



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 – MARKET SUPERVISION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Area of Key Responsibilities

- a. Engage with designated Data Protection Officers of Public and Private Sector entities and provide instructions
- b. Monitor and examine all data processing operations and processors and issue-specific directives
- c. Receive personal data breach notifications, review them, and take necessary action as appropriate.
- d. Receive personal data protection impact assessments, review them, and issue written instructions
- e. Carry out periodic evaluations into data processing activities carried out by controllers and processors.
- f. Facilitate or undertake training based on international best practices for controllers and processors
- g. Promote studies and educational activities relating to data protection, including organizing and conducting seminars, workshops, and symposia.
- h. Manage technical cooperation with other organizations including foreign data processing authorities and international or inter-governmental organizations.
- i. Carry out awareness programs targeting multiple stakeholders in accordance with an annual plan approved by the Board.

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 Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management, Business Administration, Economics or any other Degree relevant to the post, recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka **and** Postgraduate Degree (Master's) in Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management, Business Administration, Economics or any other field relevant to the post, or Associate/Fellow Membership of a recognized professional institution in Information Technology, Accounting, Auditing or related field or be an Attorney-at-Law

with

At least twelve (12) years of managerial experience of which 03 years should be in a Senior Management level within public or private sector preferably with evidence of supervisory examination and capacity building 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 Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management, Business Administration, Economics or any other Degree relevant to the post, recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka

and

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

with

At least four (04) years of senior management experience within public or private sector preferably with evidence of supervisory examination and capacity building 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 – 18th 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 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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