

DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS

Catholic Daham Pasal (Catechism School) Final Certificate Examination – 2026

Applications are hereby called for the Catholic Daham Pasal (Catechism School) Final Certificate Examination relevant for year 2025, and arrangements have been made to conduct the examination in the month of September 2026.

02. The Examination Centres will be set up in the towns mentioned in **SCHEDULE 01** according to the number of candidates. In case, there is no sufficient number of candidates in a certain town the centre in said town will be cancelled and the candidates will be directed to a nearby centre.

03. Language Medium : -

This examination will be conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and in English only. A candidates can choose one medium only. Candidates will not a allowed to change the Language Medium mentioned in the application.

04. Qualifications :-

Each of the candidates applying for this examination must have fulfilled any of the following qualifications.

4.1 Should have passed the Grade 10 of Catechism School and engaged in studies at least for one year or more in a class of a Catholic Daham Pasal (Catechism School) Final Certificate Examination.

4.2 Should have passed for Catholicism at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination.

4.3 Should have passed Grade 11 of the Diocesan Annual Catechetical Examination.

05. Method of Applying :-

5.1 Application forms and instruction documents have been dispatched to all Catechism Schools registered at the Department of Examinations and the same can be downloaded from the department's web site (www.doenets.lk).

5.2 If a new Catechism school is submitting an application, a copy of the registration certificate issued by the Department of Christian Affairs School be attached to the application.

5.3 No person will be permitted to appear for the examination as an external candidate. However, a candidate who fulfills the qualifications of the 4th clause can apply for the examination by paying an examination fee of Rs 200/-. The necessary instructions will be given to the Heads of Catechism Schools.

5.4 The Heads of respective schools should prepare the application in two copies. The original copy should be submitted to the Commissioner General of Examinations and the second copy should be kept with the principal. Both applications must be signed by the principal.

5.5 If Candidate with Special needs are appearing for this Examination. It is Mandatory to Mention it in the application form and Copies of the Relevant Medical Certificates should be Submitted to the Department of Examination Sri Lanka along with a Printed Copy of the Application form.

- 5.6 Receiving of applications will commence on **24th July 2026** will be closed on **24th of August 2026**.
- 5.7 Applications must be filled correctly. Incomplete applications and those received after the closing date will be rejected without any notice.
- 5.8 All Candidates appearing for the examination must personally check and sign the completed information in the application form and a copy of the National Identity Card of all candidates must be kept with the Head of School until the examination results are released.
- 5.9 The Head of Catechism School or the Parish Priest should take the full responsibility of the eligibility of the applicant and relevant certificates.
- 5.10 Registration number and address of Catechism School should be mentioned correctly. Any change of address should be reported and contact number of Head of Catechism School should be informed.
- 5.11 Applications duly perfected should be sent by registered post Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examinations Organization Branch, Department of Examinations - Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla. Please indicate the name of examination and the town applied for on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
- 5.12 No appeals or representations shall be considered in respect of applications delayed or lost when forwarded by post. The Principal of the respective Catechism School shall bear full responsibility for any adverse consequences arising from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date.

06. Examination Fee :-

The examination fee is Rs. 200/-. The first-time applicants are exempted from this fee. Those who have got a under pass must pay Rs. 50/- per subject.

- 6.1 Payment of Examination Fees: The Head of Catechism School must collect the examination fees from the respective candidates and deposit the total amount at any post office on the island. The payment should credited to the revenue head 20-03-02-13 of the Commissioner General of Examinations, and the receipt should be affixed to the application. It is advisable to keep a copy of the receipt. (Stamps or money orders will not be accepted.)
- 6.2 Fees paid for this examination will not be refunded or transferred for any other examination under any circumstance.

07. Admission Cards :-

The Commissioner General of Examinations will issue Admission Cards to all candidates who are included in the examination through the respective Heads of Catechism Schools.

- 7.1 Candidates appearing for this examination should handover their duly attested Admission Cards to the Supervisor of the Examination at the initial moment of appearing for the examination. The candidacy of any applicant who refrains from handing over the Admission Card or appearing for the examination in an examination center where the Commissioner General of Examinations has not assigned for the candidate will be suspended.
- 7.2 The signature of the candidate in the Admission Card should be attested by the Head Teacher of Catechism School or the Parish Priest of respective mission.

7.3 If the admission card is not received before 07 days to the scheduled date of the examination should be notified in that regard to the Commissioner General of Examinations by the respective Head Teacher of Catechism School without any delay. Such notices should carry the following details together with a photocopy of registration receipt.

1. Name of the examination
2. Name of the Catechism School and Phone Number
3. Computer number assigned for the Catechism School
4. Full name of the applicant
5. Examination center/ town applied
6. Post office where application was posted
7. Registration receipt of letter
8. Payment receipt if examination fees have been paid

08. Identity : -

Candidates should be in a position to prove their identity to the Supervisor of the Examination when appearing for each paper. Any of the following documents would be sufficient in this regard.

