

mittee, acting jointly with the Minister of Health and the Scottish Board of Health, and in conjunction with His Majesty's Treasury and His Majesty's Postmaster-General, after the expiration of at least 40 days from this date, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 28 and sub-section (1) of Section 30 of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, to make Regulations with respect to Claims for any Payment of Pensions.

Copies of the draft Regulations can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Astral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; York Street, Manchester; 120 George Street, Edinburgh; or 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff.

Dated this 22nd day of July 1927.

National Health Insurance Joint Committee,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

*Civil Service Commission,
July 19, 1927.*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS RESPECTING OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF BOYS AND GIRLS TO THE CLERICAL CLASSES (GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL) OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

These Regulations are liable to alteration from time to time.

1. AGE.—The limits of age are 16 and 17. For an examination beginning in one of the first six months of the year the governing date on which candidates must be of the prescribed age is the first of March; for an examination beginning in one of the last six months of the year the governing date is the first of September. A candidate who attained the age of 16 on the governing date would be admitted, but a candidate who attained 17 on that date would not be admitted.

In reckoning age for competition persons who have served in any established civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding two years which they may have spent in such service.

2. NATIONALITY. — Candidates must be natural-born British subjects and the children of fathers also natural-born British subjects:

Provided that exception may be made in the case of persons serving in a civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

3. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character. Female candidates must be unmarried and will be required to resign their appointments on marriage.

4. The subjects of examination and the marks they will carry are as follows:—

(1) English	...	...	...	300
(2) Arithmetic	...	...	...	40
(3) Mathematics	...	...	...	200
(4) Science	...	...	...	200
(5) One of the following languages—French, German, Spanish, Latin, Greek, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic	...	...	...	200
(6) History	...	...	...	100
(7) Geography	...	...	...	100

5. All candidates take subjects 1 and 2; they may also offer all or any of the optional subjects 3 to 7. In these optional subjects a high standard of performance will be required, so that really good work on optional subjects aggregating 600 will get more marks than moderate work on a greater number and a candidate can be successful on optional subjects aggregating 600 or 700 as well as on a greater number.

Candidates must obtain such an aggregate of marks in the examination as a whole as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

6. The examination may be held in one part or in two parts, at the discretion of the Civil Service Commissioners. In the latter case the first part of the examination will be used to reduce the number of competitors to be admitted to the second part. Of those whose performance on the first part is best a certain number, to be determined by the Civil Service Commissioners, will be admitted to the second part of the examination. The successful list will consist of those candidates who obtain the highest aggregate marks on the whole examination. If the examination is held in two parts, the second part may be held in fewer centres than the first.

7. It will rest with the Civil Service Commissioners to determine the Departments to which the successful candidates shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service. Subject to this condition, the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be respected.

8. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

Persons holding situations in the Civil Service must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the examination before the commencement of the examination.

9. Application for permission to attend an examination must be made at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.

10. A fee of £2 will be required from every candidate attending an examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations, commencing on the 29th November 1927. The following is a provisional list of the centres at which the first part of the examination may be held:—Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh,