

3. Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions :

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either  
(i.) have at least one parent who is or was at death a British subject; or

(ii.) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment;

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing, or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

4. Every candidate must have obtained a university degree in Geology with first or second class honours, or an equivalent qualification :

Provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion admit (a) a candidate who, having completed at an institution of university rank at least the necessary period for a war-time degree, has failed to reach second class honours standard, if they are satisfied that the circumstances were of exceptional difficulty for reasons peculiar to the individual candidate, and (b) a candidate with high professional qualifications.

5. (1) Every candidate must satisfy the Commissioners as to his or her health and character.

(2) The Commissioners reserve the right to give such preference to disabled persons or to particular classes of disabled persons as may be necessary in order to give effect to any general policy regarding the employment of such persons which may be adopted by His Majesty's Government, provided that the disability is not of a nature to interfere with the discharge of the duties required.

6. No person who is undergoing a course of study with the aid of a grant from public funds shall be eligible to compete before the completion of the course, unless he or she has previously obtained permission to do so from the authority which administers the grant.

7. Every candidate must apply on the appropriate form within the time and in the manner of which notice is given by the Commissioners.

8. Those candidates who from their Application Forms appear to have the most suitable qualifications will be summoned to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners; they may also be required to attend for a preliminary informal interview. The Commissioners shall have discretion to give such preference as they consider appropriate to temporary civil servants in Geologist or equivalent grades who were in post before the 3rd September 1939, and are certified by their Departments to have been appointed on terms giving reasonable expectation of selection for permanent posts after a period of satisfactory service; subject to this preference the Selection Board will recommend for appointment those candidates who appear to them to possess the most appropriate qualifications, having regard to the nature of the vacancies available. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of experience and education, with due regard to loss of opportunity and to the loss of scientific knowledge of those who have served in the Forces, any recommendation that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interviews; and on their estimation of all the above evidence they will frame their recommendations. The Commissioners will decide which candidates shall be appointed as Geologists and which as Senior Geologists. In general, candidates under the age of 27 will not be appointed as Senior Geologists. The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

9. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g. the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

10. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their Application Forms, will disqualify them for appointment. The Interviewing Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work, whether at school, at the University, in the Forces, or otherwise.

11. Every successful candidate shall pay a fee of £1 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 15/1947. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 1st to 15th AUGUST 1947.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 1st to 15th August 1947.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Fowl Pest.	Parasitic Mange.*		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 1st to 15th August 1947 ... ..	8	10	—	—	42	—	—	—	2	1
Corresponding period in { 1946 ... ..	4	5	1	824	—	2	3	—	9	10
{ 1945 ... ..	6	9	2	73	—	—	—	1	37	23
{ 1944 ... ..	5	8	16	912	—	—	—	1	89	73
Total 1st January to 15th August 1947 ... ..	63	76	103	10,890	696	1	2	35	19	5
Corresponding period in { 1946 ... ..	64	66	31	3,710	—	7	8	39	297	193
{ 1945 ... ..	71	83	101	8,171	—	6	6	48	616	458
{ 1944 ... ..	123	133	45	4,147	—	6	18	62	607	463

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

\* Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*trypanosoma coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
21st August 1947.