

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.

(2) A candidate will not be eligible for appointment to a situation in the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply unless (i) at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and (ii) he was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and (iii) each of his parents was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and 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:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, if the conditions specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation are satisfied, be admitted to appointment by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for Air, or the Minister of Supply, as the case may be.

5. Educational Qualifications.

Every candidate must, on the date he sends in his application, be in possession of one of the undermentioned qualifications:—

(a) A School Certificate with credit in mathematics or a science subject obtained by passing an examination conducted by one of the recognised Examining Bodies.

In place of a School Certificate a candidate may produce evidence of having passed the Matriculation Examination of London University or any other examination which in the opinion of the Civil Service Commissioners is of equivalent or higher standard; or

(b) A general Certificate of Education in four subjects at Ordinary (or Advanced) level to include (a) English Language and (b) a scientific or a mathematical subject; or

(c) The Scottish Leaving Certificate in four subjects on the lower (or higher) grade which include English and a scientific or mathematical subject.

Passes in subjects at the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination will be accepted as equivalent to passes in the Scottish Leaving Certificate.

A pass on the higher grade in English or science whether gained at the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination or the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination will be accepted as the equivalent of a pass in two subjects on the lower grade if the Scottish Education Department certifies that the appropriate standard was reached in both papers set in the subjects concerned.

Scottish candidates who do not hold the requisite number of passes in the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination or the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination may, in appropriate circumstances, offer instead a Certificate of equivalent qualification based on their results in either or both of these examinations.

(Applications for Certificates, including those which relate to performance in the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination, should be made to the Secretary, Scottish Education Department (Examinations Branch), Government Buildings, Broomhouse Drive, Saughton, Edinburgh, 11, quoting S59/58); or

(d) The Senior Certificate of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland showing passes in four subjects including English Language and one of the following:— Mathematics (Traditional), Mathematics (Alternative), Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Biology, or a statement from the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland showing that the candidate has attained a standard equivalent to that represented by the award of the School Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board, including the special qualification in mathematics or a science subject, or by the General Certificate of Education in four subjects at Ordinary level including English Language and a scientific or mathematical subject; or

(e) The Ordinary National Certificate. (The Commissioners may admit as eligible under this paragraph candidates who have satisfactorily completed the second year (s 2) of the Senior Course); or

(f) The Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology; or

(g) An Intermediate Grouped Course Certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute in Telecommunications, Metallurgy, Paint Technology, Fuel Technology or Laboratory Technicians' work; or

(h) A pass in either the Forces Preliminary Examination with a pass in either mathematics or natural science; or

the Royal Air Force Higher Education Test, Part I, with a pass in mathematics, mechanics or the properties of matter; or

the Admiralty Higher Educational Test, Second Class, with a pass in mathematics or mechanics or magnetism and electricity; but

(i) The Commissioners may also accept as eligible candidates who are unable to comply with the requirements above but who

(i) have been employed on Assistant (Scientific) duties for a considerable time, have demonstrated their aptitude for this kind of work and are certified by their Department as being worthy of special consideration; or

(ii) have served for at least 10 years, on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement, in the technical branch of H.M. Forces. Such candidates must have served an artificer apprenticeship (where appropriate) or have reached the rank of Petty Officer or Sergeant; or

(iii) are employed full-time as glass-blowers in Government Departments, provided they are nominated by their Department and satisfy the Commissioners of their skill in their craft. Such candidates must be wholly employed in the construction of glassware for use in scientific laboratories.

6. Experience.

Every candidate must have had thorough experience in the duties of the class gained by service in a Government Department or other civilian scientific establishment or in technical branches of the Forces. The experience must cover a minimum period of two years to be completed before the date on which he sends in his application, as duties appropriate to the type of vacancy for which application is made and the two-year period must be recent, subject to allowance for gaps in cases where the experience has been broken by service in H.M. Forces.

7. Competition.

The Commissioners may summon a candidate to a preliminary informal interview and may require a candidate to undergo a practical or other test.

Those candidates who from the information available and the result of any test that may be imposed appear to have the most suitable qualifications and experience will be summoned to attend before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners.

8. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners as to their health and character.

9. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Persons who have been trained as teachers in Northern Ireland or in the Irish Republic, and upon whose training public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Commissioners.

10. Refund of Marriage Gratuity.

Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widowed or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid. Provided that this undertaking will not be required if the break between the first period of service (including any period of unestablished service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

11. Canvassing.

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.