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Data Protection Authority



Ministry of Digital Economy

VACANCY

The Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka (DPA), established under the Personal Data Protection Act No. 9 of 2022, is now establishing its Secretariat. This new government agency is a pivotal, high-level Authority tasked with regulating the fundamental right to data privacy across the country. Its establishment marks a critical step in safeguarding every citizen from the adverse impacts of digitalization while ensuring the responsible use of data to drive the future of Sri Lanka's digital economy. We are now seeking an exceptional skilled professional to take on an exciting career opportunity of this major national undertaking. Join us to help build the foundation of a modern, compliant, and innovative digital landscape within the public service.

Applications are invited from qualified and experienced Sri Lankan citizens for the following position;

POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

Key Responsibilities

- The Director General shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Board be charged with the direction of the affairs and transactions of the Authority, the exercise, performance, and discharge of its powers, duties, and functions, and the administration and control of the officers and employees of the Authority as per Section 36(4) of the Personal Data Protection Act No. 9 of 2022
- Take overall responsibility for administration, financial and operational control of the Authority under the direction of the Board of Directors
- Chair the Executive Committee of the Authority comprising Senior Directors, Directors, and other Heads of Divisions
- Formulate plans and strategies including identifying new trends related to personal data protection and data privacy and initiate activities to strengthen stakeholder engagement.
- Formulate plans for development projects related to personal data protection and direct activities to increase awareness among identified target groups.
- Advise the Board of Directors on policy matters. As and when required and prepare official reports/documents/board papers.
- Provide leadership to create a conducive corporate culture, internal coordination and teamwork
- Represent the Government and DPA internationally on matters relating to data protection
- Coordinate with relevant Ministries to ensure smooth functioning of the Authority
- Monitor research and development work identified and conducted by all Divisions.

Qualifications and Experience:

The candidate should have one of the following qualifications

- A Bachelor's Degree recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka in Law, 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 Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka **and** a Postgraduate Degree (Master's) in Law, Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Data Processing Management, Business Administration, Economics or any other field relevant to the post **or** an Associate / Fellow Membership of a recognized professional institution in Accountancy, Management, Information Technology of related field **With** at least fifteen (15) years of managerial experience of which 05 years should be in a senior managerial level with a proven track record in a public corporation, statutory Board, fully government owned company or a reputed mercantile establishment after obtaining the first Degree.

Or

- b) A Bachelor's Degree in Law, 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 Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka **and** a PhD Degree in a field relevant to the post **with** at least five (05) years of experience at Senior Management Level with a proven track record in a public corporation, statutory board, a fully government owned company or a reputed mercantile establishment, after obtaining the 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 these (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.
- c) Should be of excellent moral character
- d) Should have an excellent 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

Age: Age limit will not apply to applicants from public corporations, statutory board and fully government owned companies.

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

Closing Date for Applications: 17th November 2025

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 to hr@dpa.gov.lk on or before 17th November 2025.

The position 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 the strictest confidence and any form of canvassing will be regarded as a disqualification

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