DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

First Efficiency Bar Examination for Grade II Statistical Officers in the Department of Census and Statistics – 2017 (2026)

01. It is hereby announced that the First Efficiency Bar Examination for Grade II Statistical Officers in the department of Census and Statistics will be conducted in **January 2027** by the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka in accordance with the provisions of the relevant approved recruitment scheme for the officers belonging to the post of Statistical Officer of the Department of Census and Statistics. The application form is available on the Departmental website www.doenets.lk of the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka under "Our Service" under "Online Applications – Recruitment Exams/E.B. Exams" and applications can be submitted online only. Acceptance of online applications will open at 09.00 a.m. on 19th October 2026 and close at 09.00 p.m. on 13th November 2026. Once the application is published online, download it and fill in the relevant sections of the printed copy by hand and the application, along with the signature of the applicant and the certificate of the head of the relevant institution, should be sent by registered post to the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka on or before the closing date of accepting applications.

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  The candidate shall bear any adverse consequences resulting from delaying the submission of applications until the closing date.

02. (i) This examination is conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations, and candidates should abide by rules and regulations stipulated by the Commissioner General regarding the conduct of the examination. The decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations regarding the release of examination results shall be final.

(ii) The rules applicable to the candidates have been published separately in a *Gazette* notification. If these rules are violated by them, they shall be subject to a penalty imposed by the Commissioner General of Examinations.

03. **Examination Fees:** Candidates may appear for the subjects scheduled for the examination either in one sitting or separate two sittings. No fees shall be charged from candidates appearing for the entire examination or one subject for the first time. Thereafter, an examination

fee of Rs.200/- will be charged for each subject applied in any sitting. Payment of examination fees shall be made only through the following fee payment methods provided in the online system.

i. By any Bank Credit Card
ii. By any Bank Debit Card with the Facility of Internet Transactions
iii. By online Banking Method of Bank / "Flex" App of Ceylon
iv. By any Branch of Bank of Ceylon

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(a) Instructions on how to make payments using the above methods are posted on the website under the technical instructions related to the exam.

(b) Receipt of fees will be notified *via* SMS or email. The full amount of the examination fee shall be paid and applications for which payments have been paid in excess or less than the examination fee will be rejected. The Department of Examinations in Sri Lanka is not responsible for any errors that occur when paying examination fees through the above payment methods.

(c) The fee paid for the examination will not be refunded or transferred to another exam for any reason.

04. The online examination application should be completed in English only. Once the soft copy submitted online by the applicant is received by the Department of Examinations, the Department will notify the candidate that the soft copy has been accepted/not accepted as a valid application through a short message (SMS) or an e-mail address to the mobile phone number used to access the system. Before completing the online application, download the Instructions for applying for the exam. Please follow these instructions carefully when filling the application. Any amendment made to the application after obtaining a printout will not be considered a valid amendment. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

05. Candidates are required to prove their identity for each subject they are sitting at the examination hall to the satisfaction of the supervisor. The following documents listed below are only valid for that purpose.
i. National Identity Card,
ii. Valid Passport,
iii. Valid Sri Lankan Driving License.

Further, the candidates should expose their identity without covering their face and ears when enter into the examination hall so as to verify that electronic communication devices are not being worn. Applicants who refuse to do so will not be allowed inside the examination hall. Further, the candidates should remain uncovered of their face and ears till they leave the examination hall enabling the examination authorities to identify the applicant.

06. The Commissioner General of Examination will issue examination admission cards exclusively online to candidates who have submitted correctly completed applications and paid the prescribed examination fee on or before the closing date for applications, based on the assumption that only those possessing the qualifications specified in the Gazette notification have applied. As soon as examination admission cards are issued, the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka will issue a notification via its website/ send a SMS to the candidates. Candidates who have not received their admission cards are advised to inquire about the matter with the Institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examination of Sri Lanka. If a candidate has not received their admission card, they should inquire about it by the institutional Examination Organization Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, as indicated in the notice. When making such an inquiry, it would be most effective for the candidate to send a request letter clearly stating the name of the examination applied for, the applicant's full name, their National Identity Card (NIC) number, and their address to the email address provided in the notice. When making such an inquiry, it would be advisable to have a photocopy of the completed application form/ a photocopy of the receipt readily available for the examination fee to verify any information requested by the Department of Examinations, and the registration receipt obtained when the application was posted.