- National Identity Card
- Valid passport
- Valid Sri Lankan Driving License

Candidates should enter the examination hall without covering their face so that their identity can be confirmed and without covering their ears to be able to verify that they are not wearing electronic communication devices. Further, any Candidate who refuses to assist for proving his/her identity will not be allowed to enter the examination hall. The candidates should remain the examination hall from the time of entering to the time of leaving the examination hall without covering face and ears.

09. Candidates are subject to the rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the conduct of the examination. If they violate those rules and regulations, he or she will be subject to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

10. The decision of pass and publishing the final results : -

Number of prescribed subjects of this examination is four and candidates should pass all four subjects to receive pass grade. However, if a candidate failed only in one subject out of the total four subjects, He/ She will be considered as an underpass candidate. The underpass subject should be passed by the candidate within two (2) consecutive examinations from the initial sitting. To complete the underpass subject, the candidates should appear for the underpass subject only.

10.1. 100 marks for each paper. Marks are given as follows

Marks Range	Grade	Symbol
0-34	Failure	F
35-54	Pass	S
55-69	Credit Pass	C
70-100	Distinction Pass	D

10.2 The results of the candidates will be sent by post to the principals of the respective Sunday School.

10.3 The decision of the Commissioner General Examinations regarding examination results is final.

11. Certificates :-

Arrangements will be made by the Department of Examinations to issue a certificate to those who pass this examination. The relevant certificates will be sent by post to the Head Teacher of the Catechism School. Any candidate who has passed the examination and has not received a certificate should inquire from the Department of Examinations in writing through the Head of Catechism School addressed to the Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examinations Results Branch, Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, P.O. Box 1503, Colombo.

12. Answer scripts re-scrutiny : -

Re-scrutiny of answer scripts will be permitted only on a request by the Head Teacher of the Catechism School. Requests for re-scrutiny may be submitted by a specimen form issued by the Department of Examinations within 30 days from issuing of results. Charges in this regard would be revised from time to time and the prescribed charges will be mentioned in the application. The applicants or their representatives will not be given permission under any circumstance to check the answer scripts.

13. Syllabus

The syllabus for the Catechism School Final Certificate Examination to be organized and conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, is given at the end of this announcement as the Schedule 02.

14. Prototype question papers : -

Forward your queries to “Director, National Catechetical Center, Balcombe Place, Kotta Road, Colombo 08” or contact 0112685459 with regard to the prototype question papers.

15. All applicants of the examination are bound by the regulations of this statute and syllabus sheet and any other fact not regulated herein shall be determined according to the discretion of the Commissioner General of Examinations.

16. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

A.K.S. Indika Kumari Liyanage
Commissioner General of Examinations,
Department of Examinations - Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
24th of July 2026

SCHEDULE 01

Town and the Town Number where Examination Centers will be set up in those Districts.

District Number	District	Town Number	Town
01	Colombo	101	Colombo
		102	Moratuwa
02	Gampaha	201	Gampaha
		202	Negombo
		203	Kandana
		204	Kelaniya
03	Kalutara	301	Kalutara
04	Kandy	401	Kandy
05	Matale	501	Matale
06	Nuwara Eliya	601	Nuwara Eliya
07	Galle	701	Galle
08	Matara	801	Matara
09	Hambantota	901	Hambantota
10	Jaffna	1001	Jaffna
11	Mannar	1101	Mannar
12	Vavuniya	1201	Vavuniya
13	Mullaitivu	1301	Mullaitivu
14	Kilinochchi	1401	Kilinochchi
15	Batticaloa	1501	Batticaloa
16	Ampara	1601	Ampara
17	Trincomalee	1701	Trincomalee
18	Kurunegala	1801	Kurunegala
		1802	Kuliyapitiya
19	Puttalam	1901	Puttalam
		1902	Chilaw
		1903	Wennappuwa
20	Anuradhapura	2001	Anuradhapura
21	Polonnaruwa	2101	Polonnaruwa
22	Badulla	2201	Badulla
23	Monaragala	2301	Monaragala
24	Ratnapura	2401	Ratnapura
25	Kegalle	2501	Kegalle

SCHEDULE 02

Syllabus for the examinations held from 2007 onwards

(The examination consists of 04 papers and each with 03 hours of duration.)

QUESTION PAPER I

THE CATHOLIC FAITH

This paper is based on the basic teaching of the Apostles' Creed.

