

3. In order to be eligible a candidate must on the first day of the month in which the examination is held—

(a) have been discharged from the Regular Army on termination of engagement after not less than 12 years' service with the Colours, or have been invalided out;

(b) have left the Colours not more than two years;

(c) be in possession of at least a 1st Class Certificate of Education and an Army Certificate of Character marked "Exemplary" or "Very Good." Candidates otherwise eligible, in whose cases exemption from obtaining a First Class Certificate of Education was granted with due War Office authority, will be regarded as eligible under this Clause.

4. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

5. 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 naturalization or by any other voluntary and formal act.

The consent of the authorities of the War Office is required before a candidate either of whose parents was of other than British nationality at birth can be appointed to that Department.

6. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the examination before the commencement of the competition.

7. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz.:—

- English.
- Arithmetic.
- Geography.
- General Knowledge.

Candidates will be required to obtain such an aggregate of marks in the examination as a whole as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

8. Of the vacancies to be filled from any examination a number may be reserved for competition among candidates with Army service in particular Corps, the remainder being open to candidates from all units of the Army. Any additional vacancies which may occur and which it is decided to fill on the result of the examination may be offered to candidates next in order of merit either on the list for the reserved vacancies referred to above or on the general list, as may be required.

9. 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.

10. A fee of £1 will be required from every candidate attending an Examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations on the 19th July, 1938.

The following is a provisional list of the centres at which the examination may be held:—Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Chester, Darlington, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Salisbury, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Swansea, and York.

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

The anticipated number of vacancies which will be available to be filled from the examination is twenty-five, if so many candidates should be found to be duly qualified.

No person will be admitted to examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received on or before the 26th May, 1938, an application in the candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS, 1936 AND 1937.

Notice is hereby given under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that it is proposed by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health acting jointly in conjunction with the Treasury after the expiration of at least forty days from this date, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts, 1936 and 1937, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf to make regulations to be entitled the Contributory Pensions (Determination of Income) Amendment Regulations, 1938.

And that on account of urgency the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health acting jointly in conjunction with the Treasury under section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, made regulations entitled the Contributory Pensions (Determination of Income) Amendment Regulations, 1938, to come into operation immediately as provisional regulations, and to continue in operation until regulations have been made in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of that Act.