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(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.

For the Foreign Service every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, and have been born within the United Kingdom or one of the self-governing Dominions, of parents both of whom were also born within the United Kingdom or one of the self-governing Dominions.

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 satisfy the conditions laid down above for the Home Civil Service.

#### 5. Health and Character.

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

#### 6. Examination.

The written examination will consist of three papers designed to test understanding and use of English, reasoning and judgment, general knowledge, and ability to handle figures. These will be as follows:—

Test 1 (English)	...	...	100 marks
Test 2 (General Paper)	...	...	100 marks
Test 3 (Figures)	...	...	100 marks

Candidates who reach a certain standard, to be fixed by the Commissioners, in the written examination will be invited to interview.

#### 7. Interview.

The Interview Board will take account of each candidate's record, performance in the written examination, and personal qualities as shown at the interview, and will recommend to the Commissioners the candidates most suitable for appointment. Of those successful candidates who have expressed a preference for the Foreign Service the Commissioners will select a number for further interview for appointment to one of the limited number of Foreign Service posts. Candidates who at this further interview are not recommended for appointment to the Foreign Service will remain successful for the Home Civil Service. The Commissioners' decision will be final. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard which satisfies the Commissioners.

#### 8. 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 Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners. This does not apply to teachers trained in England or Wales.

#### 9. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which service or 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 and the recommendations of the Interview Board, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

#### 10. 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, the written examination commencing on 25th September, 1956.

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

#### Civil Service Commission, 25th May, 1956.

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 ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS IN THE NATIONAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE.

##### 1. Age.

Candidates must be at least 21 years of age on 1st March, 1956.

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.

##### 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 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 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.

##### 3. Qualifications.

Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have received a systematic education and have had experience that fits them for the post. A University education and a knowledge of economics are desirable. Experience of public speaking, the control of office staff, and the organisation of voluntary workers will be advantages.

##### 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 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. Health and Character.

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

##### 6. Competition.

Those candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board, who will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment the candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications. The decision of the Commissioners will be final. The Selection Board will take into consideration a candidate's record of experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interview.

##### 7. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners. This does not apply to teachers trained in England or Wales.