

traffic work in the Post Office, up to a maximum of five years, inclusive of any extension claimed for time spent in an approved engineering works.

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 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 Navy, Army 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. Applications for admission to a competition for these appointments must be made at such time and in such manner as the Civil Service Commissioners may appoint; an application cannot be recorded until a competition has been announced.

5. The Civil Service Commissioners will take such steps as they think most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancies which it may be desired to fill on any one occasion.

6. In order to be eligible for appointment a candidate must normally either have passed an examination qualifying for an honours degree in engineering or possess qualifications equivalent in the opinion of the Civil Service Commissioners. Exceptionally a candidate may be admitted who has passed an examination qualifying him for an honours degree and possesses high qualifications of a suitable character in physics or chemistry, or who is a Post Office Servant nominated on special grounds by the Postmaster-General. All candidates other than those nominated are expected to have taken a full course at an institution of university rank. Higher National Certificates will not be regarded as equivalent to degrees.

A candidate who is in the last year of his degree course and is taking his final examination in the summer of the year in which the competition is held may be admitted to compete; but such a candidate will not be eligible for an appointment unless at his final examination in the summer of the year in which the competition is held he attains the standard of an honours degree, and no steps will be taken for his appointment until the result of that examination is known.

7. When the list of applications in respect of a competition has been closed, the credentials of all the candidates will be examined by the Civil Service Commissioners, who may, if they so desire, invite the assistance of officers of the General Post Office; and those candidates who appear to have the requisite qualifications and to be best fitted for appointment 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. The decision of the Selection Board will be final. The Board will be constituted by the Civil Service Commissioners in consultation with the authorities of the General Post Office, who will be represented on the Board.

8. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners of their eligibility in respect of age, nationality, health and character, and will not be confirmed unless and until they have passed the prescribed period of probation to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General.

9. A fee of 5s. will be required from every candidate applying for admission to a competition; this fee is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of £4 15s., being the balance of the prescribed fee of £5, will be required from every candidate selected for appointment, before the issue of the certificate of qualification for appointment.

10. Candidates may submit with their application for admission to the competition reports or recommendations on their experience or qualifications from previous employers or the authorities at the colleges or schools at which they have been trained.

Any attempt, direct or indirect, on the part of a candidate to enlist support for his application through persons other than those mentioned in the previous paragraph will disqualify him for appointment.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice of a competition to be held under the foregoing Regulations.

The number of appointments to be made on the result of this competition will be not less than 18, provided so many candidates are recommended by the Selection Board as fully qualified.

No person will be considered from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received on or before the 3rd March, 1938, an application in the candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

The date on which the Selection Board will meet (probably early in May, 1938) will depend upon the number of applications received.