

ment in H.M. Forces may deduct the period of such service from his actual age;

(b) a candidate who has served in H.M. Forces otherwise than on a regular engagement may deduct the period of such service from his actual age, up to a maximum of two years;

(c) a candidate who has served in any established post to which he was admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, or who has served on established conditions except for sick leave and pension in a post to which such a certificate would normally apply, may deduct from his actual age any time not exceeding two years which he may have spent in such service.

3. Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at the time of death a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(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.

4. 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 Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

5. Candidates must possess a University degree with at least second class honours in History (preferably including Scottish History) or in Law (preferably including Scots Law); they must also have a good knowledge of Latin and some knowledge of French.

6. Candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications and experience will be required to attend before a Selection Board, who will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who seem most suitable. The decision of the Civil Service Commissioners will be final.

7. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their application through Members of Parliament or other influential persons (except as referees to be named by them in their application form) will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work, whether at school, at the University or otherwise.

8. The appointment of the selected candidates will be subject to their satisfying the Commissioners as to 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 Keeper of the Records of Scotland.

9. A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £1 10s. 0d. before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

Civil Service Commission.

22nd June, 1951.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz.:—

RECRUITMENT UNDER NORMAL REGULATIONS TO THE INFORMATION OFFICER CLASS IN THE HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

1. Age.

The Commissioners have not specified age limits for this competition. In general, however, Government Departments require a reasonable period of service from persons newly appointed to the Civil Service; and accordingly the Commissioners reserve the right to give weight to this factor in considering

candidates for these posts who are over 50 years of 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 have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or 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.

3. Nationality.

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at death a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(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, 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 to competition or appointment by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for Air, or Minister of Supply, as the case may be.

4. Qualifications.

All the posts call for a good standard of general education, a lively interest in current affairs, and a wide general knowledge. Knowledge of the functions of Government Departments and of procedures and conditions in H.M. Forces will be an advantage. In addition candidates are required to have experience, varying in degree according to the grading of the post, in one or more of the following fields:—

(a) General Publicity Work.

Organising ability; experience in the organisation of publicity campaigns and services; and experience in the distribution, and (for some posts) the preparation, of publicity material.

(b) Journalism and Book-editing.

Wide experience in journalism; an understanding of news values; the capacity to assist in the planning and production of Press material of all kinds for use by the press at home and overseas together with an appreciation of the requirements of the appropriate audience. Experience in the handling of publicity or in editorial work on periodical or book publication is desirable for some posts.

(c) Exhibitions.

Organising ability and experience in exhibition work. The Senior Information Officer post is concerned with publicising the British Industries Fair and co-ordinating arrangements between Government Departments and others concerned. It requires experience of creating material in one or more media. The requirements of the other posts include either preparation of working drawings and specifications and dealing with contractors or the provision of physical exhibits, models, photographs, etc., and co-ordination of programmes of production.