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(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph, they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

Provided that a candidate will not be eligible for an appointment under the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply, unless he or she is a natural-born British subject and born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions of parents also born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions, except when the circumstances are such as to justify a departure from the general rule, in which case, provided the candidate satisfies the conditions prescribed by the preceding paragraphs, he or she may be admitted by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Supply, as the case may be.

4. Qualification

(i) Every candidate must have obtained a university degree in a scientific subject or in Mathematics with first or second class honours or an equivalent qualification

Provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion admit a candidate with high professional attainments.

(ii) A candidate holding a permanent appointment in the Experimental Officer Class who was born on or before 1st August, 1920, and who does not fulfil the above requirements may be admitted on the recommendation of the Government Department in which he or she is serving

(iii) *But candidates sitting for their final degree examinations in the summer of 1948 will be admitted to the competition; a candidate will not, however, be declared successful unless on the result of the examination he or she satisfies Regulation 4 (i) above*

5. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners as to their health and character.

6. Competition.

(i) The Commissioners may at their discretion summon candidates to a preliminary informal interview.

(ii) A certain number of the candidates will be chosen, on the basis of the information available, to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners. The Selection Board, in making their recommendations to the Commissioners, and the Commissioners in making their final decision, will give weight to the candidates' capacity or potentiality for original research or development work; and they will as a rule expect this quality to be demonstrated in a candidate's record. The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

7. Candidates trained as teachers

Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

8. Assignment

It will rest with the Commissioners to determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service but the wishes of candidates will be met as far as possible.

9. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their Application Forms, will disqualify them for appointment

10. Fee

A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £1 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

11. These regulations apply to the competition of May, 1948. For subsequent competitions the regulations will be similar, except for the governing date for age in Regulation I, this will be the 1st August of the year in which the competition is held.

These regulations are issued by the Civil Service Commissioners with the approval of the Treasury and are liable to alteration from time to time.

*Civil Service Commission**17th February, 1948*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz. —

RECRUITMENT UNDER NORMAL REGULATIONS OF SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**1. Age.**

Candidates must be at least 26 and under 31 years of age on 1st August, 1948, i.e. they must have been born on or after 2nd August, 1917, and on or before 1st August, 1922.

But a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular or short-service engagement in H M Forces, may for this purpose deduct his period of such service from his actual age

2. Sex and Marriage

(i) Both men and women may compete under these Regulations

(ii) Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and are appointed under these Regulations to situations in certain Departments which render them eligible for pension and other benefits under the Superannuation Acts, and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who are widows or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid.

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