

(f) Graduate membership of any professional institution accepted by the Commissioners as appropriate (e.g., Institution of Civil Engineers, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Institution of Electrical Engineers); or

(g) The Higher National Certificate; or

(h) The final certificate of a grouped course (Advanced Grade) at the City and Guilds of London Institute in Telecommunications, Metallurgy, Paint Technology or Fuel Technology.

BUT (j) Candidates who are not in possession of such certificate or equivalent qualifications may be admitted exceptionally by the Commissioners, at their discretion, if evidence of suitable experience on scientific research and development work can be produced; such candidates at present serving in a Government Department must forward their completed application forms to their Establishment Officers who will arrange for the transmission to the Civil Service Commission of those they support.

Candidates over 22 (other than established members of the Assistant (Scientific) Class) will generally be expected to have a Pass Degree in an appropriate subject, or a technical qualification, e.g., a Higher National Certificate either in appropriate subjects or with appropriate endorsements.

5. Application.

A candidate may submit an application if he is not yet qualified under Regulation 4 but is sitting for a qualifying examination during 1958. If he is selected for interview and found acceptable he will not be declared successful until it is known from the result of his examination that he satisfies Regulation 4.

A candidate admitted under this concession will be expected to furnish documentary evidence of the result of the examination to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

A candidate may make one, and only one, application under these Regulations during the year.

6. Competition.

(i) The Commissioners may at their discretion summon candidates to a preliminary informal interview.

(ii) A certain number of the candidates will be chosen on the basis of the information available, to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners.

7. Health and Character.

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

8. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers in Northern Ireland and 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.

9. Refund of Marriage Gratuity.

Married women who have formerly been established civil servants or have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or 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. 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.

10. 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.

11. Fee.

A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £2 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

12. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide the Department to which each successful candidate is to be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service

but the wishes of candidates will be met as far as possible.

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

Civil Service Commission, 21st 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 TO THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICE (GENERAL AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, HUSBANDRY AND MACHINERY ADVISORY OFFICERS) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD.

1. Both men and women, including married women, may compete under these Regulations.

2. Age.

Candidates must on 1st August, 1958, be at least 20½ years of age for appointment to Grade IV (a) or Grade IV (b), and at least 25 years of age for appointment to Grade III. A candidate under 25 years of age on 1st August, 1958 may, however, be accepted for appointment to Grade III if he is exceptionally well qualified.

There is no upper age limit specified for this Competition, 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. Nationality.

To be eligible for appointment a candidate must be a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic and in addition satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) if he was a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth—

(i) at least one of his parents must be, or have been at death, a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or

(ii) the candidate must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(b) if he was not a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth, he must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(c) if not qualified under sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, he must satisfy the Commissioners that he is so closely connected with a country or territory within the Commonwealth either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in his favour.

4. Qualifications.

(a) Candidates for Grades III and IV must have, or obtain in 1958, a University degree in agriculture, horticulture, or the appropriate natural sciences, or engineering, or a National Diploma in appropriate subjects, or a qualification accepted by the Commissioners as of equivalent academic standard. Candidates for the Grade III post for a systematist in Horticulture must have an Honours degree in Botany. For posts in Grade IV (a) candidates must have obtained a University degree with first or second class honours in the appropriate scientific subject or an equivalent academic qualification. In addition candidates for posts in general agriculture, horticulture or husbandry must have had appropriate practical experience normally for at least one year. For posts at Experimental Husbandry Farms experience in experimental technique is an advantage.

(b) Candidates sitting for their examinations in the summer of 1958 may be admitted to this competition, but will not be appointed unless on the result of the examination they satisfy Regulation 4 (a) above.