(Foreign Office)) 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.

(2) A candidate will not be eligible for appointment to a situation in the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply unless (i) at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and (ii) he was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and (iii) each of his parents was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times from birth:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, if the conditions specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation are satisfied, be admitted to appointment by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for Air, or the Minister of Supply as the case may be.

(3) A candidate will not be eligible for appointment to a situation in Government Communications Headquarters (Foreign Office) unless at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and was born of parents each of whom is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times since birth:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, if the conditions specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation are satisfied, be admitted to appointment by special permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

4. *Qualifications.*

(i) *Technical Qualifications.*

Every candidate must have obtained an Ordinary National Certificate or an equivalent or higher qualification in an appropriate subject.

Provided that exceptionally, candidates for posts of Architectural, Civil, Structural, Sanitary or Heating and Ventilating Draughtsmen will be admitted who in place of this qualification can show evidence of such technical education, training and experience as, in the opinion of the Commissioners, fits them for consideration for such posts.

(ii) *Training.**

Every candidate must have satisfactorily completed a normal apprenticeship or pupilage, or have had equivalent training of not less than three years' duration (except as in (iv) below).

In the course of their training candidates for Mechanical Engineering posts must have had adequate workshop experience with a good class engineering concern; for Civil Engineering posts they must have had adequate practical experience on building construction or civil engineering site work; for Heating and Ventilating and Electrical Engineering posts they must have had adequate workshop experience or adequate experience on site or installation work with a good class engineering concern.

For Architectural posts candidates should have had good opportunities for assisting in the planning and design of buildings and the setting-out and inspection of site work; time spent in full-time study of Architecture at a recognised educational institution may be counted in full towards this training period.

(iii) *Experience.*

Every candidate must have had at least one year's experience in a Drawing Office; this period must be additional to the training period specified in paragraph (ii) except that candidates for posts in the Admiralty and the Ministry of Works will be allowed to count time spent in a Drawing Office during that training period. Time spent in drawing work connected with a course of study will not be accepted.

(iv) *Exceptionally, candidates who have not served an apprenticeship must have had for employment in the

(a) Admiralty

(i) for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering posts, five years equivalent training with a good class engineering concern which has included adequate workshop experience, and

(ii) for Architectural and Civil Engineering posts, not less than two and a half-years' experience in a Drawing Office, which has provided good opportunities for assisting in the planning, design, setting out and inspection of site work.

(b) Air Ministry

For Heating and Ventilating posts, five years' experience with good class Installation Contractors, Consulting Engineers or other engineering organisation affording adequate practical experience on site installation works and/or at works and including not less than two years in a Drawing Office.

(c) Ministry of Works

For Heating and Ventilating and Electrical Engineering posts, five years' experience with good class Installation Contractors, Consulting Engineers or other engineering organisation affording adequate practical experience on site installation works and/or at works and including not less than two years in a Drawing Office.

5. *Application.*

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

6. *Competition.*

The candidates who appear from the information available to have the best qualifications and experience will be invited to interview in London before a Selection Board which will recommend to the Civil Service Commissioners those considered most suitable for appointment.

Candidates will be asked to bring examples of their work to the Board. The decision of the Civil Service Commissioners will be final.

7. *Health and Character.*

Every successful candidate must satisfy the Commissioners as to his or her health and character.

8. *Assignment.*

The Commissioners will determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall 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.

9. *Refund of Marriage Gratuity.*

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 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. *Candidates Trained as Teachers.*

Persons who have been trained as teachers, elsewhere than in England and Wales, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority (e.g., the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

11. *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.