

Minor and Manipulative Grades of the Civil Service within the scope of the National Whitley Council; provided that Writing Assistants and members of the typing grades will not be eligible to compete.

2. Candidates must either (a) have had not less than three years' full-time service on duties proper to an adult class, or (b) have attained the age of 22 and have had not less than one year's full-time service on duties proper to an adult class.

3. Candidates must not have attained the age of 30 on the 1st March of the year in which they are examined.

4. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character; female candidates will be required to resign their appointments on marriage.

5. The examination will be in the following subjects:—

1. English.
2. Arithmetic.
3. General Knowledge.
4. One of the following:—  
Mathematics; French; German;  
History; Geography; Economics.

Candidates must obtain such an aggregate number of marks in the examination as a whole as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

6. It will rest with the Civil Service Commissioners to determine the Departments to which the successful candidates shall be assigned. In making assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service and will have regard, so far as vacancies permit, to the previous Departmental experience of the candidates and 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.

7. Successful candidates will be subject to a strict probation extending over a period of not less than one year; and failure to pass this probation will involve reversion.

8. 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; the application must be accompanied by a certificate from the authorities of the Department in which the candidate is serving, in the space provided on the application form, that he (or she) satisfies the conditions laid down in clauses 1 and 2 of these regulations and that his (or her) service has been approved.

9. A fee of £2 will be required from each candidate attending an examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations, commencing on the 4th October, 1932. The following is a provisional list of the centres at which the examination may be held:—Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, London Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Preston.

The final list of centres will be decided when the number of candidates desiring examination at each centre is known.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 11th August, 1932, an application in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

#### RAILWAYS ACT, 1921.

##### POOLING SCHEME BETWEEN THE LONDON, MIDLAND AND SCOTTISH AND THE LONDON AND NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Whereas the London Midland and Scottish and London and North Eastern Railway Companies have jointly submitted, for the consent of the Minister of Transport under Section 19 of the Railways Act, 1921, Heads of Agreement for the pooling of receipts derived from passenger, merchandise and other traffic conveyed by rail in respect of which there is competition between the two companies;

And whereas Section 19 of the Railways Act provides that before giving his consent to any such agreement the Minister shall, unless it appears to him that the matter is of such small importance that it is unnecessary to do so, refer the matter for consideration and report to a committee selected from the panel set up under Section 23 of the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, as extended by the Railways Act, 1921;

And whereas the Minister has accordingly appointed Sir Walter B. Clode, K.C., Herbert Edgar Parkes, Esq., John Quirey, Esq., C.B.E., to constitute such Committee and has referred to them the above-mentioned Heads of Agreement for consideration and report to him; which Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Railway Pool Committee, have elected Sir Walter B. Clode, K.C., to be their Chairman;

Now, therefore, the Railway Pool Committee hereby give notice as follows:—

(1) The Railway Pool Committee will sit at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th June, 1932, in Court "A", Judges' Quadrangle, Royal Courts of Justice, London, W.C.2, to hear any representations or objections relative to the said Heads of Agreement.

(2) Copies of the said Heads of Agreement may be inspected at the office of the Railway Pool Committee, 2, Clement's Inn, London, W.C.2, at any time during office hours, or may be obtained on application to the offices of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company, at Euston Station, London, or 302, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, or of the London and North Eastern Railway Company, at Kings Cross Station, London, or 23, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh.

(3) Any body or person (other than the said Railway Companies) desiring to make any representations or objections relative to the said Heads of Agreement must file a written notice, stating concisely the nature and grounds of such representations or