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

5. Examination.

The subjects of examination and the marks they will carry are as follows:—

(1) English (including Handwriting) ...	250
(2) Arithmetic	100
(3) General Knowledge	100
(4) Current Affairs	100
(5) Intelligence Test	100

Candidates will be arranged in order of merit according to their aggregate marks in the whole examination. No candidate will be declared successful who does not obtain an aggregate which satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners.

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.

8. Fee.

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

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 8th April, 1954, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 2nd March, 1954.

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 TO GRADE 6 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.**1. Nationality.**

(1) Every candidate must

(a) be a natural-born British subject; and
(b) have been born within the United Kingdom or within one of the self-governing Dominions of parents both of whom were also born within the United Kingdom or within one of the self-governing Dominions.

(2) 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 are British subjects and who 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.

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 16 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. Marriage.

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

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Before any candidate can be appointed, he will be required to establish, in an interview at the Foreign Office, that he has the ability to learn languages and is in other respects suitable for appointment to the Foreign Service.

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