

The number to be registered will depend partly on the requirements of the service, and partly on the number of Candidates who may show sufficient proficiency; but it is not likely to be less than 250, if so many shall be found competent: that is to say, 225 for service in London, Edinburgh, and provincial towns in England, Scotland, and Wales, and 25 for service in Dublin and provincial towns of Ireland exclusively.

No Candidate will be admitted to the Examination from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received, on or before the 12th December, an application, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

*Civil Service Commission,  
October 15, 1912.*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination of Candidates for entry as Boy Writers in His Majesty's Dockyards and Naval Establishments will commence in London, Portsmouth, Devonport, Chatham, Pembroke, Sheerness, Portland, Sheffield, Greenock and Haulbowline, on the 16th January, 1913.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 5th December, an application, in the handwriting of the Candidate, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

NATIONAL INSURANCE.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

Order, dated 3rd August, 1912, made under Section 78 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, by the Insurance Commissioners as to Payment out of the National Health Insurance Fund to Approved Societies and Insurance Committees.

Whereas by section 54 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (in this Order called "the Act"), it is amongst other things enacted that the sums required to meet expenditure properly incurred by Approved Societies and Insurance Committees for the purposes of the benefits administered by them and the administration of such benefits shall be paid out of the National Health Insurance Fund (in this Order referred to as "the Fund"):

And whereas it is not possible until after the expiration of the period of currency of the first contribution cards issued for the purposes of the Act to carry to the credit of Approved Societies and Insurance Committees in the Fund the sums which ought to be so credited in respect of the said period of currency (in this Order referred to as "the said period"):

And whereas by section 78 of the Act it is amongst other things provided that if any difficulty arises in bringing Part I of the Act into operation the Insurance Commissioners,

with the consent of the Treasury, may by Order make any appointment and do anything which appears to them necessary or expedient for bringing Part I of the Act into operation, and any such Order may modify the provisions of the Act so far as may appear necessary or expedient for carrying the Order into effect:

And whereas it is necessary in order to bring Part I of the Act into operation that payments should be made out of the Fund to meet expenditure properly incurred by Insurance Committees during the said period for the purposes of sanatorium benefit and to meet expenditure properly incurred by Approved Societies and Insurance Committees during the said period for the purposes of administration:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether payments can be made out of the Fund before money has been credited in the Fund to Approved Societies and Insurance Committees, and a difficulty has thereby arisen within the meaning of the said section 78:

Now therefore, the Insurance Commissioners, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Act and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

1. At any time after the date of this Order there may be made out of the National Health Insurance Fund the following payments, that is to say:—

(a) To any Approved Society such sums as the Insurance Commissioners may in any case direct for the purpose of meeting expenditure incurred by the Society during the said period for the purposes of administration not exceeding the sum of 1s. for each person certified by the proper officers of the Society to be a member of the Society for the purposes of Part I of the Act during the said period:

(b) To any Insurance Committee such sums as the Insurance Commissioners may in any case direct for the purpose of meeting expenditure incurred by the Committee during the said period for the purposes of sanatorium benefit not exceeding a sum calculated at the rate of 45s. for every thousand persons resident according to the last census in the area of the Committee.

(c) To any Insurance Committee such sums as the Insurance Commissioners may in any case direct for the purpose of meeting expenditure incurred by the Committee during the said period for the purposes of administration not exceeding a sum calculated at the rate of 8s. for every thousand persons resident according to the last census in the area of the Committee.

2. This Order shall have effect in the case of any Approved Society or Insurance Committee until the moneys which ought to be carried to the credit of that Society or Committee in respect of the said period have been duly so carried in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and no longer, and any payments made to a Society or Committee in pursuance of this Order shall, so far as they are payments which could properly have been made out of the Fund under section 54 of the Act if money had been credited in the Fund to that Society or Committee, be deemed to have been duly made in pursuance of the provisions of section 54 of the Act.