

SriLankan | Full time

Chief Executive Officer

Katunayake, Sri Lanka | Posted on 20/12/2025

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Job Description

SriLankan Airlines, the award-winning National Carrier of Sri Lanka and a proud member of the esteemed oneworld airline alliance, is renowned for its exceptional customer service, onboard comfort, safety, reliability, and punctuality. The airline operates an extensive route network of 120 destinations in 61 countries, including codeshare operations. A total of 255 flights per week is operated under the airline's direct operations to destinations such as the Indian sub-continent, Europe including UK, Far East including Japan, China, Australia, South Korea, the Middle East and to the Maldives, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The all-Airbus fleet, featuring A330-300s and A320/321NEO aircraft, seamlessly blends contemporary air travel with Sri Lanka's rich heritage, culture, natural beauty, and renowned warmth and hospitality.

SriLankan Airlines is embarking on a transformative journey to strengthen its global presence and ensure sustainability through strategic initiatives as Sri Lanka's National Carrier. This alignment underscores a steadfast commitment to Governance and sustainability as well as growth through expansion in fleet, Ground handling and MRO services as key pillars of the Airline's future.

The Board of Directors of SriLankan airlines is seeking a dynamic and visionary leader to join as **Chief Executive Officer** to steer the Airline through this significant phase of growth and change to build on its proud legacy and securing its place as a global aviation leader.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

- The Airline is in search of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with a proven track record, a vision and leadership skills to provide strategic direction and overall management of the Airline.
- The selected candidate will report to the Board of Directors and provide leadership to the Senior Management Team to pursue the Company vision, mission and strategic objectives to achieve the business plan and manage the overall operations and resources of the Company as well as develop strategic collaborations with stakeholders within and outside the industry to explore growth opportunities.

Requirements

Core Requirements:

A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university or an equivalent professional qualification is mandatory.

Candidates should also possess **either**:

- A Master's degree with a minimum of 10 years' experience at a senior management level; or in the absence of a Master's degree, a minimum of 15 years' experience at a senior management level in a recognized international airline.
- Applicants should demonstrate in-depth knowledge across key aviation functions, including Commercial, Flight Operations, Ground Operations, Service Delivery, Aircraft Engineering, and Maintenance.

Additionally:

- Experience as a Chief Executive Officer in an airline or a large-scale organization will be an added advantage.
- A strong track record in people management skills, with experience overseeing a diverse workforce across multiple categories, is important.

Upper age limit: Preferably 55 years as of 11th January 2026. However, this will not be a limiting factor for an exceptional candidate who will be considered favourably.

This position is open to Sri Lankan nationals and non-nationals. Employment will be offered on fixed term contract basis.

Selected candidate is required to be based in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

You may upload your CV with names and contact details of two non-related referees on or before **11th January 2026**.

We are an equal opportunity Organization. Influencing will reflect unsuitability.

Please note that we will correspond with you within a month of closing the advertisement in the event your application is shortlisted for consideration

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Job Information

Division Name

Corporate Offices

Date Opened

20/12/2025

Application Closing Date

11/01/2026

Job Type

Full time

Industry

Airline - Aviation

City

Katunayake

Province

Western

Country

Sri Lanka

Postal Code

11420

