

(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. Service.

(i) All candidates must either

(a) have completed, or on 1st November of the year in which the examination is held be within one year of completing, a period of not less than three years' continuous full-time service in H.M. Forces of which not less than one year must have been whole-time voluntary service entered into for a fixed period (including in the case of officers a permanent commission); or

(b) have contracted to complete a fixed period of whole-time voluntary service (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) which would have qualified under (a) and been invalided before completing that period; or

(c) have contracted to complete in the Royal Air Force a fixed period of whole-time voluntary service (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) which would have qualified under (a) and been released, with full terminal benefits, before completing that period, under special arrangements made by the Air Ministry for those returning from service overseas near the end of their engagement.

(ii) No candidate will be eligible whose whole-time service ceased more than two years before 1st November of the year in which the examination is held.

6. Health and Character.

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

7. Examination.

The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, a General Paper, and a test of General Intelligence.

Candidates will be divided into two categories, viz., those whose whole-time service in H.M. Forces on 1st November of the year in which the examination is held amounted to (a) 12 years or more, (b) less than 12 years. Vacancies will be allotted to candidates in these two categories in proportion to the number of candidates competing in each category, provided that if the number of candidates of acceptable standard in either category is insufficient the remaining vacancies may be transferred to candidates in the other category. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not obtain a total which satisfies the Civil Service 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 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.

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 on 2nd October, 1956.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 26th July, 1956. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 26th June, 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 PREVENTIVE OFFICERS IN THE WATERGUARD SERVICE OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

1. No candidate may compete more than twice under these Regulations for the post of Assistant Preventive Officer.

2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 19 and under 21 years of age on the governing date. 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 the governing date;

(b) a candidate who has served in any established post to which he was admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from his actual age any time not exceeding two years which he has spent in such service before the governing date.

For an examination held in the first six months of any year the governing date is 1st March in that year; for an examination held in the last six months of any year it is 1st September in that year.

3. Sex.

Men only are eligible.

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. 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.

6. Health and Character.

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

7. Examination.

(a) The written examination consists of

	Maximum marks.
(1) English	200
(2) Arithmetic	100
(3) General Paper 1	100
(4) General Paper 2	100

(b) Of the candidates who obtain the highest marks in the written examination a certain number, to be determined by the Civil Service Commissioners, will be invited to appear before a Selection Board. The Selection Board will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment those candidates who appear to them to be most suitable. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard which satisfies the Commissioners. The Commissioners' decision will be final.

(c) Of the vacancies to be filled not less than one-third will be reserved for candidates who reach a standard satisfactory to the Commissioners and who

(i) have completed, by 1st March or 1st September, as the case may be, of the year in which the examination is held (see Regulation 2), a period of not less than three years' continuous full-time service in H.M. Forces of which not less than one year must have been whole-time voluntary service