

Short-Term Courses for "Capacity Development" of Inventors

Guideline for Applying

1. Background

The Sri Lanka Inventors Commission has implemented a program with the aim of nourishing Sri Lankan inventors with knowledge and providing them with the necessary capabilities to successfully advance their inventions, thereby expecting their "Capacity Development".

Under this program, the Commission has made arrangements to offer more than 26 short-term courses to inventors through institutions such as the "Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI)", "The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL)", "The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CASL)", "Industrial Development Board (IDB)", "Industrial Technology Institute (ITI)", and the "Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies (ACCIMT)" to obtain the necessary external knowledge.

2. Eligible Inventors

The description of inventors eligible to receive financial support for these short-term courses is given below. Inventors falling under the following categories have the opportunity to apply:

- Any inventor currently registered in the official registry of those who have obtained the Inventor Identity Card.
- Inventors who have met the necessary qualifications to obtain the Inventor Identity Card and are eligible to apply for it.
- Award winners from the "Sahasak Nimavum" National Invention Exhibitions and Competitions held in the years 2023 and 2024.
- Inventors who were qualified and selected to participate in the "Sahasak Nimavum" National Invention Exhibition and Competition held in 2025.

3. Financial Support for Eligible Inventors

The Commission will provide financial support for course fees up to a maximum of Rs. 20,000/- for eligible inventors for the short-term courses facilitated by the Commission for the year 2026.

From the eligible inventors, 100 inventors will be selected to provide financial support to follow a course or courses as their choice. The Sri Lanka Inventors Commission offers this financial support based on the classification of the Inventor Identity Cards. In this regard,

it is not essential to have obtained an Inventor Identity Card; meeting the eligible requirement for it also shall be considered.

- Holders of Inventor Identity Cards under Categories 01, 02, or 03, or those qualifying for them, will receive a maximum amount of Rs. 20,000/-.
- Holders of Inventor Identity Cards under Categories 04 or 05, or those qualifying for them, will receive a maximum amount of Rs. 10,000/-.

4. Conditions for Qualifying for an Inventor Identity Card

Every applicant may qualify under one or more of the fields mentioned below:

- **Category 01** - All Sri Lankan inventors who hold a patent issued by the National Intellectual Property Office are entitled to obtain an identity card valid for a lifetime.
- **Category 02** - Sri Lankan inventors who hold patents issued by another country are entitled to obtain an identity card valid for their lifetime.
- **Category 03** - All Sri Lankan inventors who have obtained coverage under the internationally recognized Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are entitled to obtain an identity card valid during the period that coverage is in effect.
- **Category 04** - All Sri Lankan applicants who have applied for patents are entitled to obtain an identity card valid for a period of 2 years from the date of registration. If the issuance of the patent is not completed during this time, the period can be extended by one year at a time until the relevant issuance.
- **Category 05** - Sri Lankan inventors who participated and won awards (First/Second or Third places) in the “Sahasak Nimavum” National Invention Exhibition and Competition organized by the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission, but were unable to obtain a patent, are entitled to obtain an identity card valid for a period of 02 years from the date of winning. If that inventor obtains a similar win for another invention within those 02 years, the validity of the identity card will be extended for a period of 02 years from the date of that win.

5. Method of Selecting Inventors

After the application form prepared to apply for this program is completed by the inventors and submitted to the Commission, marks will be given to the inventors according to evaluation criteria. 100 inventors ranked from top to the bottom as the marks obtained from highest to will be selected for this program.

6. How to Apply

The application form prepared to apply for this program must be read thoroughly, completed, signed, and submitted to the Commission.

In doing so, clear copies of all certificates and patents required to confirm your participation, achievements and details regarding patents obtained or expected as mentioned in your application must be sent with this application. Applications not submitted with such clear copies will be rejected without providing any reason.

For award winning inventors relevant only to the years of Sahasak Nimavum 2023 and 2024, those certificate copies not necessary to be attached to confirm the achievements. However, it is mandatory to attach certificate copies to confirm achievements in other years.


7. The application form can be downloaded through the following methods:

➤ Access via this link	https://shorturl.at/7UblN
➤ Scan this QR code	
➤ Access via the Commission's website	https://slic.gov.lk/short-courses/

8. Evaluation criteria can be downloaded through the following methods:

➤ Access via this link	https://shorturl.at/Ldvuq
➤ Scan this QR code	
➤ Access via the Commission's website	https://slic.gov.lk/short-courses/

9. Course details can be downloaded through the following methods:

➤ Access via this link	https://shorturl.at/0YNgG
➤ Scan this QR code	
➤ Access via the Commission's website	https://slic.gov.lk/short-courses/

10. Deadline

The relevant application and all copies that should be submitted with the application must be sent as a single document via registered post or email to reach the Commission on or before 2026.05.22. Considering the timeline for implementing the program, applications received late will be rejected without providing reasons.

When submitting via registered post, "**Application for Short Term Courses**" should be noted on the top left corner of the envelope, and when submitting via email, the subject of the email should also be noted as "**Application for Short Term Courses**".

11. Terms and Conditions

If any inventor fails to complete the course offered to them, that inventor will not be able to obtain any service from the Commission until the full course fee or the relevant cost portion is repaid to the Commission.

If an inventor is selected for a course where the total fee exceeds the financial support limit provided by the Commission, the inventor is responsible for covering all additional costs. Failure or inability to bear these extra expenses will result in the forfeiture of the opportunity, which may then be reallocated to other eligible inventors.

12. Further Information

For further clarifications, contact us via 0112676649. Inquiries can also be made via the email address info@slic.gov.lk.