

Civil Service Commission, 3rd October, 1952.

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 MUSEUM ASSISTANTS IN THE SCIENCE MUSEUM UNDER THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM (BLOOMSBURY).

1. Sex and Marriage.

(i) Both men and women may compete under these regulations but the number of vacancies available for women may be restricted.

(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 mental or physical incapacity) will not be eligible for appointment unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid.

2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age on 1st August, 1952. The Commissioners have not specified an upper age limit for this competition. In general, however, Government Departments require a reasonable period of service from persons newly appointed to the Civil Service; and accordingly the Commissioners reserve the right to give weight to this factor in considering candidates for these posts who are over 50 years of age.

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. Qualifications.

Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have received such systematic education as in the Commissioners' opinion fits them for appointment.

They must—

(a) have obtained a School Certificate; for the Science Museum the Certificate must include a credit in mathematics or a science subject (for the Science Museum Library a credit in a modern foreign language); for the British Museum a credit in an arts subject; or

(b) have obtained the General Certificate of Education with a pass at the ordinary level in English language, English, or English Literature and in not fewer than three other subjects, at least one of which must, for the Science Museum, be mathematics or a science subject (for the Science Museum Library a modern foreign language); for the British Museum an arts subject; or

(c) have obtained the Scottish Leaving Certificate on the lower grade in English and three other subjects at least one of which must, for the Science Museum, be mathematics or a science subject (for the Science Museum Library a modern foreign language); for the British Museum an arts subject; or

(d) produce a statement from the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland that they have attained a standard equivalent to that required under (a) or (b) above; or

(e) have passed

(i) the Forces Preliminary Examination, or

(ii) The Royal Air Force Higher Education Test, Part I, or

(iii) the Admiralty Higher Educational Test, Second Class; in all cases with a pass in mathematics or a science subject for a post in the Science Museum (for the Science Museum Library a modern foreign language); in an arts subject for a post in the British Museum; or

(f) have passed an examination accepted by the Commissioners as of an academic standard equivalent to or higher than those named above.

The above requirements may be waived exceptionally in the case of candidates with experience of value to the Museum who can produce evidence from a responsible person or body under whom they have worked that they have reached at least an equivalent standard of knowledge in their particular subject.

5. Experience.

Candidates for appointment direct to the established grade must have had at least two years' comparable experience before the 1st August, 1952.

6. Competition.

Those candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications will be summoned to appear before a Selection Board in London which will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment, in an established or an unestablished capacity, the candidates who appear to be most suitable. The Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of education and experience, any recommendation that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interview, and on their estimation of the above evidence they will frame their recommendations. The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

7. Health and Character.

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

8. 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 Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

9. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their application through Members of Parliament or other influential persons (except as referees to be named by them in their application form) will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work.

10. Appointment.

Successful candidates aged 18 or over on the 1st August, 1952, who possess the necessary experience (see Paragraph 5 above) will enter the grade in an established capacity.

Other successful candidates will enter in an unestablished capacity in the first instance, and will be considered for established appointment after such period of training as may be necessary in each case. When the training period exceeds two years, the Commissioners may require the officer to satisfy a second Interview Board set up by them at the end of his training.

Appointment to the established staff will be conditional upon the issue of the Commissioners' certificate of qualification.

11. Fee.

A successful candidate for established appointment will be required to pay a fee of £1 before the issue of a certificate of qualification.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1946.

The National Insurance Joint Authority have made the undermentioned regulations:—

The National Insurance (Members of the Forces) Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1952, dated 25th September, 1952 (S.I. 1952 No. 1742).

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London, W.C.2.