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Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

### VACANCIES

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, an Independent Commission, established by Act of Parliament No.21 of 1996 invites applications from committed and highly motivated applicants with relevant qualifications for the following posts.

#### **Human Rights Officer - 27**

##### **01 Employee Category:**

Enforcement / Operational / Extension

##### **02. (a) Broad definition of the nature of functions assigned to the employees of the category:**

A category of employees comprising persons recruited with a basic degree awarded by a university recognized by the U.G.C. or qualifications recognized as similar to that by the U.G.C. as basic entry qualifications and assigned with duties and functions of operational / instructional nature arising out of the major role conferred upon the organization by the Act/Statute/Special Proviso by which the organization has been established

##### **(b) Job Description**

Human Rights Officer:

- Hearing complainants, conducting investigations and when permitted conduct inquiries, engaging hotline duty, assists human rights programmes.
- Visits Police Stations and places of detention, examines conditions under which persons are detained or held in custody and submits reports with recommendations if any

### **03. Nature of Appointment:**

Permanent with entitlement to Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund.

### **04. Salary Scale, Efficiency Bar and Employment Structure**

#### **4.1 Salary Code and the Monthly Salary Scale of the employee category**

MA 5-1 – 2016 - Rs. [34,870 - 10 x 660 - 15 x 755 - 11 x 930 – 63,025]

#### **4.2 Structure of grades and the initial salary step applicable to each grade:**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Relevant Initial Salary Step</b>	<b>MA 5-1 2016</b>
III	1st Step	34,870
II	12th Step	42,225
I	23rd Step	50,530

#### **4.3 Efficiency Bar:**

The Efficiency Bar Examination is a Written

Examination. All employees in this category,

- 4.2.1** Should pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Efficiency Bar Test within 03 years from the date of appointment to Grade III.
- 4.2.2** Should pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> Efficiency Bar Test within 03 years from the date of promotion to Grade II.
- 4.2.3** Should pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Efficiency Bar Test within 05 years from the date of promotion to Grade I.
- 4.2.4** Relevant syllabus is given in paragraph 7. If an employee fails to get through the efficiency bar test during the prescribed period, he/she shall be dealt with in terms of provisions of the Establishment Code and the Manual of Procedure of the Institute.
- 4.2.5** Efficiency Bar Examinations will be held once a year, or as and when necessary.

- 4.4 In addition to the above efficiency bar requirements, all employees should acquire proficiencies and competencies which will be prescribed by the Government from time to time.

**05. Recruitment to Enforcement/Operational / Extension Category:**

**5.1 Qualifications:**

A Bachelor's Degree in Law / Social Science / Conflict Resolution / International Relations or related area with appropriate subject combinations from a university recognized by the U.G.C. with a Post Graduate Diploma in the relevant field.

**5.2 Age :**

Age should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

**5.3 Other:**

*Every applicant,*

- i. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well and to serve in any part of the Island.
- iii. Should be of excellent moral character

## **5.4 Recruitment Procedure:**

Recruitment will be done after calling applications through a public advertisement or a Newspaper advertisement and on the results of a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview conducted by a panel appointed by the appointing authority as determined by the Board of Commissioners.

- iii. All recruitments to this category and the promotions within the category should be strictly in compliance with the provisions of this Scheme of Recruitment.
- iv. The Manual of Procedures (M.O.P.) of the institution shall be applicable to terms of employment after recruitment and all matters pertaining to that.
- v. The provisions in this Scheme of Recruitment shall supersede the provisions in the M.O.P. in respect of all matters provided in this Scheme of Recruitment.

### **5.4.1 Written Competitive Examination:**

Subjects for the examination are given below:

- Language Proficiency
- Aptitude Test
- Subject knowledge relevant to the post

#### **Language Proficiency:**

This paper will consist of questions to test the candidate's ability of expression, comprehension, spelling and knowledge in the application of simple rules of grammar.

