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All relevant Regional Dental Surgeons.

Annual Transfers of Grade Dental Surgeons – 2026

The Final Noted List for Annual Transfers is published herewith. This includes SHO/HO posts for specialized units (for a two-year period) and special criteria posts, finalized after reviewing appeals from the two consecutive provisional noted lists published on 25.02.2026 and 25.06.2026, respectively. The Noted, Eligible, Consider Not Noted (CNN), Non-Eligible lists, and the Additional Vacancies List are also published herewith.

These lists were prepared based on the following criteria;

01. (01.1) Dental Surgeons assigned to four-year posts under Annual Transfers, who have not reported to the stations on or before 31.12.2021 due to administrative reasons, were permitted to be 'Considered Not Noted (CNN)' upon their request, after the request considered by the transfer board.

01.2 Dental Surgeons assigned to Special posts under Annual Transfers, who did not report to their stations on or before 31.12.2023 due to administrative reasons, were permitted to be 'Considered Not Noted (CNN)' at their request, after the request considered by the transfer board.

01.3 Dental Surgeons with Considered Not Noted (CNN) status holding four-year posts were allowed to become Eligible, provided that two years had passed since the effective date of their original Annual Transfer order.

01.4 Eligible status for the 2026 Annual Transfer List was granted to all Dental Surgeons who received four-year post assignments under the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Transfers and successfully reported to their ordered stations.

02. Dental Surgeons appointed to Special posts (HO/SHO) shall serve under the direct supervision of the unit's Consultant. Such officers are bound to execute on-call duties, and must complete a minimum tenure of two years in the post

03. The criteria and procedures for station allocation regarding Special posts and four-year posts shall be as follows:

- During the vacancy allocation process, HO/SHO vacancies will be allocated first and published on this Ministry's website. Officers will be given an opportunity to appeal against their allocated stations in terms of the provisions in Sub-section 253(V), Chapter XVIII, Volume I of the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission. Following the review of these appeals, the finalized list for Special posts will be published on the Ministry website. Once an applicant is allocated an HO/SHO post according to his/her order of preference, he or she will not be eligible to apply for the four-year vacancies.

- Selection Criteria for HO Posts: Applicants must be Eligible or Noted officers who have not exceeded ten (10) years of service in the government Dental Services. Priority will be given to officers applying for the first time. Second-time applicants and applicants with over ten years of service will be considered in order of priority only if there are no first-time applicants for a vacancy.

- Re Selection Criteria for HO Posts: Applicants must have completed an HO post for a two-year period in the relevant field within the last eight (08) years. Priority will be given to officers applying for the first time. Second-time applicants and applicants whose HO appointment was completed more than eight years ago will be considered in order of priority only if there are no first-time applicants for a vacancy.

- If any HO/SHO posts remain vacant after the above selection criteria are applied, they will be allocated subsequently along with the list of four-year posts according to preference and merit order

04. All Dental Surgeons who are Eligible and applying for special posts need to apply only through the online application available on the official website of this Ministry. They must also send a printed copy of the application through the proper channels.

05. All two-year posts and four-year posts that are considered vacant 01.01.2026 have been published in the noted and vacancy lists. All Dental Surgeons who wish to apply for Special posts should include their preferences in the list of preference stations. Unfilled special posts after applying the selecting criteria for those posts will be allocated only to the applicants who have mentioned those posts in the lists of preference.

06. All Dental Surgeons who are Noted or Eligible and applying for four-year posts, Special posts or special criteria posts must do so through the online application available on the official website of the Ministry of Health and Mass Media. It is compulsory to send a printed copy of the application signed by the applicant through the Head of the Institution to the following address:

Director (Dental Services),
Ministry of Health and Mass Media,
106 Dadly Senanayake Mawatha,
Colombo 08.
(NB: the printed copy must reach the relevant address within the first 7 days following the closing date for the applications)

07. Four-year posts and remaining special posts will be allocated strictly based on grade seniority.

08. Eligible officers will be awarded stations strictly based on their preferences. If there are no enough preferred stations, they will be allowed to remain in their current station. However, if an Eligible officer is assigned a station to which he/she applied, he/she will not be allowed to remain in the current station.

09. Officers will not be reallocated to the same station unless they have spent at least two years physically away from the relevant station.

10. Recommendation list for four-year posts, special criteria posts, and remaining special posts will be published on the Ministry website once the allocation is complete. Following publication, officers will be given an opportunity to appeal against their allocated stations in terms of the provisions under Subsection 253 (V), Chapter XVIII, Volume I of the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission.

11. After considering the appeals, the final annual transfer order list for all allocated posts will be published on the Ministry website subjected to approval from the Health Service Committee of the Public Service Commission.

12. Applicants who are noted for annual transfers 2026 must apply for the annual transfers and include an adequate number of preferences according to their published merit order number. Published noted list has been prepared using the available SLMC registration number as a proxy indicator of the seniority. Later the exact seniority order will be published after considering the grade promotion dates and periods of no pay leave. Hence each applicant is advised to mention adequate number of preferred stations in their order of preference.
If an applicant is not allocated a station due to insufficient number of preferences, they will be subject to the allocation of a remaining station at the discretion of the transfer board, without further notification.

13. All applicants are strictly advised to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in their applications. Providing false information is an offense, and offending officers will be subject to disciplinary action according to the Establishment Code.

14. Selection for the post of Regional Dental Surgeons, post of Dental Surgeon in Family Health Bureau, Health Promotion Bureau, National Cancer Control Program, Training Research & Surveillance units in IOH, Ministry of Health, Senior Hospital Dental Surgeon and Dental Therapist Training School will be based on the criteria mentioned in the guidelines.

If there are no suitable qualified applicants, the transfer board will select the most qualified applicant. Further, selection for the posts of Senior Hospital Dental Surgeon and Dental Therapist Training School will also be based on the guidelines. If there are more than one suitable candidate, transfer board will determine the most suitable candidate according to the guidelines.

This notification for calling applications was published with the approval of the Health Service Committee of the Public Service Commission (PSC).

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Annual Transfers of Grade Dental Surgeons – 2026 Calling for Applications

All Grade Dental Surgeons who are noted and eligible for annual transfer are hereby requested to submit their applications for the Annual Transfer of Grade Dental Surgeons – 2026.
The rules, regulations, and procedural guidelines to be followed in the allocation of posts to applicants are summarized in the letter No. D/DS/AT/246/2026 dated 12.10.2026 issued by the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Mass Media.
All applicants are advised to refer to the "Guidelines for Transfers – Grade Dental Surgeons", which were used for the Annual Transfer of Grade Dental Surgeons – 2025, as the revised guidelines are still under consideration by the Public Service Commission of Sri Lanka.

Closing Date for Applications / Observations in any error in the seniority order

The closing date for applications is Friday, 30th October 2026. Portal for application will be opened from 23rd October 2026. All Observations on irregularity in the seniority ranks should be informed to Director (Dental Services) by email directorate2026dental@gmail.com on or before 20th October 2026.

A printed copy of the submitted online application, duly certified by the Head of the respective Health Institution, particularly with regard to no-pay leave and overseas leave, should reach the following address on or before 06th November 2026:

Director – Dental Services
Ministry of Health and Mass Media
No. 106, Dudley Senanayake Mawatha
Colombo 08.

The release of the final transfer orders may be delayed if the printed copies of the applications of all applicants are not received by the Director – Dental Services by the stipulated date.

Web link for uploading applications: -https://2026dt.denstro.com/surgeon/login
(will be opened at 9.00 a.m. on 23rd October 2026)

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