

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS
OFFICER CADET (DEGREE INTAKE) VACANCIES IN THE REGULAR FORCE OF THE SRI
LANKA ARMY

GENERAL

1. This is a guide to complete the application form for the enlistment of **Officer Cadet (Degree Intake)** to the Regular Force of the Sri Lanka Army.
2. Duly completed applications should be submitted under registered post to reach the **Directorate of Personnel Administration, Sri Lanka Army Headquarters, Defence Headquarters Complex, Akuregoda Road, Battaramulla**. The applications are open until **31st January 2026** and all the applicants should duly complete the applications after reading the given instructions. Further, correction fluid or whiteouts should not be applied on applications and kindly note that unclear applications will be rejected.
3. The applications can be downloaded from the www.army.lk/Officers Sri Lanka Army official website.
4. Downloaded applications should be printed on both sides of white A4 sheets.
5. Both online and registered post applicants must attach certified copies of the following documents:
 - a. National Identity Card.
 - b. GCE (A/L) Certificate.
 - c. GCE (O/L) Certificate.
 - d. Birth Certificate.
 - e. Other Educational Certificates.
6. You are required to indicate **OFFICER CADET VACANCIES FOR DEGREE INTAKE** on the top left corner of the envelope when sending the application by registered post. Applicants are strictly advised not to submit more than one application.

Eg :

OFFICER CADET VACANCIES (DEGREE INTAKE)	
From:	To: Directorate of Personnel Administration, Sri Lanka Army Headquarters Defence Headquarters Complex Akuregoda Road Battaramulla

Prerequisites for Candidates.

7. Basic Qualifications:

- a. Citizenship : Should be a male citizen of Sri Lanka.
- b. Age : Between 18-23 by 31st **March 2026.**
- c. Height : Not less than 5'6" feet (167.5 cm).
- d. Weight : Not less than 52 kg (118 pounds).
- e. Chest : Not less than 32".
- f. Eyesight : Both eyes 6/6 (without spectacles and lenses).
- g. Body Mass Index (BMI): Between 18.5 kg/m² – 25 kg/m².
- h. Civil Status : Unmarried.

Educational Qualifications:

(1) Should have passed the GCE (A/L) examination with **three (03) Ordinary Passes** and obtained 30% marks for the Common General Test in one (01) sitting and not more than three (03) attempts with “YES” for University Admission.

AND

(2) Should have passed eight (08) subjects with five (5) Credit (C) Passes in one sitting with not more than two attempts and obtained Credit passes (C) for **English Language, Mathematics, Science and Sinhala/Tamil Language** in not more than two attempts at the GCE (O/L) Examination or the candidates who have obtained an Ordinary Pass (S) for English at the GCE (O/L) will be considered if they have obtained a Credit Pass (C) for English subject at the GCE (A/L) Examination or possess any Diploma/Degree in English Medium NVQ Level-4 or above offered by a University/Institute recognized by University Grants Commission (NVQ certificate should be submitted).

OR

(3) An equivalent result obtained at an Internationally Recognized Examination (**Pearson Edexcel, GCSE, GCE and Cambridge or any other**) as recognized by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka as equivalent to the GCE (O/L) and GCE (A/L) Examinations, in Sri Lanka (including compulsory subjects above).

(4) Those who completed the above-mentioned qualifications and who have sat for GCE (A/L) in the year 2025 may also apply on the pending results.

Note: Candidates awaiting the G.C.E (A/L) results of the 2025 examination must fulfill the stipulated Advanced Level qualifications prior to the conduct of the final interview.

Other Qualifications:

(5) Sports, Leadership and Other Achievements (District, Provincial, National and International levels, and Proficiency in Other Languages (other than Sinhala and English) will be considered as an added qualification.

8. **Service Regulation:**

- a. Candidates selected from the final interview will be enlisted as Officer Cadets and they are required to complete the Degree program and Officer Cadet Course simultaneously.
- b. Uniforms and insignias, accommodation facilities, food and medical facilities will be provided by the Sri Lanka Army.
- c. Every Officer Cadet enlisted will be bound by a bond of one million rupees (Rs. 1,000 000.00) and a ten year (10) service period. This bond must be fulfilled in the event of resignation during the bond period, or if the person is found to have provided false information, has poor health, engages in misconduct, or if the person of authority decides within the bond period that the cadet should be discharged from the Army.
- d. The enlisted Officer Cadets should be agreed to serve at any part of the country.
- e. Officer Cadets are not allowed to meet the parents/guardians or any other visitor without permission of the person of authority during the Officer Cadet Course.
- f. Every Officer Cadet who completes the Officer Cadet Course will be commissioned in the rank of Second Lieutenant.

9. **Pay and Allowances of Officer Cadets During the Training Period:**

- a. Basic Salary : Rs. 51,244.00
- b. Cost of Living Allowance : Rs. 17,800.00
- c. Uniform Upkeep Allowance : Rs. 525.00
- d. Monthly Allowance : Rs. 1,000.00
- e. Hardlying Allowance : Entitled after the basic training (for operational areas)
- f. Ration Allowance : Rs. 34,846.80
- g. Minimum Complete Salary : **Rs. 105,415.80** (within the training period)

10. **Instructions to the Candidates:**

- a. Complete all the sections of the application downloaded from the website www.army.lk/officers with clear hand writing in English medium.
- b. Applications received after the deadline and the incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- c. If the candidates are employed in public service, authorities, boards or civil organizations, the relevant section of their application should be certified by the head of the respective department, authority, or board.

d. The candidates are expected to produce the originals of the following documents in three separate files at the interview:

(1) **File No 01:**

- (a) Birth Certificate.
- (b) GCE (A/L) Certificate. }
- (c) GCE (O/L) Certificate. } Issued by the Department of Examinations.
- (d) Certificates of Other Academic Qualifications.

