

Permanent civil servants (including those serving on permanent unestablished terms or under a Special Recommendation, as well as those serving on full established conditions) and permanent members of the staff of the Agricultural Research Council, the Development Commission, the Foreign Compensation Commission, the Forestry Commission, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner's Office, the Office of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Nature Conservancy, the Office of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, or Trinity House are not eligible to apply.

2. Both men and women are eligible.

3. Age.

Candidates must be at least 40 and under 60 years of age on the 1st April, 1958.

4. Nationality.

To be eligible for appointment 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.

5. Competition.

(a) Selection will be by interview of qualified candidates.

(b) All candidates must take a preliminary qualifying examination consisting of three papers designed to test understanding and use of English, reasoning and judgment, general knowledge, and ability to handle figures. These will be as follows:—

Test 1 (English) 100 marks
Test 2 (General Paper) 100 marks
Test 3 (Figures) 100 marks

(c) Only those candidates who reach a certain standard, to be fixed by the Commissioners, in the written examination will be invited to interview.

The Interview Board will take account of each candidate's record, performance in the written examination, and personal qualities as shown at the interview, and will recommend to the Commissioners the candidates who are considered most suitable for appointment.

(d) Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard which satisfies the Commissioners.

6. Health and Character.

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

7. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers in Northern Ireland and in the Irish Republic, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Commissioners.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Fee.

An application fee of 7s. 6d. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of 12s. 6d., being the balance of the fee of £1, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the written examination.

11. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. A candidate who declines to accept the post offered will have no claim to be assigned to another, but will be regarded as having declined appointment. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service and the recommendation of the Interview Board, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

12. The Commissioners' decision will be final in all matters concerning this competition.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competition will be held under the above Regulations, the written examination commencing on 18th March, 1958.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 16th January, 1958. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES of BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial lb. computed from returns received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD in the week ended 14th December, 1957, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, the Corn Sales Act, 1921, and the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1943.

British Corn	Quantities Sold	Average Price per Cwt.	
		cwt	s. d.
WHEAT ...	678,274		20 5
BARLEY ...	577,856		21 3
OATS ...	41,857		23 4

NOTE.—The above statement is based on returns received from 174 prescribed towns in England and Wales in the week ended 14th December, 1957. The prices represent the average for all sales at these towns, and include transactions between growers and merchants, and transactions between merchants, during the week ended 7th December, 1957.

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GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

NOTICE is hereby given that, in terms of Section 33 (2) of the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1951, the General Nursing Council for Scotland propose to amend the Rules affecting the powers of the Council in regard to Registration of Nurse Tutors and entry into an Approved Training School of Candidates who have passed Part I of the Council's Preliminary Examination after completing a Pre-Nursing Course.

Copies of the draft Rules may be seen at the Office of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, 5 Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, 3.

MABEL WILSON, Registrar.

18th December, 1957.