Elections in Sri Lanka

Department of Elections was established on the 1st October, 1955 amalgamating the Department of Parliamentary Elections and Department of Local Authorities Elections. It was headed by the Commissioner of Elections.

Officials who conducted the elections before the establishment of the Department of Elections

Edwin Ronald Sudbury
P. O. Fernando
G.G. Thambiah
Victor Lloyd Weerasinghe

Acting Election Commissioners appointed time to time

L.A.G. Jayasekara  
Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1982
S.L. Marikkar  
Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1982
M.C. Arunathavachelvan  
Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1999
D.M.C.B. Dassanayake  
Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1999

The following officials directed the Department of Elections for a short period at times when the Commissioners of the Election Department were out of the country.

• Mr. Bandula Pulathunga
• Mr. A.D. De Silva
• Mr. P.M. Sirwardana

The Election Commission of Sri Lanka (ECSL) was established on 13th November 2015 and Commissioners of ECSL commenced duties on 17th November 2015.

Director Generals - Election Commission of Sri Lanka

Mr. U. Amaradasa  
2016.01.12 to 2017.02.08
Mr. R.M.A.L. Ratnayake  
2017.02.08 to 2018.02.01

Mr. R.M.A.L. Ratnayake  
2018.02.03 to 2018.08.22
Mr. M.A.P.C. Perera  
2018.08.23 to 2018.11.29
Mr. M.M. Mohamed  
2018.11.29 to 2019.03.10
Mr. M.K.S.S. Ratnayake  
2019.03.10 Up to Now