(2) **File No 02.** Sports certificates should be placed in the order of International, National, Provincial, District, Zonal, Divisional and School Level.

(3) **File No 03:**

- (a) Certificates of extracurricular activities (School Cadetting, Scouting, Leadership and Other Special Achievements according to the order of International, National, Provincial, District, Zonal, Divisional and School Levels).
- (b) Two-character certificates obtained within six months (one should compulsorily be from the principal of the school).
- (c) Grama Niladhari Certificate (obtained within six months).
- (d) Police Report (obtained within six months).
- (e) National Identity Card.
- (f) School Leaving Certificate.
- (g) Any other certificates.

e. Candidates who failed to produce the originals of the mentioned certificates will not be considered.

f. Only the copies of the originals should be sent along with the applications under registered post only the scanned copies of the certificates in pdf version should be attached when submitting the digital application form available at www.army.lk.

g. The Army is not responsible for returning the originals of the certificates that are being sent along with applications.

h. Stating false information in the application would cause cancellation of the candidateship or discharge from the Army after the enlistment.

i. The applicants are expected to produce the National Identity Card on the occasion of being called upon with regard to this post.

j. Qualified candidates should be presented to a medical test before the final board of interview.

k. Further information can be obtained by visiting the website www.army.lk/officer or calling [0112514605](tel:0112514605).

11. **Selection/ Interview:**

- a. The selected candidates will be informed of the date, time and venue of the interview to the postal address or telephone number/email address mentioned in the application.
- b. The expenses for attending the interview will not be borne by the Army.
- c. The disqualified applicants will not be informed.

12. **Instructions to Fill the Application:**

- a. **For official use.** Do not write anything as this column is reserved for official use.
- b. **Name with Initials.** Should not write more than one character in a cage. Leave a cage between each initial.
- c. **Name you prefer to be called.** Should mention the name which you prefer to be called.
- d. **Full Name.** Should mention the complete name with the surname.
- e. **Contact Nos.** Mention two contact numbers of frequent use.
- Email Address.** Mention a valid email address since the interview call-up letters will be sent via email.
- f. **Date of Birth.** Fill Date/Month/Year below:

Eg: (Years/Months/Days)

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Age as at 31st March 2026: Age for the date of the deadline for the applications as below:

Eg: (Years/Months/Days)

(Years/Months/Days)

19	02	10
Y	M	D

- g. **Height.** Mention your height in the relevant cages in inches.

Eg:

0	6	6	Inch
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Chest. Should be mentioned correctly in inches.

Eg:

0	3	2	Inch
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Weight. Should be mentioned correctly in kilograms.

Eg:

0	5	2	Kg
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Sex. Should be mentioned whether you are male or female.

- h. **NIC/Driving License/Passport no.** It is mandatory to mention this information.

- i. **Postal Address.** Kindly mention the address where you reside.

- j. **Marital State.** Mention whether you are single/married/unmarried/widowed/divorced.

Province. The province you belong.

District. The district you belong.

- k. **ED & No.** Electoral Division and its number/letter you belong.

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GN Division & No. Grama Niladhari Division and the number.

Eg :

GALGE	1002
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- l. **GCE O/L or Equivalent Exam.** Fill the cages accordingly depending on the number of attempts you have made with the correct index number.

- m. **GCE A/L or Equivalent Exam.** Fill the cages accordingly depending on the number of attempts you have made with the correct index number.

- n. **Other Academic Qualifications.** Details of educational qualifications other than the school educational qualifications.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- o. **Sports Activities.** Provide details of your achievements in sports activities
- p. **Leadership Activities.** Provide details of your leadership activities such as scouting, school prefect, school cadetting and other leadership activities.
- q. **Extracurricular Activities.** Mention the details of the extracurricular activities such as competition, participation memberships etc.

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS

- r. **Records of previous service in the armed forces (if any).** Please mention the details if you have served in the armed forces (Army/Navy/Air Force) including Police and CSD.
- s. **Details of Occupation.** Mention the details of your previous/current occupation/s, if any. If you are still employed, the employer must certify it.
- t. **Dual Citizenship (If any).** Please mention the correct details if you hold dual citizenship.
- u. **Have you ever applied for any position in the Tri-Services/ Police or any other Armed Service? (if any).** Provide correct details, if any.
- v. **Family Details.** Provide the details of your parents/guardian and siblings.
- w. **Name and Contact Number of NOK.** Provide name and contact number of your Next of Kin (NOK).
- x. **Details of Blood relatives who serve (d) the Sri Lanka Army.** Provide the details of the blood relative/s who served or had served in the Sri Lanka Army.
- y. **Have you or any of your close relatives ever been convicted or found guilty or have any court case against you at any Court of Law? (If any, provide full particulars of each case).** State accurate information if you or any of your close relatives have been convicted or found guilty at any court of law or cases pending at any court of law.
- z. **Details of two non-relatives who are aware of your character and qualifications very well.** Provide the correct details and contact numbers of two non-relatives where we could obtain confirmation of your details provided in this application.
- aa. **Date.** The date you fill out the application.
- Signature.** Do not forget to sign after completing the application.
- ab. **Document Attached.** It is mandatory to mark the correct box for the documents attached.
- ac. **In case of insufficient space, use this space or a separate sheet and provide additional details.** If the space provided in the respective columns is insufficient the applicants may use this space or separate sheet to provide the additional details.