

Whitehall, November 5, 1954.

The QUEEN was pleased on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Arthur George Stephenson, Esq., C.M.G., M.C.

(Her Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on the 10th June, 1954.)

WAGES COUNCILS ACT, 1945 TO 1948.

RETAIL FURNISHING AND ALLIED TRADES WAGES COUNCIL (GREAT BRITAIN).

The Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service proposals for—

(1) the amendment of the Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953 (Order R.F.A. (16)) as amended by the Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1954 (Order R.F.A. (18)) and

(2) the revocation of Order R.F.A. (18).

Particulars of the proposals may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representation with respect to the above-mentioned proposals which may be sent to it within fourteen days from 5th November, 1954. Any such representation should bear the writer's address and signature and be sent to the Secretary, Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Wages Council (Great Britain), Ebury Bridge House, Ebury Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise nature of their objections.

F. D. Grover, Secretary.

4th November, 1954.

WAGES COUNCILS ACTS, 1945 TO 1948.

PAPER BAG WAGES COUNCIL (GREAT BRITAIN).

The Paper Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service proposals for the amendment of the Paper Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1954 (Order P.(56)) relating to statutory minimum remuneration.

Particulars of the proposals may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representation with respect to the above-mentioned proposals which may be sent to it within 14 days from 5th November, 1954. Any such representation should bear the writer's address and signature and be sent to the Secretary, Paper Bag Wages Council (Great Britain), Ebury Bridge House, Ebury Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise nature of their objections.

F. D. Grover, Secretary.

4th November, 1954.

Civil Service Commission.

5th November, 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 LIMITED COMPETITION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE CLERICAL CLASSES (GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL) OF THE HOME CIVIL SERVICE AND TO GRADE 6 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

1. Age.

Candidates must be under 30 years of age on 1st March, 1955, provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion admit to this competition a candidate aged 30 or over on that date if

(a) the candidate has since 1st July, 1950, been recalled from the Reserve for a period of service or training with H.M. Forces, and such period ended on or after his 27th birthday;

(b) during the period of such service or training he missed one or more Limited Competitions for the Clerical Classes and Branch B (Grade 6) of the Foreign Service for which he was in all respects eligible at the time;

(c) he has applied to compete in the second and every subsequent Limited Competition for the Clerical Classes and Branch B (Grade 6) of the Foreign Service for which he was eligible and for which the closing date for applications fell after his return from service or training with H.M. Forces, irrespective of whether or not he applied to compete in the first such competition; and

(d) he has not already been permitted to apply exceptionally under this proviso for admission to competitions up to the number of opportunities lost through service or training with H.M. Forces.

2. Grades eligible.

Candidates must at the time of the examination be either

(a) members of established non-industrial grades of the Civil Service within the scope of the National Whitley Council, other than the General and Departmental Clerical Classes, on scales of salary rising to not more than the maxima, for men and women respectively, of the salary scales of those classes as they were on 1st November, 1954, any retrospective adjustments of scales which may be made after that date being disregarded; or

(b) members of an unestablished grade corresponding to an established grade covered by (a); or

(c) serving in the Office of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Office of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, or Trinity House, in a grade corresponding to a Civil Service grade covered by (a) or (b) above.

Clerical Assistants, temporary clerks and members of the typing grades will not be eligible to compete. In the case of an officer who on 1st November, 1954, is substantively an established member of a grade which otherwise comes within the description given in (a) above, but who has received acting promotion, it is the substantive grade on 1st November, 1954, 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 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 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 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.