

## DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH

### Competitive Examination for Admission to the Schools of Sri Lanka Animal Husbandry – 2025

#### HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSE IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2027 (NVQ 5/6)

1. THE Competitive Examination for admission of students for the 2025/2027 academic year of the Sri Lanka Schools of Animal Husbandry for the Higher National Diploma Course in Livestock Production Technology which is conducted by the Department of Animal Production and Health will be held in Kandy in *December 2025* in Sinhala and Tamil media and applications are invited for that examination. To complete this course, students must complete two years of full-time residential training at the Sri Lanka School of Animal Husbandry, followed by six months of on-the-job training at two designated institutions.

#### 2. Diploma :

- 2.1 This course is conducted entirely in English.
- 2.2 This training provides a professional qualification.
- 2.3 Since practical tests are held on Saturdays and Sundays and lectures are also held on some days, the hostel only permits students to leave one weekend a month.

#### 3. Qualifications for Admission :

As specified in 3.1, it is mandatory for all candidates to have fulfilled the qualifications in the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination, and it is sufficient to have fulfilled one of the qualifications specified in 3.2 or 3.3.

- 3.1 All candidates must have the following General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Qualifications.

- (a) Should have passed the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination in not more than two sittings in (06) subjects, with a credit pass in Sinhala Language and Literature/ Tamil Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science and a credit pass in one other subject, and an ordinary pass in English and one other subject. At least 05 subjects must have been passed in one of the two sittings with credit passes in 03 subjects.

- 3.2 General Certificate of Education (Advance Level) Examination.

The General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) qualifications must be met in any of the ways mentioned in 3.2.1. or 3.2.2 below.

- 3.2.1 Applicants those who have passed G.C.E. (Advanced Level),

- (a) Should have passed all three subjects, namely Biology, Physics and Chemistry, in the Biology stream of the G.C.E. (A/L) examination at one sitting.
- (b) Should have passed all three subjects, namely Biology, Agriculture and Chemistry, the Biology stream of the G.C.E. (A/L) examination at one sitting.
- (c) Should have passed all three subjects, namely Bio system Technology, Science for Technology and Agriculture, in the Technology stream of the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination at one sitting. Applicants who do not meet the above G.C.E. (A/L) qualifications will be considered for recruitment if they have met the qualifications as mentioned below.

- 3.2.2 Applicants those who have not passed G.C.E. (Advanced Level),

- (d) Should have pass grades for two subjects out of Biology, Physics and Chemistry in the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination at the same sitting.
- (e) Should have pass grades for two subjects out of Biology, Agriculture and Chemistry at the same sitting.
- (f) Should have pass grades for two subjects including Agriculture under the Technology stream at the same sitting.

- 3.3 Applicants those who have not fulfilled General Certificate of Education (A/L) in any way as mentioned above,

- (a) Should have an NVQ Level 4 certificate in the field of Animal Husbandry. (Should prove by certificates)

3.4. Out of the total number of students anticipated to be recruited, 70% will be selected candidates who meet the qualifications of G.C.E. (A/L) as per the section 3.2.1 and 30% from those who meet the qualifications as per section 3.3 instead of the G.C.E. (A/L) qualifications. 3.2.2. Qualified applicants will be considered only if the number of students expected to be recruited through opportunities 3.2.1 and 3.3 is not complete (these percentages may vary at the discretion of the Director General of Animal Production and Health).

3.5 Candidates under 3.1 and 3.2 should be not less than 17 years and not more than 25 years as at 07.11.2025 and should be unmarried.

Candidates under section 3.3 should be less than 35 years and their marital status is not considered.

3.6 Only candidates who have fulfilled the basic qualifications will be called for the entrance examination No. notification will be given for rejected applications.

#### 4. Applications :

4.1 Applicants should prepare the application on A4 size paper as per the specimen given at the end of this advertisement. Applications can be prepared on a computer, printed and forwarded with the signature placed on the document.

4.2 Applications should be sent only by registered post to reach the Director (Human Resource Development), Dept. of Animal Production & Health, P.O. Box 13, Gatambe, Peradeniya on or before **07.11.2025**.

4.3 On the top-left corner of the envelope, please clearly mention the words 'Admission to the school of Animal Husbandry for the Higher National Diploma Course in Livestock Production Technology 2025/2027'.

4.4 Self-certified copies of the National Identity Card, educational certificates/ Certificates proving professional competence and the birth certificate should be attached to the application.

4.5 Candidate's signature should be attested by the Head of a Government School, Grama Niladhari of the Division, Justice of Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Attorney-at-Law or Notary Public, a

Commissioned Officer of the Army, a permanent government or local government staff officer drawing an annual consolidated salary of Rs. 854,880/- or over, a Chief Incumbent in a Buddhist temple or Nayaka Thero, or any other religious dignitary in charge of a religious place.

#### 5. Examination Fee :

5.1 The examination fee is Rs. 150/-. the fee should be credited to the **Peradeniya People's Bank Acc. No. 057100179027275** of Director General of Animal Production & Health and original of the receipt obtained thus should be affixed in the application form. further, Photostat copy of the receipt should be kept for your own safety. Payment should be made only through a bank deposit, but not through automatic cash deposit machines or an online system. The fee paid for this examination may not be transferred to another examination.

#### 6. Rejection of Application :

6.1 Applications that have not met all the qualifications required by the *Gazette* Notification, are not properly completed, do not include the receipt for the relevant examination fees, or do not include copies of the requested certificates will be rejected without any notice.

6.2 All the rights to reject applications reserved to the Department of Animal Production and Health.

#### 7. Written test and Interview :

7.1 Selection of students will be made subsequent to an interview which will be held for qualified candidates based on the results of the written examination.

7.2 Syllabus for the written examination is as follows which will be conducted in Sinhala and Tamil media.

7.3 Only candidates who pass the written test will be called for interview and original copies of all certificates must be presented at the interview.

(I) *Animal Husbandry* - Multiple choice questions prepared according to the section of Animal Syllabus for the written examination is as

follows which will be conducted in Sinhala and Tamil media General Knowledge and Intelligence test - 01 hour.

- 7.4 No allowance will be paid by the Government to the candidates for appearing for the written test or the interview or both.

**8. Abandonment of the course and submission of false information**

- 8.1 If any candidate is found to have provided false information after selection, his or her scholarship will be subject to immediate suspension.
- 8.2 Students who withdraw after the commencement of the training course will be liable to pay the Department all the expenses incurred by the Government for the training. The Director General of Animal Production and Health reserves the right to determine the amount of the expenses.
9. In the event of any inconsistency or contradiction between the Sinhala, Tamil and English versions of this *Gazette* Notification, the Sinhala version shall prevail.

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