

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 21 (1) of the Finance Act, 1948, entitled The Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1955.  
The Order

1. reduces from 75 per cent. to 50 per cent. the rate of tax on fur skins, fur apparel and fur rugs ;
2. reduces from 50 per cent. to 25 per cent. the rate of tax on paper serviettes, paper doyleys, paper table covers, paper table decorations, shelf paper, and similar articles of paper ;
3. exempts household mops from tax ; and
4. excepts thermometers and barometers from charge under Group 12 of the Tax Schedule. (This provision does not affect the operation of other groups ; for example, a thermometer on a silver mount will continue to be chargeable under Group 27).

The Order which comes into operation on the 24th January 1955, has been published as Statutory Instruments 1955, No. 101, and copies may be purchased (price 2d. net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses :—

York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 ; 423 Oxford Street, London, W.1 ; P.O. Box 569, London, S.E.1 ; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2 ; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff ; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2 ; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1 ; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3 ; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast ; or from any Bookseller.

#### Wages Councils Acts, 1945 to 1948

##### PAPER BOX WAGES COUNCIL (GREAT BRITAIN)

THE Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service proposals for the revocation of the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order, 1948 (Order B.(42)) as amended by the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953 (Order B.(52)) and for the making of a wages regulation order fixing holidays and holiday remuneration.

Particulars of the proposals may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representation with respect to the above-mentioned proposals which may be sent to it within fourteen days from 25th January 1955. Any such representation should bear the writer's address and signature and be sent to the Secretary, Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain), Ebury Bridge House, Ebury Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise nature of their objections.

F. D. GROVER, Secretary.

24th January 1955.

#### Wages Councils Acts, 1945 to 1948

##### AERATED WATERS WAGES COUNCIL (SCOTLAND)

THE Aerated Waters Wages Council (Scotland) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service proposals for the amendment of the Aerated Waters Wages Council (Scotland) Wages Regulation Order 1954 (Order A.S.(40)) and for the fixing of statutory minimum remuneration in substitution for the statutory minimum remuneration at present in operation.

Particulars of the proposals may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representation with respect to the above-mentioned proposals which may be sent to it within fourteen days from 25th January 1955. Any such representation should bear the writer's address and signature and be sent to the Secretary, Aerated Waters Wages Council (Scotland), Ebury Bridge House, Ebury Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise nature of their objections.

F. D. GROVER, Secretary.

24th January 1955.

#### Civil Service Commission, 21st January 1955

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 DRIVING AND TRAFFIC EXAMINERS IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION.

###### 1. Age.

Candidates must have been born on or before 1st March 1925. There is no upper age limit, 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.

###### 2. Sex and Marriage.

(i) Both men and women may compete under these Regulations.

(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 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.

###### 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. Qualification.

Candidates must have had a wide experience of driving including driving motor cycles ; they must also have had some recent experience, including recent experience in driving motor cycles. Certain motoring offences will lead to disqualification. *Candidates must know the Highway Code in detail.* A general knowledge of Road Transport law, as it affects the operation of passenger and goods vehicles, will be an advantage. Experience in driving tuition, driving testing, conducting interviews or writing concise and accurate reports, will be an additional advantage.

###### 5. Health and Character.

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

###### 6. Competition.

Candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications and experience will be given a special driving test conducted by Supervising Examiners of Driving Tests of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

This test will call for an extremely high standard of driving competence ; the standard is very much higher than that required for a learner-driver test. Its purpose is to ensure that successful candidates possess thorough knowledge of the principles of good driving and have the ability to apply them since, if successful in the Competition, they will be called upon to assess the driving competence of others.

In particular the Examiners will look for

(i) ability to read at a distance of 100 feet in good daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn) a motor car number plate containing six letters and figures ;

(ii) expert handling of all controls ;

(iii) detailed knowledge and application of the Highway Code and of correct road procedure ;

(iv) the ability to anticipate the actions of other road users and to take appropriate action ;