



Calling Applications for the Admission to
**Higher Diploma in English
Extension Program**

The Department of English Language Teaching of the Faculty of Business Studies & Centre for Distance and Continuing Education, University of Vavuniya, invites applications to select suitably qualified individuals for the Two-Year Higher Diploma in English (HDE), Extension programme (SLQF Level Four) during weekends and holidays.

1. Eligibility Requirements for Admission

The applicants should fulfil the following eligibility requirements:

1.

- a. The applicant should have passed the A/L examination with three subjects at the Advanced level examination in the current Syllabus and four subjects in the Old Syllabus in the past or any other recognized equivalent local or foreign senior secondary level qualifications acceptable to the Faculty Board/Senate.

AND

- b. The applicant should have passed the O/L examination with a minimum of three credits (C) and three satisfactory (S) passes including Mathematics, English and Mother Tongue at the O/L examination or any other recognized equivalent local or foreign Secondary Level qualifications acceptable to the Faculty Board/Senate to be eligible to follow the A/L or Senior Secondary Level education.

AND

- c. Possess at least a CREDIT PASS in English at the GCE (O/L) or any Secondary Level Examination OR a CREDIT PASS in General English at the GCE (A/L) or any Senior Secondary Level Examination.

OR

2. In addition to fulfilling (1 A) and (1 B), the applicant should possess at least an ORDINARY PASS in English at the GCE (O/L) or any Secondary Level Examination or in General English at the GCE (A/L) or any Senior Secondary Level Examination.

AND

- a. Possess a PASS in any certificate or diploma program of minimum SIX-MONTH duration in the RELEVANT SUBJECTS awarded by any government-licensed or recognized institutions nationally or internationally.

(The relevant subjects are English Language, English Literature, English Linguistics, Teaching English Second Language, English as a Second Language, Courses relevant to English for Academic Purposes and English for Professional Purposes, etc.)

OR

- b. Possess a PASS in any Certificate, Diploma or Degree program of minimum ONE-YEAR duration in any subject followed in ENGLISH MEDIUM awarded by any government-licensed or recognized institutions nationally or internationally.

OR

- c. Possess a PASS in IELTS (minimum Band Score 5.5) or TOEFL (minimum Score Range 46-59) or in any other recognized national and international examinations deemed sufficient for admission.

OR

- 3. Should possess any other educational or professional qualifications, or skills, or experience approved by the Senate as relevant.

AND

- 4. In addition to fulfilling (1), or (2), or (3), the applicant should possess a PASS in the WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS conducted by the DELT/University of Vavuniya to BECOME FINALLY ELIGIBLE for the English extension programme. Based on students' performance and preference, a selected number of students will follow the Higher Diploma in English. The recognition or licence for an eligible program or examination award certificate submitted for the admission eligibility will be decided by the Faculty Board/Senate.

2. Student Intake and Payment

Course Fee: Rs 88,000 (Can be paid in two installment)

3. Application Procedure

- 1. Completed applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ CDCE, Park Road, University of Vavuniya, on or before July 31 2026. Since it is a repeated advertisement, the admission test and interview will be held at Park Road Premises. The applications documents can be submitted in person on/before July 31 2026 prior to sitting the admission test.
- 2. The course will be conducted at the Vavuniya Town, University Premises, Park Road, Vavuniya.

Note:- An Exemption may be given for the first year of the HDE program if the candidate has completed a diploma or equaling course in English that meets SLQF Level 3 standard which is approved by the university authority.

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