

*vacancies. The regulations are liable to alteration from time to time.*

1. Candidates must have attained the age of 25 on a date to be fixed in respect of the competition in which they are to take part, but must not have attained 32 years of age on that date.

Candidates who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, or Air Force may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years during which they have so served.

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 exception may be made in the case of natural-born British subjects who have satisfactorily completed a period of not less than five years' service on full pay in His Majesty's Regular Forces.

Provided also 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. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to apply for appointment.

No person actually serving in the Army, Navy, or Air Force will be eligible for consideration unless he produces, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to apply for appointment, dated before his appearance before the Selection Board, and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued.

Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

4. Candidates must show:—

(1) That they have had at least six years' professional experience which may have been obtained in—

(a) The Office of an Architect or Surveyor in professional practice, or in Government or Municipal service; or

(b) The Office of any other Architect or Surveyor which in the opinion of the Civil Service Commissioners and the Department gives an adequate training.

(2) That the works upon which they were engaged during that period were such as to afford them the opportunity of gaining a satisfactory knowledge of their profession.

(3) That they have fully profited by their practical training and possess the necessary qualifications and experience.

5. H.M. Office of Works will take such steps as they think most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancies which they desire to fill, and the Civil Service Commissioners will satisfy themselves that the steps taken have been such as to secure all desirable publicity.

6. Applications shall be addressed in the first instance to the Secretary, H.M. Office of Works, and shall be made on a form to be obtained from the Establishment Officer of that Department, which must be stamped by the applicant with a "Civil Service" stamp or stamps of the value of ten shillings; this fee is payable in respect of the application and will not be returned in any circumstances.

7. Applications will be scrutinized by the Office of Works in association with the Civil Service Commissioners and the candidates who appear to be best qualified under the regulations and who pass the qualifying examination specified in clause 8 or are exempted therefrom under clause 9 will be summoned for interview by a Selection Board.

If the Civil Service Commissioners should so decide, the qualifying examination will be held at about the same time as the interviews, in which case those candidates who are required to attend the qualifying examination will be admitted provisionally to interview.

8. The qualifying examination will be in the following subjects:—

- (1) Building Construction;
- (2) Specifications, &c.;
- (3) Materials;
- (4) Building Surveying.

Candidates must obtain such an aggregate of marks in the examination as a whole as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

Candidates submitted to the qualifying examination will be required to pay a fee of £3 before the examination. This fee is in addition to the fee of ten shillings payable on application.

9. Candidates who are Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects or Professional Associates of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution, having qualified under Sub-Division III. (Chiefly Building), or who have passed the examinations prescribed for such qualification, will be exempted from the qualifying examination. They will be required to pay a fee of £3 before admission to interview by the Selection Board. This fee is in addition to the fee of ten shillings payable on application.

10. The Selection Board will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications provided they find them qualified. The Selection Board will be nominated by the Civil Service Commissioners in consultation with the Office of Works who will be represented thereon. The decision of the Selection Board will be final.

11. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners of their eligibility in respect of age, nationality, health, and character, and will not be confirmed unless and until they have passed the prescribed period of