

first period of service (including any period of un-established service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Service.

All candidates must on 1st August, 1955, either

(i) be within one year of completing a period of whole-time service in H.M. Forces; or

(ii) have completed a period of such service within the past two years (i.e., not earlier than 1st August, 1953),

provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion waive (ii) above in favour of a candidate for Section I (see Regulation 7) whose service ended on or after 1st July, 1953 and who would otherwise be deprived of one of the opportunities to compete which he would normally have had under previous Regulations.

7. Sections.

Eligible candidates will be divided into three Sections according to the length of their whole-time service:

Section I for those whose total service amounts to, or will amount to, less than three years;

Section II for those whose total service amounts to, or will amount to, at least three years, but whose service on 1st August, 1955, amounts to less than twelve years; and

Section III for those whose service amounts to twelve years or more.

Provided that candidates who contracted to complete a period of not less than three years' continuous full-time service in H.M. Forces, including not less than one year of whole-time voluntary service entered into for a fixed period (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) and who before completing that period have

(a) been invalided out; or

(b) been released with full terminal benefits under special arrangements made by the Air Ministry for Air Force personnel who return from service abroad near the end of their engagement,

will be placed in Section II if their actual period of service amounts to less than twelve years, or in Section III if they have served for twelve years or more.

8. Health and Character.

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

9. Examination.

(i) The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, two General Papers, and a test of General Intelligence.

(ii) Of the candidates who obtain the highest marks in the written examination a certain number, to be fixed by the Commissioners, will be called to interview.

(iii) Each candidate in Section I who is called to interview will be awarded a mark by the Interview Board for his record and personal qualities. The final order of merit among those candidates will be

determined by combining the marks for written examination and interview.

(iv) The final order of merit within their Sections of the candidates in Sections II and III who are interviewed will be determined by the mark awarded by the Selection Board (out of a maximum of 300). This will take into consideration the candidate's record, his intelligence and personal qualities, and his work in the written examination.

(v) The quota of vacancies allotted to Sections II and III will be divided between those Sections in proportion to the number of candidates competing in each Section, provided that if the number of candidates of acceptable standard in either Section is insufficient, the remaining vacancies may be transferred to candidates in the other Section.

(vi) In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the Commissioners will decide which to declare successful.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 5th July, 1955.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 12th May, 1955, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 25th March, 1955.

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.:—

REGULATION FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN H.M. FORCES TO GRADE 5 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

1. No candidate may compete more than twice under these or similar Regulations.

2. Age.

There is no upper age limit, but in appointing persons in a permanent capacity Departments expect regular and effective service for a reasonable period, and the Commissioners will take this requirement into account.

3. Sex and Marriage.

Men only are eligible for Section I. Both men and women are eligible for Section II, but:—

(i) Married women are not eligible. A woman member of Branch B must resign her appointment on marriage.

(ii) The approval of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is required before a successful male candidate who is married takes up appointment.

4. 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