

of an officer who on 1st November, 1952, is substantially an established member of one of the Minor and Manipulative Grades of the Civil Service within the scope of the National Whitley Council, but who has received acting promotion, it is the substantive grade on 1st November, 1952, which determines eligibility under this Regulation.

3. Length of Service.

Candidates must be at least 25 years of age and must have had not less than three years' full-time service on duties proper to an adult class; provided that

(a) Candidates whose full-time adult service began on or before 31st May, 1946, are exempted from the lower age limit of 25;

(b) Candidates who entered the Post Office as Boy Messengers or Girl Probationers before 2nd April, 1945 (whatever the date on which their full-time adult service began) are exempted from the lower age limit of 25 and also, provided they have reached the age of 22, from the requirement of three years' full-time service on duties proper to an adult class.

In all cases the conditions must be satisfied by the first day of the examination, and the service must have been continuous.

4. Sex and Marriage.

(i) Both men and women are eligible.

(ii) Married women are not eligible for appointment to Branch B of the Foreign Service; a woman member of Branch B must resign her appointment on marriage.

(iii) Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who retired 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 for appointment to the Home Civil Service unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid. Provided that this undertaking will not be required if the break between the first period of service (including any period of unestablished service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

(iv) The approval of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is required before a successful male candidate who is married takes up appointment in Branch B of the Foreign Service.

5. 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 Her 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 Her 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 Her 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.

For the Foreign Service every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, and have been born within the United Kingdom or one of the self-governing dominions, of parents both of whom were also born within the United Kingdom or one of the self-governing dominions.

No departure from this rule will be made without the special permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and then only in exceptional cases, and in favour of candidates who satisfy the conditions laid down above for the Home Civil Service.

6. Health and Character.

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

7. Examination.

The examination will be in the following subjects:—

1. English.

2. Arithmetic.

3. General Knowledge.

4. One of the following:—

Mathematics, French, German, History, Geography, Economics.

Candidates who include Branch B of the Foreign Service among their preferences for appointment, if successful, must take either French or German as subject 4. Successful candidates will not be considered for appointment to Branch B of the Foreign Service unless they reach in the examination a satisfactory standard in either French or German and subsequently establish, in an interview at the Foreign Office, that they are in other respects suitable for appointment to the Foreign Service.

Candidates will be arranged in order of merit according to their total marks in the examination as a whole. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard that satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners. Not more than one-third of the vacancies to be filled from the examination will be available for persons serving as Postal and Telegraph Officers in the Post Office.

8. Candidates trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers and upon whose training 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.

9. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. A candidate who declines to accept the post offered will have no claim to be assigned to another, but will be regarded as having declined appointment. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

10. An application fee of 7s. 6d. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of 12s. 6d., being the balance of the prescribed fee of £1, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

The application form must be accompanied by a certificate from the authorities of the Department in which the candidate is serving in the space provided on the application form, that he (or she) satisfies the conditions laid down in Clauses 2 and 3 of these Regulations and that his (or her) service has been approved.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a competitive examination will be held under the above Regulations commencing on 3rd March, 1953.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received on or before 1st January, 1953, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

WATER ACTS, 1945 AND 1948.

STATUTORY ORDERS (SPECIAL PROCEDURE) ACT, 1945.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, that it is the intention of the Minister of Housing and Local Government to lay before Parliament the Wakefield Water Order, 1952, made by him on the 15th day of October, 1952, under section 23 of the Water Act, 1945, as extended by section 3 of the Water Act, 1948, and sections 26 and 33 of the Water Act, 1945.

Dated this 21st day of November, 1952.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

LONDON TRAFFIC ACT, 1924.

Prohibition of Right Hand Turn—Westminster.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Transport proposes, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 10 of the London Traffic Act, 1924, as amended by section 63 of the London