to the satisfaction of the supervisor of the hall for every subject they appear for in the examination hall. Any of the following documents will be accepted for this purpose:

- National Identity Card.
- Valid Passport.
- Valid Sri Lankan Driving License.

Furthermore, candidates must enter the examination hall without covering their faces, ensuring their identity can be verified, and without covering their ears, ensuring that they are not wearing any electronic communication devices. Applicants who refuse to prove their identity in this manner will not be permitted to enter the examination hall. Additionally, candidates must remain with their face and ears uncovered from the moment they enter the hall until they exit after the conclusion of the examination.

12. Punishment for providing false information:

12.1. If it is revealed that a candidate does not possess necessary qualifications, his/her candidature will be canceled at any stage prior to the examination, during the examination period, or after the examination. Furthermore, if it is revealed that a candidate has knowingly provided false information or has deliberately suppressed any important fact, he/she will be liable to dismissal from the Public Service (Government Service).

13. Common Matters:

13.1. Examination candidates are subjects to rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations in relation to holding examination and issuing results. If these rules and regulations are violated, he/she will be subjected to any penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations. "The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the examination results shall be final."

13.2. Commissioner General of Prisons will decide on matters not stipulated herein and filling up those vacancies.

13.3. If any discrepancy exists among Sinhala, Tamil and English versions, Sinhala language will prevail and be considered accurate text for action.



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