

and must not have attained the higher age on or before the governing date. The governing date is the 31st March where the competition commences in the first six months of the year, and the 30th September where it commences in the second six months of the year. A candidate may, however, deduct from her age, for the purpose of bringing it within the prescribed limits, any time not exceeding two years which she has spent in an established situation in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland.

2. Every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, the child of a person who is or was at the time of death a British subject; provided that if the Civil Service Commissioners are satisfied in the case of any candidate who is a British subject but does not fulfil all the requirements of the rule as to nationality and descent, that the candidate is so closely connected by ancestry and upbringing with His Majesty's Dominions that an exception may properly be made to that rule, they may accept such candidate as eligible provided that this discretion shall not be exercisable unless (a) the father or the paternal grandfather of the candidate was a natural-born British subject, and (b) neither the father nor the paternal grandfather had acquired any other nationality by naturalization or by any other voluntary and formal act.

3. A candidate must be unmarried or a widow, and must satisfy the Commissioners, in such manner as they may require, of her fitness for appointment in respect of health, physical fitness, and character.

4. A person holding a situation in the Civil Service must, before becoming a candidate, obtain the permission of the authorities of the Department in which she is serving to enter the Competition.

5. A person on whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland has been notified to the Commissioners.

6. The Competition will consist of two parts, and the subjects of examination will be as follows:—

#### PART I.

1. English ... ..	400 marks.
2. Typewriting ... ..	300 "
3. Arithmetic ... ..	100 "
4. General Knowledge ... ..	100 "
5. Shorthand ... ..	200 "

Subjects 1 to 5 must be taken by all candidates.

6. Latin ... ..	200 marks
7. French ... ..	200 "
8. Elementary Mathematics	100 "
9. Book-keeping ... ..	100 "
10. History ... ..	100 "
11. Geography ... ..	100 "

Of subjects 6 to 11, candidates may take two or three (not including more than one language) sufficient to give a maximum of 300 marks.

#### PART II.

12. Interview ... ..	300 marks
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Only candidates who pass in English and Typewriting will be admitted to this Part of the competition.

The Commissioners may restrict admission to Part II of the Competition to the candidates at the head of the list resulting from the marks awarded in Part I who have passed in English and Typewriting, up to such number as they may, in the exercise of their discretion, determine.

The position of candidates on the final list will be determined by the total marks awarded to them in the Competition, and those who are at the head of the list and have passed in English and Typewriting will be declared successful. The number of candidates to be so declared will depend on the number of vacancies which the Commissioners decide shall be filled from the Competition.

The examination in the subjects included in Part I, and the Interview forming Part II of the Competition, will be held at such times and in such places as the Commissioners may appoint.

7. No expenses in connection with attendance at any part of the Competition will be allowed.

8. A successful candidate may be assigned to any Department of the Government of Northern Ireland in accordance with the interests of the public service.

9. An application for permission to attend the Competition must be made in such manner and at such times as may be prescribed by the Commissioners in the notice thereof, and must be accompanied by a fee of seven shillings and sixpence.

The Civil Service Commissioners for Northern Ireland hereby give notice of a Competition to be held in Belfast under the foregoing regulations, commencing on the 24th November, 1937.

No person will be admitted to the competition from whom the Commissioners have not received on or before the 30th September, 1937, an application in the candidate's own handwriting on the prescribed form, which can be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Stormont, Belfast.

#### PENSION AND HALF PAY.

#### HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES (CIVIL EMPLOYMENT) RULES.

NOTICE is hereby given under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that it is proposed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury after the expiration of at least forty days from this date, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Superannuation Act, 1935, and of every power enabling them in that behalf, to issue Statutory Rules in accordance with Section 15 (1) of that Act.

Copies of the proposed Rules can be obtained in the interval from His Majesty's