

*Civil Service Commission,  
February 21, 1933.*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations have been framed in pursuance of Section 73 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1877, viz. :—

**REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF SECOND CLASS CLERKS FOR SERVICE UNDER THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.**

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration from time to time. Competitions do not take place at fixed intervals, but are held as occasion arises on the occurrence of vacancies.

1. Candidates must have attained the age of 20 and must not have attained the age of 22 on a date to be fixed in respect of the competition in which they are to take part. The upper age limit may, however, be extended to 30 in the case of candidates who possess professional legal qualifications or have had actual experience of legal business, and may further be extended to 50 in the case of candidates who were employed prior to 1st January, 1929, in a temporary capacity as a clerk in any of the offices of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, and are still so employed at the date of the vacancy.

2. Every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, the child of a person who is or was at the time of death a British subject; 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 naturalisation 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. A candidate must have had a secondary education, and have obtained the Senior Certificate of the Ministry of Education of Northern Ireland, or have passed any other examination which in the opinion of the Civil Service Commissioners is of equivalent or higher standard, and must have had two years' experience in a lawyer's office or be a barrister or a graduate in law; provided that the Commissioners may waive these requirements, if the Lord Chief Justice so recommend, in the case of any candidate who has been employed prior to 1st January, 1929, in a temporary capacity as a clerk in any of the offices of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, and is still so employed at the date of the vacancy.

Credit in the competition will be given for a university degree.

5. The Lord Chief Justice will take such steps as he thinks most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancy or vacancies which he desires 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.

6. Application shall be addressed in the first instance to the Secretary of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland, and shall be made on a form to be obtained from that office, which must be stamped by the applicant with a "Civil Service" stamp or stamps to the value of two shillings and sixpence; this fee is payable in respect of the application and will not be returned in any circumstances. The Lord Chief Justice will examine the candidates' credentials and will submit to the Civil Service Commissioners the names of such candidates as appear to be qualified and to be best fitted for appointment. The Civil Service Commissioners, if dissatisfied with the number or quality of candidates for any vacancy, may require further search to be made for qualified candidates. The Civil Service Commissioners may, if they think fit, assist in the scrutiny of the application forms of the candidates.

7. Candidates who are recommended by the Lord Chief Justice and are accepted by the Civil Service Commissioners will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board sitting in Northern Ireland, who will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications; the decision of the Selection Board will be final. The Selection Board will be nominated by the Commissioners in consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, who will be represented on the Selection Board in the proportion of one in three or two in five; they 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 candidates as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence they will frame their decisions.

Until further notice, preference will be given to candidates who served in His Majesty's