

*Civil Service Commission, 21st February, 1956.*

The Civil Service Commissioners give notice that an Open Competition 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 will be held, the written examination commencing on 5th June, 1956, under the regulations dated 4th March, 1955, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 5th April, 1956, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

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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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC SUPERINTENDENTS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE OF THE POST OFFICE.

1. *Age.*

Candidates must be at least 17½ and under 24½ years of age (a half-year equals six calendar months) on 1st March, 1956. But

(a) a candidate who has served or is serving in H.M. Forces may deduct from his actual age the period of such service rendered before 1st March, 1956;

(b) candidates who have served in any established post to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, or who have served on established conditions except for sick leave and pension in a post to which such a certificate would normally apply, may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding two years which they have spent in such service before 1st March, 1956.

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 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 gratuity paid.

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.

4. *Health and Character.*

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

5. *Examination.*(A) *Written Examination.*

The subjects of examination will be as follows:—

Compulsory Subjects	Maximum Marks.
1. English	150
2. Pure Mathematics	150
3. Magnetism and Electricity	100
4. General Knowledge	100

*Optional Subjects*

5. Applied Mathematics	100
6. Higher Mathematics	100
7. Electrotechnology	100
8. Heat, Light, and Sound	100
9. Chemistry	100
10. Telegraphy and Telephony	100
11. Radiocommunication	100

Candidates who are not exempt under the provisions contained in (B) below must take the written examination. They must offer all the compulsory subjects (1) to (4) and any two subjects chosen from the optional subjects (5) to (11), and must obtain in each of the compulsory subjects (1) to (4) and in the written examination as a whole such a standard as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

(B) *Exemption from the Written Examination.*

Candidates who possess by the 29th March, 1956 one of the educational qualifications set out below will be exempted from the written examination.

(a) A General Certificate of Education with passes in the following subjects:—

(i) English Language at Ordinary level.

(ii) At least two of the following at Advanced level:—

Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

(iii) Mathematics at Ordinary level if no Mathematics subject is offered under (ii).

(iv) Physics or Chemistry or Physics with Chemistry or General Science at Ordinary level, if neither Physics nor Chemistry is offered under (ii).

(v) Additional subjects at Ordinary or Advanced level to bring the total number of subjects up to five.

(NOTE.—The same subject may not be offered at both Ordinary and Advanced level. Physics with Chemistry or General Science at Ordinary level may not be offered in addition to Physics or Chemistry at Advanced level.)

(b) The Scottish Leaving Certificate with passes in five subjects, of which one must be English. Three of the passes must be on the higher grade: one of the higher grade passes must be Mathematics and another Science (including Physics or Chemistry). (Passes at the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination will be accepted as equivalent to passes in the Scottish Leaving Certificate.)

(c) A Grammar School Senior Certificate awarded by the Ministry of Education, Northern Ireland with passes in the following subjects:—

(i) English Language at Ordinary level.

(ii) At least two of the following at Advanced level:—

Algebra and Trigonometry, Calculus, Geometry, Mechanics, Physics, Chemistry.

(iii) Mathematics if no mathematical subject is offered under (ii).

(iv) Physics or Chemistry if neither is offered under (ii).

(v) Additional subjects at Ordinary or Advanced level to bring the total number of subjects up to five.

(NOTE 1.—The same subject may not be offered at Ordinary and Advanced level.

NOTE 2.—A candidate who has not been awarded the actual Certificate but who produces evidence that he has passed in the acceptable subjects will be regarded as fulfilling the condition for exemption from the written examination.)

(d) Any combination of two or more of the following which, in the opinion of the Commissioners is equivalent to (a) above:—a School Certificate, a Higher School Certificate, a General Certificate of Education, a Scottish Leaving Certificate, passes in the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination, a Grammar School Senior Certificate of Northern Ireland, a Grammar School Junior Certificate of Northern Ireland, a pass in an Intermediate Examination in Science of a British University.

(e) A statement from the Scottish Education Department to the effect that a candidate has taken the Scottish Leaving Certificate and has reached a standard equivalent to (a) and (d) above.

(C) *Interview.*

Of those who obtain the highest total of marks in the written examination, a certain number, to be