- Creator
 - The beginning of the Universe
 - The beauty of the creation.
 - Safeguard the Creation (Genesis 1,2,3)
- Redeemer
 - Jesus Christ, (John 1:1-14)
 - Teachings on the Kingdom (Matthew 5,6,7).
 - Parables (Matthew 13:1-52)
 - Miracles (John 11:38-45, Luke 8:26-39, Mark 2:1-12, Mark 4:35-41)
- The Holy Spirit
 - The work of the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39, 14:15-31, 16:5-15, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
- The Catholic Church
 - Oneness, Holiness, Catholicity, and Apostolicity.
 - The Church as the body of Christ.
 - *Romans 12:4-1
 - *1 Corinthians 12:12-31
 - The administration of the Church.
 - Ordained ministry
 - Religious ministry
 - Lay ministry
- The transforming mission
 - The final mission of man
 - The new heavens and the new earth (Revelation 21:1-4).

QUESTION PAPER II

CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE

The Christian way of life is sustained by the liturgy

- The Holy Mass and the rite of the Holy Mass
- Passover mystery
- Sacraments
- Grace (general characteristics)
- Sacraments of Initiation
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation

- Holy Communion
- Sacraments of healing
 - Reconciliation
 - Anointing of the sick
- Sacraments of service
 - Ordination to the sacred ministry
 - Marriage

QUESTION PAPER III

CATHOLIC MORAL LIFE

Catholic Moral Life

- Ten commandments and two sides of the commandments of Love
- Jesus Christ Fulfilled the Ten Commandments (Matthew 5: 21-47)
- Sermon on Mount (Luke 6:17-49)
- Intelligence, Free Will and Emotions
- Theological virtues
- Conscience
- To love God (1-3 commandments)
- To love the neighbor (4-10 commandments)
- The morality that emerges from the 10 commandments
- Catholic identity

QUESTION PAPER IV

PRAYER LIFE

Prayer that develops relationship with God

- Old Testament prayer
 - Abraham
 - Moses
- Prayer in the New Testament
 - Special occasions where Jesus prayed
 - Key lessons on prayer Luke 11:1-3
- Prayers in the life of the Church
 - Praise
 - Thanksgiving
 - Prayer
 - Intercessory prayer
 - Meditational prayer
- 7 Petitions of Our Father
 - Hallowed be thy name
 - Thy kingdom come
 - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
 - Give us this day our daily bread
 - Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
 - Lead us not into temptation
 - Deliver us from evil

- Various devotional practises
 - Reciting of the Holy Rosary
 - Novena
 - Holy Hours

Additional Texts for Reference

- The New Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Catholic Family Catechism (Mahopadeshaya)
- Holy Bible (specific passages).
- Documents of the Second Vatican Council
- Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)
- Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)
- Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church)
- Apostolicam Actuositatem (Decree on the Appostolate of the Laity)

My No. : 5/4/4/3/2026
Institutional Examinations Organization Branch,
Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
.07.2026

To Head of Catholic Catechism Schools,

Catholic Dham Pasal Final Certificate Examination – 2026
Instructions to Fill the Applications

Your attention is kindly drawn to the notice published in the government gazette dated 24 July 2026 on the above examination, and requested to follow the instructions given below when filling the applications.

02. Please read instructions on the second page of application before filling and the signature and the official stamp of the head of the institution should be placed in the application.
03. The total number of applicants appearing for the examination should be mentioned in the cage given under heading 2.1 of the application. The 06 digits **registration number** allocated for your School should be mentioned under heading 2.0 (The relevant number is cited as SCH No. with the address on the envelope in which this application is sent). Please keep this number with you for future reference when querying matters relevant to the School.
04. External applicants are not permitted to apply for the examination privately. They have been instructed to apply through the Catechism School nearest to their place of residence. Therefore, you are specially informed to allow any external applicant to apply as a private applicant through your School upon satisfaction of his/ her qualifications as per the gazette notification dated 24 July 2026 and by levying the prescribed examination fee.
05. Applicants appearing at first attempt are exempted from examination fee. The applicants appearing at second attempt or any other or appearing as external applicants should pay an examination fee of Rs.200/-. **The total examination fee payable for all such applicants mentioned in the application should be paid to any post office on the island under the revenue head No. 20-03-02-13 of Commissioner General of Examinations and the receipt received for the payment should be affixed overleaf of the application. It is advisable to keep a photocopy of the receipt. Examination fee should not be paid by stamps or money orders.**
06. You are kindly requested to include only the names of applicants who are genuinely interested in taking this examination and instruct them to place their signatures after assuring the accuracy of the full name and other information entered in the application.
07. Applications should be completed in two copies, and the originals should be sent by **registered post** to the **Commissioner General of Examinations, Institutional Examinations Organization Branch, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla** the envelope sent herewith before 24 August 2026. **The second copy of the application should be kept in possession of the Head of Catechism School.** Since the applications received after closing date and those containing deficiencies will be rejected, it is advisable to fill the applications properly and sent to be received at the above address before closing date of the applications.
08. Catechism Schools applying for the first time for this examination should submit certified copies of documents to prove their registration at the Department of Christian Religious Affairs.

Sujeeva Wijeratne,
Deputy Commissioner of Examinations (Organization),
For Commissioner General of Examinations