#### **Aptitude Test:**

This paper will be designed to test the aptitude and ability of the candidate to perform his/her official duties.

#### **Subject knowledge relevant to the post:**

This test is to assess the subject knowledge of the candidate relevant to the post.

Candidates should secure at least 40% of the marks allocated for each subject and an aggregate of at least 50% of the total marks to pass the recruitment examination. The number of external candidates called for the interview will be based on merit at the examination. However, all internal candidates who pass the written examination will be called for the interview.

#### 5.4.2 **Structured Interview:**

Marks allocated for the interview are as follows:

Relevant additional experience	30 Marks
Relevant additional qualifications	30 Marks
Other achievements	15 Marks
Performance at the interview	<u>25 Marks</u>
	100 Marks
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- If selected through a written competitive examination and a structured Interview final selection will be in the order of merit based on the aggregate of 60% of the marks obtained at the written examination and 40% of the marks obtained at the interview.
- If selected through a structured interview - appointments will be made purely in the order of merit at the interview.

**5.5** All recruitments to this category will be only to Grade III. Number of recruitments to be decided as per the number of vacancies within the category.

#### **5.6 Qualifying date:**

The applicant will be treated as qualified for application for a post only if he/she has completed the necessary qualifications specified under 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 before the closing date of applications.

#### **5.7 Confirmation**

An external candidate appointed to Grade III of this category will be on probation for a period of three years from the date of assumption of duties. If his/her performance and conduct is satisfactory during the period of probation, and on completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Efficiency Bar Examination he/she will be confirmed in the post at the end of the period of probation. Internal candidates who are already confirmed in their posts will be subjected to an acting period of one year.

#### **5.8 Salary at Recruitment:**

Persons recruited externally will be placed at the initial step of the salary scale. The salary of persons recruited internally will be determined in terms of the provisions in Chapter VII of the Establishment Code.

**6. Promotions:**

The promotional procedure, based on performance, shall be as follows:

**6.1 Promotion from Grade III to grade II of the category:**

**(a) Pre-requisites**

- Should have been confirmed in the post
- Should have completed a minimum of 10 years of service in Grade III and earned ten (10) salary increments
- Showing an average or above average performance according to the approved scheme of performance appraisal during a period of 10 years preceding the promotion.
- Should have completed 05 years of satisfactory service preceding the promotion
- Should have achieved the necessary level of proficiency in second language.
- Successful completion of due Efficiency Bars.

**(b) Mode of Promotion:**

Through the application forms introduced by the employer, a request should be made by the qualified employees. Action will be taken by the appointing authority after verification of qualifications, to promote the qualified employees to Gr. II with effect from the qualifying date.

## 6.2 Grade II to grade I

### (a) **Pre-requisites**

- Should have completed a minimum of 10 years of service in Grade II and earned ten (10) salary increments
- Should have completed 05 years of satisfactory service immediately preceding the promotion
- Showing an average or above average performance according to the approved scheme of performance appraisal during a period of 10 years preceding the promotion.
- Successful completion of all due Efficiency Bars.

### (b) **Mode of Promotion:**

Through the application forms introduced by the employer, a request should be made by the qualified employees. Action will be taken by the appointing authority after verification of qualifications, to promote the qualified employees to Gr. I with effect from the qualifying date.

## 7. Syllabus for the Efficiency Bar Examination:

**7.1** The Syllabus should be prepared relevant to each post covering the following components.

**7.1.1** First Efficiency Bar Examination (to be completed within 03 years from the date of appointment to Grade III)

Candidates should sit a written examination which shall consist of the following subjects.

- Office Systems
- Accounting Systems
- Subject Knowledge

**Office Systems:**

A basic knowledge of the Office Systems practiced in a Government Office and the candidate's ability to apply such knowledge, as well as his ability to properly understand official documents and to present his/ her views / observations in a specific manner through clear and brief minute, and the ability to draft a letter in terms of a given order will be tested.

