

Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF ASSISTANT KEEPERS (SECOND CLASS) IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration from time to time.

1. Candidates must have attained the age of 22, and shall as a rule not exceed the age of 26 on the 1st April of the year in which the competition is held, but in special circumstances candidates above 26 may be admitted with the approval of the Treasury and the Civil Service Commissioners. Candidates who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have so served.

2. Candidates must be natural-born British subjects and the children of fathers also natural-born British subjects; provided that exception may be made—

(a) In the case of candidates serving in a civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

(b) In the case of natural-born British subjects who served in His Majesty's Armed Forces in the Great War between 4th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918.

(c) In the case of natural-born British subjects who have satisfactorily completed a period of not less than five years' service on full pay in His Majesty's Regular Forces.

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.

3. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to apply for appointment.

No person actually serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force will be eligible for consideration unless he produces, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to apply for appointment, dated before his appearance before the Selection Board, and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued.

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.

4. The Trustees of the British Museum will take such steps as they think most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancy or vacancies which they desire to fill on any one occasion, and the Civil Service Commissioners will satisfy themselves that the steps taken have been such as to secure all desirable publicity.

5. Application shall be made in the first instance to the Director of the British Museum, who, after examining the candidates' credentials and a personal interview, will submit the names of such candidates as appear to have the requisite qualifications for any of the existing or prospective vacancies to the Principal Trustees for approval of their candidature. Candidates thus approved shall be submitted to the Civil Service Commissioners, who, if dissatisfied with the number or quality of candidates for any vacancy, may require further search to be made for qualified candidates.

6. Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have received such systematic education, general or technical, or general and technical together, as in their opinion fits them for the post. Candidates thus recommended and approved shall be submitted to a qualifying examination in English and General Knowledge.

7. Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character. Female candidates must be unmarried or widows, and will be required to resign their appointments on marriage.

8. Candidates who have been admitted to and have passed the Qualifying Examination will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board, who will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications, and their decision will be final. The Selection Board shall be nominated by the Commissioners in consultation with the authorities of the Department, who shall be represented on the Selection Board, and one of the Commissioners shall be the Chairman. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidate's record of experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidate as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence they will frame their decisions.

9. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard spontaneous recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work, whether at school, at the University, in the Forces or otherwise.

10. Each candidate admitted to the qualifying examination shall pay a fee of £2; a candidate exempted from the qualifying examination shall pay a fee of £2 before admission to interview by the Selection Board. A candidate selected for appointment shall pay a fee of £8, towards which the fee paid on examination or interview shall count, before the issue of the certificate of qualification for appointment.

*Civil Service Commission,
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The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords