

Provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion admit a candidate with high professional attainments, notwithstanding that he or she may not possess the above qualification.

(ii) A candidate holding a permanent appointment in the Experimental Officer Class who is at least 28 and has not passed his or her 31st birthday on the 1st January of the year in which he or she applies to enter the competition 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.

(b) For appointment as Assistant Patent Examiner or Assistant Patent Officer :

Every candidate must have obtained a university degree with first or second class honours in Physics, Chemistry, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering or in Mathematics or an equivalent qualification. A reading knowledge of one or more foreign language will be an additional qualification.

(c) BUT CANDIDATES SITTING FOR THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATION AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR OF THE COMPETITION MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE COMPETITION BEFORE THE RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION IS KNOWN. A CANDIDATE WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE DECLARED SUCCESSFUL UNLESS ON THE RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION HE OR SHE SATISFIES REGULATION 4 (a) (i) OR 4 (b) ABOVE.

5. Application.

A candidate may make one, and only one, application under these Regulations during the year.

6. Health and Character.

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

7. Competition.

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

(ii) Likely candidates will be chosen, on the basis of the information available to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners.

(iii) The Selection Board in making their recommendations to the Commissioners for appointments to posts of Scientific Officers and the Commissioners in making their final decision, will give weight to the candidate's 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.

(iv) The Selection Board will recommend to the Commissioners those candidates whom they judge to be fitted for appointment to posts in the Patent Examiner and Patent Officer Classes.

(v) The decision of the Commissioners will be final in each case.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Fee.

(a) For appointment as Scientific Officer :

A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £4 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

(b) For appointment as Assistant Patent Examiner or Assistant Patent Officer :

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

Civil Service Commission, 23rd January, 1953.

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. :—

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

1. Age.

Candidates must have attained the age of 26 years during the year in which they apply to enter the competition and must not have passed their 31st birthday on the 1st January in that year. But a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular 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 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 and whose resignation took effect before 15th taking 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.

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 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.

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 with first or second class honours in a scientific subject (including Engineering) or in Mathematics or an equivalent qualification.

Provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion admit a candidate with high professional attainments, notwithstanding that he or she may not possess the above qualification.

(ii) Every candidate must have had at least three years' appropriate post-graduate or other approved experience.

5. Application.

A candidate may make one, and only one, application under these Regulations during the year.