

*Civil Service Commission,
September 14, 1928:*

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 COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE SITUATIONS OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST AND CLERK-SHORTHAND-TYPIST IN DEPARTMENTS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

1. No candidate will be eligible who has not rendered, prior to the first day of the examination and within three years of that day, one full year's approved service in British Government Departments. She must have served for the year in one or more of the following posts :—

Established Typist in a Government Department;

Temporary Shorthand-Typist in a Government Department;

Established Clerk Typist in the Bankruptcy Departments of the Board of Trade or in the County Courts Branch of the Lord Chancellor's Department;

Temporary Clerk-Shorthand-Typist in the Bankruptcy Departments of the Board of Trade or in the Offices of His Majesty's Divisional Inspectors of Mines under the Mines Department.

Candidates appointed by the Civil Service Commissioners as Typists in the Trinity House, the Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and the Metropolitan Police Office, on the result of a general competition for situations as Typist in the Civil Service, will be regarded as established Typists for the purpose of these regulations although not serving under the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

2. Candidates must be not less than 19 years of age on the first day of the examination, and candidates who have only temporary service or service in the Trinity House, Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, or the Metropolitan Police Office, or service of two or more of these kinds, must not be more than 40 years of age on the first day of the examination.

No exception on any grounds will be made to this rule.

3. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners:—

(a) that they are unmarried or widows;

(b) that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

No person will be eligible who is not a natural-born British subject, and the daughter of a father also a natural-born British subject; provided that exception may be made in the case of a person serving in a civil situation to which she was admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

Provided also that if the Civil Service Commissioners are satisfied in the case of any candidate who is a British subject but does not fulfil all the requirements of the rule as to nationality and descent, that the candidate is so closely connected by ancestry and upbringing with His Majesty's dominions that

an exception may properly be made to that rule, they may accept such candidate as eligible provided that this discretion shall not be exercisable unless (a) the father or the paternal grandfather of the candidate was a natural-born British subject, and (b) neither the father nor the paternal grandfather had acquired any other nationality by naturalization or by any other voluntary and formal act.

4. The subjects of examination are the following :—

(1) Shorthand.

(2) English.

(3) General Paper.

Candidates must pass to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Commissioners in Shorthand and in the aggregate of the three subjects.

5. 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 and will consult, so far as possible, the wishes of Departments for the assignment of particular candidates who have served under them. Subject to these conditions, the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be respected.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. A fee of 12s. 6d. will be required from every candidate attending the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Manchester, and Portsmouth, commencing on the 2nd January, 1929.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 8th November, 1928, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

LAND DRAINAGE ACTS, 1861 AND 1918.

OUSE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has prepared a draft Order under the Land Drainage Acts, 1861 and 1918, providing for (a) the imposition of a penalty upon defaulting ratepayers within