**Accounting Systems:**

This paper will be designed to gauge the knowledge and understanding of the candidate on the basic books of accounts and financial management maintained in a public office.

**Subject Knowledge:**

This paper will be designed to test the knowledge of the candidate on duties assigned to the post that arise out of the provision in the respective legal provision to establish the instruction, information to be collected and analysis and processing of such information and dissemination and other such duties assigned to the post.

Candidates should secure a minimum of 40% marks from this examination to pass the 1st Efficiency bar.

Candidates should pass this efficiency bar to be confirmed in the post.

**7.1.2 Second Efficiency Bar Examination (to be completed within 03 years from the date of promotion to Grade II)**

Candidates should sit a written examination which shall consist of the following subjects.

1. Establishment Procedure
2. Subject knowledge
3. General Paper

**Establishment Procedure:**

This paper will be designed to test the knowledge of the provisions of the Establishment Code and the Manual of Procedure of the Institute.

**Subject knowledge:**

This will test the knowledge of the employee concerned about the procedural and legal amendments made in the relevant field during the period of service he/she has been serving in relation to the subjects assigned to the post and to evaluate the proficiency acquired by the candidate through his/her experience in office activities.



**General paper:**

This paper will consist of two parts:

- i. Reading and understanding a statement or a report of discussion and preparing an article or a report.
- ii. Assessment of the candidate's ability in understanding and analyzing events in modern society.

Candidates should secure a minimum of 40% marks from this examination to pass the 2nd Efficiency bar.

**7.1.3 Third Efficiency Bar Examination (to be completed within 05 years from the date of promotion to Grade I)**

Candidates should sit a written examination which shall consist of the following subjects.

- Subject Knowledge
- Problems relative to the Office Procedures (M.C.Q.)

**Subject Knowledge**

This will test the knowledge of the employee concerned about the procedural and legal amendments made in the relevant field during the period of service he/she has been serving in relation to the subjects covered in the first and second efficiency bar examinations and the skills of the employee for innovations relevant to the appointment.

**Problems relative to the Office Procedures**

This paper is designed to test the knowledge in the areas the candidate, as relevant to his post should essentially be well aware of.

Candidates should secure a minimum of 40% marks from this examination to pass the 3rd Efficiency bar.

**08. Appointing authority will be the Board of Commissioners of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.**

## **09 Definition:**

- 09.1 For all purposes arising out of this Scheme of Recruitment "Satisfactory Period of Service" means, a period of service during which all the due salary increments during the period immediately preceding the date of application for promotion, have been earned and not subjected to any punishment (other than a warning or a severe warning) for any offence committed by the officer during the period.
- 09.2 "Due Date" means the date on which this Scheme of Recruitment comes in to effect.

## **General Conditions:**

1. All applicants should be Citizens of Sri Lanka with an excellent moral character physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well.
2. Apointies are entitled to Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund.
3. Officers who are already in government service should apply through the Head of the Department and the Departmental Head should have recommended that the officer concerned will be released if he/she is selected to the post.
4. Only those applicants who have fulfilled the required qualifications will be called for the interview.
5. Photocopies of certificates to prove the above qualifications and experience should be attached and submitted with the application.
6. The applicant will be treated as qualified for application for a post only if he/she has completed the necessary qualifications before the closing date of applications.
7. Appointing authority will be the Board of Commissioners of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.
8. Persons recruited externally will be placed at the initial step of the salary scale. The salary of persons recruited internally will be determined in terms of the provision in Chapter VII of the Establishment Code.

Applications with a Bio-Data that consist of educational qualifications, professional qualifications, experience and all details with two Non Related referees should be sent **by registered post / by hand** addressed to "**Secretary, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, No.14. R.A.De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 04**", or e-mail to [sechrsl@gmail.com](mailto:sechrsl@gmail.com) receive on or before **12.08.2021** Post applied for should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

**Secretary**  
**Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka**