

Physics or Chemistry or Physics with Chemistry or General Science at Ordinary level.

(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 must be Science (including Physics or Chemistry).

Passes in subjects at the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination will be accepted as equivalent to passes in the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination. A pass on the higher grade in English, whether gained at the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination or the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination, will be accepted as the equivalent of a pass in two subjects on the lower grade if the Scottish Education Department certify that the appropriate standard was reached in both papers set in this subject.

Scottish candidates who do not hold the requisite number of passes in the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination or the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination may, in appropriate circumstances, offer instead a Certificate of equivalent qualification based on their results in either or both of these examinations. Applications for Certificates, including those which relate to performance in the Scottish Universities Preliminary Examination, should be made to the Secretary, Scottish Education Department, Examinations Branch, Government Buildings, Broomhouse Drive, Saughton, Edinburgh 11, quoting the reference number 158/58.

(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, Mathematics (General Course), Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

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

(iv) Physics or Chemistry at Ordinary level 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 both 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 conditions for exemption from the written examination.)

(d) Two or more of the following which together are, in the opinion of the Commissioners, 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.

(c) INTERVIEW

The Commissioners may invite to appear before the selection board all those who reach a satisfactory standard in the written examination together with all those granted exemption from it, or they may invite a certain number, to be determined by the Commissioners, of those who obtain the highest total in the written examination together with those who appear, on the basis of their academic record, to be best qualified among those exempted from the written examination. The selection board will recommend to the Commissioners those candidates who appear to them to be most suitable for appointment. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard which satisfies the Commissioners.

Of the vacancies to be filled not less than fifteen per cent. will be reserved for candidates who reach

a standard satisfactory to the Commissioners and who

(a) have completed, by 1st March, 1958, a period of not less than three years' continuous whole-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 have before completing that period been invalidated out or prematurely released from service on other grounds.

No candidate will be eligible for inclusion in this reservation if his whole-time service ceased more than two years before 1st March, 1958.

5. Health and Character.

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

6. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers in Northern Ireland or in the Irish Republic, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Commissioners.

7. Refund of Marriage Gratuity.

Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who are widowed 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.

8. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their application forms, will disqualify them for appointment.

9. 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 fee of £2, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination. (Candidates exempted from the written examination must pay the further fee of £1 5s. when called upon to do so.)

10. The Commissioners' decision will be final in all matters concerning this competition.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations, the written examination commencing on 15th April, 1958.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 6th February, 1958. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 17th January, 1958.

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 ENGINEERS IN THE POST OFFICE.

1. Men only may compete.

2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 17½ and under 23½ years of age on 1st March, 1958. But

(a) a candidate who has served or is serving in H.M. Forces or in H.M. Overseas Civil Service may deduct from his actual age the period of such service rendered before 1st March, 1958;

(b) a candidate who has served in any established post to which he was admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, or who has served on established conditions except for sick leave and pension in a post to which such a certificate would normally apply, may deduct from his actual age any time not exceeding two years which he has spent in such service before 1st March, 1958.