06.1 The position and place of work held by the candidates at the time of applying for the examination shall be relevant for all matters related to the examination, and any changes in this regard after the submission of applications shall not be taken into account.

06.2 The signatures of the candidate on the admission card for the examination should be attested by the Head of the Institution or an officer authorized by him.

06.3 Candidates shall submit their signed admission card to the examination supervisor on the first day of appearing for the examination.

07. Heads of Departments shall grant duty leave to the officers appearing for the examination for the first time, who have admission cards issued by the Commissioner General of Examinations enabling them to appear for the examination. Travelling expenses will not be paid.

08.1 This examination will be held in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium only. Regarding the medium of language for the examination, a candidate who joined the public service through a competitive examination should select the medium in which they sat for that competitive examination and a candidate who joined public service without such an examination should select the medium in which they sat for the qualifying examination for entry into the public service. Candidates should sit for all prescribed subjects in the same medium of language, and requests to change the selected medium at a later stage will not be permitted.

08.2 The minimum score required for each question paper to pass the examination is 40%. A document containing the marks obtained by all candidates who appeared for the examination will be provided by the Department of Examinations in Sri Lanka to the Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics. The Commissioner General of Examinations will not personally notify candidates who sat for the examination of the results. Candidates are allowed to complete the subjects scheduled for the examination in one or more sittings.

09. This examination will be held only in Colombo.

10. Scheme of Examination:
Relevant examination of the above post shall consist of following subjects.

Question Paper	*Duration*	*Total Marks*	*Pass Marks*
1. Basic Statistical Methods	02 Hours	100	40%
2. Office administration and Establishment Code	2 Hours	100	40%
3. Financial Regulations	2 Hours	100	40%

	Question Paper	*Syllabus*
1	Basic Statistical Methods	➢ Data Connection & Presentation, t Distribution, Normal distribution, t hypothesis testing theories and X^2 testing, Histogram & Frequency Curve, Central Tendency and Measures of Dispersions (Mode, Median, Mean, Variance, Quartiles and Standard Deviation) Principles of Sampling Techniques, Sampling Survey, Sampling Error, Non Sampling Error, indices, Simple Co-relation, Linear Regression, Basic Statistical Knowledge. <u>Paper Structure</u> a. Total number of questions is 06. Question 1 consists of 10 short answer type questions. b. The first question should be compulsorily answered and any 04 questions out of the other 05 questions should be answered. Accordingly, the total number of questions to be answered is 05.
2	Office Administration and Establishment Code	• Chapters : II, III, IV, V, VIII, XII, XIII, XIV, XIX of Establishment Code and also amended circulars for above chapters should be followed. <u>Paper structure</u> a) Total number of questions is 06. Question 1 consists of 10 short answer type questions.
		b) The first question should be compulsorily answered and any 04 questions out of the other 05 questions should be answered. Accordingly, the total number of questions to be answered is 05.

	Question Paper	*Syllabus*
3	*Financial Regulations*	This paper will be prepared based on the following chapters of Financial Regulation. ➢ Chapter I - Income and Expenditure Estimates, Consolidated Fund, Annual Estimates, Changing of Annual Estimates (From F.R. 1 to 68) ➢ Chapter III - Financial Management and Accountability, Giving authority for making Payments, approval, certifying and assingning duties for Chief Accounting Officers, Accounting Officers, Revenue Accounting Officers. (From F.R. 124 to 147) <u>Paper structure</u> a) Total number of questions is 06. Question 1 consists of 10 short answer type questions and the other 05 questions consists of 05 sub-sections. b) The first question should be compulsorily answered and any 04 questions out of the other 05 questions should be answered. Accordingly, the total number of questions to be answered is 05.

N.B. -

- Candidates can sit for the above subjects separately.
- If a candidate fails to complete the exam successfully within the due period, his/ her next increment will be subjected to differ.

11. Issuing of an admission card to a candidate shall not be regarded as an acceptance of his/ her eligibility to sit for the examination.

12. The decision of the Director General of Census and Statistics will be final in respect of any matter not provided in this *gazette* notification.

13. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts in this *gazette* notification, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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