

2. Candidates should normally be at least 25 years of age on the 1st March, 1953. But candidates at least 21 and under 25 years of age on that date may be admitted at the discretion of the Civil Service Commissioners if they have exceptionally suitable qualifications.

The Commissioners have not specified an upper age limit. 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 for these posts candidates who are over 50 years of age.

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 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.

4. Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have received such systematic education and have gained such experience as fits them for the post. A University education and a knowledge of economics are desirable. Experience of public speaking, supervision of office procedure, and organisation of work with the public, will be an advantage.

5. Those candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board, who will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment the candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications. The decision of the Commissioners will be final. The Selection Board will take into consideration a candidate's record of experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of the above evidence they will frame their decision.

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

7. 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. 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 form) will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work.

9. A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £3 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT REGULATIONS ENTITLED THE NATIONAL INSURANCE (CONTRIBUTIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 1953.

In accordance with section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, the National Insurance Advisory Committee give notice that they have received from the Minister of National Insurance for consideration and report thereon the preliminary draft of regulations entitled the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1953.

A short explanatory note on these regulations is appended to this notice.

Copies of the preliminary draft of these regulations may be purchased directly (price 2d.) from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

The Committee will take into consideration any objection, made by or on behalf of persons affected, sent to them before Tuesday, 17th February, 1953. Having regard to the terms of the Act, which provides that objections must be made within a period of 28 days at most, the Committee are unable to allow a longer period within which objections may be submitted. If an objection is submitted within the prescribed time, however, the Committee will be prepared, if they are satisfied that sufficient grounds exist, to allow the later submission of evidence or explanation in support of the objection. Objections should be addressed to the Secretary, National Insurance Advisory Committee, 10, John Adam Street, London, W.C.2.

Will Spens, Chairman.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations amend the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations, 1948, so as to secure that a person shall not be entitled to be excepted from liability for, and to be credited with, contributions for a period in respect of which he is unable to satisfy any additional conditions for the receipt of unemployment benefit or sickness benefit imposed in his case by regulations, other than the National Insurance (Married Women) Regulations, 1948, made under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the National Insurance Act, 1946. The existing provision that a person shall not be entitled to be excepted from liability for, and credited with, contributions for a period for which he is disqualified for receiving unemployment or sickness benefit by reason of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of section 13 and regulations made thereunder remains unchanged.

HOUSING ACTS, 1936 TO 1952.

ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) ACT, 1946.

STATUTORY ORDERS (SPECIAL PROCEDURE) ACT, 1945.

Rural District of West Ashford.

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 West Ashford Rural District Council (Hothfield Common) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1952, confirmed by him on the 19th day of January, 1953, under section 74 of the Housing Act, 1936, and the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act, 1946.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1953.

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

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

LONDON TRAFFIC ACT, 1924.

LONDON PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACT, 1933.

The Minister of Transport has made "The London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 3) Regulations, 1953" (S.I. 1953 No. 60), coming into operation on the 5th February, 1953, which provide for one-way traffic working in a clockwise direction in Blomfield Crescent in the Metropolitan Borough of Paddington.

Copies may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; or through any bookseller, price 2d.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

The Minister of Transport hereby gives notice that he has made an Order under section 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, entitled "The Stopping up of Highways (Plymouth) (No. 1) Order, 1953," authorising the stopping up of a length of