

(b) have contracted to complete a fixed period of whole-time voluntary service (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) which would have qualified under (a) and been invalidated out or prematurely released from service on other grounds before completing that period.

(ii) No candidate will be eligible whose whole-time service ceased more than two years before 1st November of the year in which the examination is held.

6. Sections.

Eligible candidates will be divided into two Sections according to the length of their whole-time service on the termination of such service or on 31st October, 1958, whichever is the earlier:

Section I for those whose total service amounts to, or will amount to, less than twelve years; and

Section II for those whose total service amounts to, or will amount to, twelve years or more.

7. Nationality.

To be eligible for appointment a candidate must be a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic and in addition satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) if he was a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth—

(i) at least one of his parents must be, or have been at death, a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or

(ii) the candidate must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(b) if he was not a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth, he must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(c) if not qualified under sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, he must satisfy the Commissioners that he is so closely connected with a country or territory within the Commonwealth either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in his favour.

8. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners on their health and character.

9. Examination.

(i) The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, a General Paper, and an Intelligence Test.

(ii) Vacancies will be allotted to Sections I and II in proportion to the number of candidates competing in each section, provided that if the number of candidates of acceptable standard in either section is insufficient the remaining vacancies may be transferred to candidates in the other section. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not obtain a total which satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners. The Commissioners' decision will be final.

10. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers, elsewhere than in England and Wales, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

11. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. A candidate who declines to accept the post offered will have no claim to be assigned to another, but will be regarded as having declined appointment. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

12. Fee.

An application fee of 7s. 6d. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form and is not

returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of 12s. 6d., being the balance of the fee of £1, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations on 1st October, 1957.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 25th July, 1957. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 25th June, 1957.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz.:—

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT TO GRADE 6 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED ON REGULAR ENGAGEMENTS WITH H.M. FORCES.

1. No candidate may compete more than twice under these or similar Regulations.

2. The competition is open to men and to unmarried women and widows. The approval of the Secretary of State is required before a successful man candidate who is married takes up appointment.

3. Age.

No age limits are prescribed.

4. Nationality.

A candidate will not be eligible for appointment unless at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and was born of parents each of whom is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times since birth:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, by special permission of the Secretary of State, be admitted to appointment if

(i) he has at all times since his birth been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic, and

(ii) his father is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times from birth, and

(iii) he satisfies the Secretary of State that he is so closely connected with a country or territory within the Commonwealth either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in his favour.

5. Service.

(i) All candidates must either

(a) have completed, or on 1st November of the year in which the examination is held be within one year of completing, a period of not less than three years' continuous whole-time service in H.M. Forces of which not less than one year must have been whole-time voluntary service entered into for a fixed period (including in the case of officers a permanent commission); or

(b) have contracted to complete a fixed period of whole-time voluntary service (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) which would have qualified under (a) and been invalidated out or prematurely released from service on other grounds before completing that period.

(ii) No candidate will be eligible whose whole-time service ceased more than two years before 1st November of the year in which the examination is held.

6. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners on their health and character.

7. Examination.

The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, a General Paper, and an Intelligence Test.

Candidates will be arranged in order of merit on their total mark in the examination as a whole, but before any candidate can be appointed he or she will be required to establish, in a Foreign Office interview, that he or she has the ability to learn languages and is in other respects suitable for appointment to the Foreign Service. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not obtain a total which satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners. The Commissioners' decision will be final.