

Admission of Teachers who have passed the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as a Subject / First Examination in the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree and the First Examination in the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree to Universities

Academic Year 2025 /2026

Applications are being called from teachers serving in Government or Government Approved Private Schools and who have passed the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as a Subject / First Examination in the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree and the First Examination in the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree to be admitted to Universities to follow the courses mentioned below, to be commenced in the academic year 2025 / 2026.

- I. Bachelor of Arts Degree (with English as a subject)
- II. Bachelor of Science Degree (Biological Science / Physical Science / Applied Science)

02. Applicants should have fulfilled following qualifications.

- I. (a). To apply for the Arts Course,
Passing the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as a Subject / First Examination of the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree in year 2021 or in a later year.
- (b). To apply for the Biological Science, Physical Science and Applied Science Course,
Passing the First Examination of the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree in year 2021 or in a later year.
- II. Should have completed 05 year period of service as a teacher as at closing date of applications and have been **confirmed in service**.
- III. Should not have registered in a Teachers' Training College, National College of Education, in the National Institute of Education to follow a course at the time of selection.

Or

Should not have registered in a government university of Sri Lanka to follow an internal degree programme (without paying) at the time of selection.
- IV. In case of a Biological Science, Physical Science or an Applied Science course in a university, the applicants should have passed the subjects defined as a pre-requisite by the university at G. C. E. (Advanced Level) or at the first examination of the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree to be qualified for the respective course.

V. Should be a teacher entitled to full-time study leave with payment. (Entitlement to study leave with payment will be inquired at the interview.)

03. Applications of the teachers serving in Government schools, should be attested by the Principal, Zonal Director of Education and the Provincial Director of Education while applications of the teachers serving in Government Approved Private Schools should be attested by the Principal / Manager of that school. In those applications the respective Principal / Manager of the school should state **whether study leave can / cannot be approved** for the concerned teacher.
04. Each application should be prepared in **two (02) copies** as per the specimen given and forwarded to reach **"Director of Education, Human Resource Development Branch, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, Isurupaya, Battaramulla"** on or before **30.08.2026** under registered cover. **"Applications to be admitted to Sri Lankan Universities – 2025/2026 (For Teachers)"** should be mentioned on top left-hand corner of the envelope.
05. Applicants will be selected on the basis of total marks obtained at the General Arts Qualifying (External) Examination with English as a Subject / First Examination in the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree or the First Examination in the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree, marks obtained for the respective subject and the marks obtained at the interview to be conducted by the University Grants Commission.
06. This Ministry will not be liable to award graduate appointments considering this degree as a qualification upon the completion.
07. Application is published in all three languages (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English) under Special Notices of the official website of the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education (www.moe.gov.lk).
08. In case of any divergence or inconsistency among different text notifications published in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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Secretary

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