



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Ministry of Digital Economy - Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka



Applications are invited for positions at the Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka, established under the Personal Data Protection Act, No. 9 of 2022. The Authority has been established with the objective of regulating the processing of personal data and protecting individuals' privacy. It ensures that all public and private sector organizations comply with the legal obligations stipulated under the Act. The establishment of the Authority aims to promote the growth and innovation of Sri Lanka's digital economy while ensuring the safety and trustworthiness of digital transactions and communications. Accordingly, applications are invited from qualified and experienced professionals for the following position.

#### **POST OF SENIOR DIRECTOR – REGULATORY STRATEGY**

##### **Area of Key Responsibilities**

- a. Formulate rules, guidelines, and prescriptions to be issued under the Personal Data Protection Act
- b. Draft regulations to be issued by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the Act
- c. Recommend adequacy decisions to the Minister relating to cross-border data flows
- d. Issue general directives and instructions to data controllers and processors
- e. Establish standards in relation to data protection, data storage, data processing, and other related matters in accordance with the Act
- f. Develop criteria to recognize certifications and certifying bodies
- g. Ensure effective domestic compliance of data protection obligations under international conventions
- h. Make recommendations to the Government on all matters relating to data protection
- i. Issue licenses to controllers and processors requiring a license for the purpose of regulating identity management and related services

##### **Qualifications and Experience:**

The candidate should have one of following qualifications;

- (a) A Bachelor's Degree recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka in Law, Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management or any other Degree relevant to the post, recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka

**and**

Postgraduate Degree (Master's) in Law, Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management or any other field relevant to the post, or Associate/Fellow Membership of a recognized professional institution in Information Technology or related field or be an Attorney-at-Law 9

**with**

At least twelve (12) years of managerial experience of which 03 years should be in a Senior Management position within public or private sector of successful policy leadership with evidence of handling strategic issues, preferably in regulatory environment, after obtaining

the first Degree or obtaining Associate Membership of a recognized professional institution or taking oaths as an Attorney-at-law.

**Or**

(b) A Bachelor's Degree recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka in Law, Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management or any other Degree relevant to the post, recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka

**and**

PhD Degree in Law, Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management or any other field relevant to the post

**with**

At least four (04) years of experience at Senior Management Level within public or private sector of successful policy leadership with evidence of handling strategic issues, preferably in regulatory environment, after obtaining PhD degree.

**Age:** Age should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years.

#### **REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS:**

- a) Fixed-term contract initially for a period of three (03) years with entitlement to Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees' Trust Fund (ETF).
- b) An attractive remuneration package along with other benefits, enjoyed by the fixed term employees of the Authority

#### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- b) Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well and to serve in any part of the Island.
- c) Should be of excellent moral character.
- d) Should have a good command of the English language as interactions with international agencies and other institutions overseas is a job requirement for professional grades.
- e) Familiarity with the digital economy and social media will provide an advantage.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**Age:** limit will not apply to applicants from public corporation, statutory board, fully government owned company

**Method of Selection** – Suitable candidate will be selected based on one or more interviews. Appointments will be made purely in order of merit.

**Closing Date for Applications** – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Secondment:** Any eligible officer in public service seeking secondment to this position is responsible for coordinating with their line Ministry to release him/her from the service on secondment basis under the prevailing provisions specified by the Ministries in charge of Public Administration, Finance and other authorities. They should submit their applications through the Heads of the respective Ministries/ Departments/ institutions.

The secondment period is initially for one (01) year, and the renewals will be subject to the job holder's performance and other organizational requirements.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

Eligible candidates are invited to send their Curriculum Vitae with names and contact information of non-related referees through the email [hr@dpa.gov.lk](mailto:hr@dpa.gov.lk) on or before 18th May 2026

The post applied for should be stated in the subject of the email

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

You should not attach scanned copies of your certificates to your CV. The Authority will contact you, if your application is shortlisted

All applications will be treated in strict confidence and any form of canvassing will be regarded as a disqualification.

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