

than the third examination held under these Regulations after the completion of National Service, any subsequent period of training as a result of a recall from the Reserve being disregarded. The date officially recorded as the last day of National Service is normally the last day of terminal leave; candidates are not, however, precluded from competing at an examination held during their terminal leave. For candidates admitted under the proviso to sub-paragraph (i) of this Regulation the date of completion of the further period of whole-time service will be regarded as the date of completion of compulsory service.

4. *Marriage.*

The approval of the Secretary of State is required before a successful candidate who is married takes up appointment.

5. *Health and Character.*

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

6. *Examination.*

The examination will consist of:—

(a) A written examination consisting of papers in English and Arithmetic, three General Papers, and a test of General Intelligence.

(b) An interview before a Selection Board, to which only those who obtain a certain minimum number of marks in the written examination will be summoned.

The final order of merit will be determined by the mark awarded by the Selection Board (out of a maximum of 300). This will take into account the candidate's record, his intelligence and personal qualities, his ability to learn languages, and his work in the written examination. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates the Commissioners will decide which to declare successful.

7. *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.

8. *Fee.*

An application fee of 15s. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of £1 5s., being the balance of the prescribed fee of £2, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations, the written examination commencing on 2nd February, 1954.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 10th December, 1953, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 20th November, 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 YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE COMPLETED A PERIOD OF COMPULSORY SERVICE IN H.M. FORCES FOR THE GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EXECUTIVE CLASSES OF THE HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

1. *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 have 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.

2. *Education.*

No precise educational qualifications are prescribed, but candidates will be expected to have attained the standard of education of persons who have had whole-time systematic education up to the age of at least 17 years.

3. *Service.*

(i) Candidates must have completed before the first day of the examination a period of compulsory service in Her Majesty's Forces under the National Service Acts and normally must not have undertaken further whole-time service in Her Majesty's Forces. Provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion accept a candidate as eligible under this Regulation if, having completed a period of compulsory service in Her Majesty's Forces under the National Service Acts, he has voluntarily undertaken further whole-time service in Her Majesty's Forces, continuous with his compulsory service, for a limited period, normally not exceeding 12 months.

(ii) Candidates may not make more than two attempts in all and these must be made not later than the third examination held under these Regulations after the completion of National Service, any subsequent period of training as a result of a recall from the Reserve being disregarded. The date officially recorded as the last day of National Service is normally the last day of terminal leave; candidates are not, however, precluded from competing at an examination held during their terminal leave. For candidates admitted under the proviso to sub-paragraph (i) of this Regulation the date of completion of the further period of whole-time service will be regarded as the date of completion of compulsory service.

4. *Health and Character.*

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

5. *Examination.*

The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, three General Papers, and a test of General Intelligence.

Of the candidates who obtain the highest marks in the written examination a certain number, to be fixed by the Commissioners, will be summoned to an interview at which the Interviewing Board will award each candidate a mark for his record and personal qualities.

The final order of merit will be determined by combining the marks for written examination and interview.

6. *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.

7. *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.

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