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All Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,  
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**Implementation of amendments inserted into Service Minute of Sri Lanka Agriculture  
Service by Gazette Extraordinary No. 2146/22 of 22.10.2019**

In terms of the third amendment to Sri Lanka Agriculture Service published in the gazette extraordinary No. 2146/22 of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by insertion of provisions pertaining to amendment of the minimum period of service for promotion from Grade Three (III) to Grade Two (II) and from Grade Two (II) to Grade One (I) in Sri Lanka Agriculture Service, the Grade Promotions of the Officers of Sri Lanka Agriculture Service at present will be implemented as follows.

01. Promotion from Grade Three (III) to Grade Two (II)

- 1.1) Officers recruited before 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 will be promoted to Grade II with effect from the date on which the qualifications specified under Article 10.1.1.1 of the amended Service Minute of Sri Lanka Agriculture Service are satisfied or 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, whichever occurs later.
- 1.2) Officers who satisfy the other language proficiency specified under serial No. v of 10.1.1.1 of the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Agriculture Service during the concession period granted by Public Administration Circular No. 01/2014 and Circulars incidental thereto will be deemed to have completed the other language requirement by the due date.
- 1.3) Provisions in Public Administration Circular No. 01/2014 and Circulars incidental thereto will be applicable to officers who do not satisfy the other language proficiency specified under serial No. v of 10.1.1.1 of the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Agriculture Service during the concessionary period granted by Public Administration Circular No. 01/2014 and Circulars incidental thereto.

02. Promotion from Grade Two (II) to Grade One (I).

- 2.1) The following will be applicable for those officers who were serving in Grade II and have completed a satisfactory period of service of over six (06) years in Grade III by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which is the effective date of third amendment to the Service Minute.

(a) A concession period will be granted from the date of publication of this Circular to the date of expiry of five (05) years to satisfy the Postgraduate qualification specified under serial No. v of 10.2.1 as required for promotion from Grade II to Grade I and the officers who satisfy the said Postgraduate qualification during such concession period will be promoted to Grade I with effect from the date they satisfy other qualifications as specified under 10.2.1 in terms of provisions in this Circular.

(b) A concession period of three (03) years will be granted from the date of promotion to Grade II to satisfy the Second Efficiency Bar Examination specified under serial No. ii of 10.2.1 as required for promotion from Grade II to Grade I and the officers who satisfy the said qualification during such concession period will be promoted to Grade I with effect from the date they satisfy other qualifications as specified under 10.2.1 in terms of provisions in this Circular.

2.2) Following qualifications will be considered instead of qualifications specified under i and iv of 10.2.1 in promotion to Grade I of officers who were in service in Grade II by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which is the effective date of third amendment to the Service Minute.

(a) Completion of a satisfactory period of service of two (02) years in Grade II and earning two (02) salary increments after promotion to Grade II.

(b) Exhibition of a satisfactory level of or a higher level of performance during a period of two (02) years prior to the date of promotion to Grade II in terms of the approved Scheme of Performance Evaluation.

**Note: -**

The active and satisfactory period of service of over two (02) years of Grade II in Sri Lanka Agriculture Service prior to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 of the officers to be promoted to Grade I with effect from that date in terms of these provisions will be deemed as a period of service in Grade I.

2.3) Following qualifications will be considered instead of qualifications specified under i and iv of 10.2.1 in promotion to Grade I of officers who have completed an active and satisfactory period of service of over six (06) years in Grade III by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which is the effective date of third amendment to the Service Minute, and promoted to Grade II in terms of provisions specified in 1.1 in this Circular.

(a) Completion of a period of active and satisfactory service of twelve (12) years in Grades III & II having earned eleven (11) salary increments.

(b) Exhibition of a satisfactory level of or a higher level of performance during a period of twelve (12) years prior to the date of promotion in terms of the approved Scheme of Performance Evaluation.

This Circular is issued subject to approval of the Public Service Commission.

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