

may be deemed expedient. Before every such examination Special Regulations will be issued, in which the particular conditions of the competition will be specified.

2. These examinations will have reference either to the vacancies existing at the time of the examination, or to the number which may be estimated as likely to occur within any period not exceeding six months after the commencement of the examination, or to vacancies occurring within any period not exceeding six months from the date of the announcement of the result of the examination.

3. These examinations are open to all natural-born or naturalized British subjects, being of the requisite age, health, and character, subject to such restrictions as are herein contained, and to Special Regulations affecting the particular situations:

- (i.) The following persons are ineligible, viz. :—
  - Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary of less than five years' service.
- (ii.) The following classes of persons are eligible under certain conditions only, that is to say :—
  - (a) Persons actually serving in the Army.
  - (b) Persons actually serving in the Navy.
  - (c) Persons holding situations in the Civil Service.
  - (d) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, of more than five years' service.
  - (e) Probationary Engineer Cadets in the Navy, and Apprentices in His Majesty's Dockyards.
  - (f) Persons who have entered upon or completed a course of education or training for the occupation of teacher, on account of which grants are payable from the Exchequer.
  - (g) Persons who have been trained in the Customs and Excise Branch of the Government Laboratory.

No person actually serving in the Army will be eligible unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the examination, dated before the commencement of the competition and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued by or under the authority of the Army Council.

No person actually serving in the Navy will be eligible unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the examination, dated before the commencement of the competition and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued by or under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Persons comprised in the classes (c), (d), (e) must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the examination, before the commencement of the competition.

Persons comprised in class (f) will not be qualified to receive appointments until the consent of the Board of Education in England, the Committee of Council on Education for Scotland, or the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, as the case may be, given in conformity with rules sanctioned by the Lords of the Treasury, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

Persons comprised in class (g) will not be qualified for appointment until the consent

of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, given with the like sanction, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

4. In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will be made, viz. :—

(i.) Persons who have served or are serving in the Army or Navy may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have served;

(ii.) Persons who may be serving or who may have served in the Militia, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Honourable Artillery Company, or the Volunteers, may deduct from their actual age any time spent on actual military service, such time being reckoned by the number of days for which they received Army pay;

(iii.) Persons who have served for two full consecutive years—

(A) In the Royal Irish Constabulary,

(B) In any Civil situation other than that of Registered Boy Clerk to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners,

(C) As Registered Boy Clerks (if appointed on the results of the competition of September 22, 1908, or any previous competition), may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service, with the proviso that persons comprised in Classes (A), (B), (C) will not be allowed to deduct from their actual age more than the following, viz. :—

One year when competing at any examination held after the 31st December, 1911, for Junior Appointments in the Supply and Accounting Departments of the Admiralty or other situations grouped therewith under the same regulations;

One year when competing at any examination held after the 31st of August, 1910, for the situation of Second Class Clerk for Port Service in the Department of His Majesty's Customs and Excise;

Two years when competing for Clerkships in the Second Division of the Civil Service;

One year when competing for the situation of Assistant of Customs and Excise.

5. If at any examination two or more situations, whether in the same or in different Departments, shall be offered for competition, the successful candidates will be permitted (unless otherwise stated in Special Regulations, and subject in the case of examinations for Clerkships in the Second Division of the Civil Service to the provision contained in chapter 5 of Part IV of the Order in Council of 10th January, 1910), to choose in their order as determined by the competitive examination among the situations offered for competition; provided that they be duly qualified according to the special rules prescribed under Clause 4 of the Order in Council of 10th January, 1910, for the particular situations to which they may severally be assigned. A Candidate will not be eligible for assignment or appointment to the Admiralty, the War Office, or the Colonial Office, unless he is a British subject and the son of a father also a British subject, except by special permission from the Head of the Department concerned, and a candidate will not be eligible for assignment or appointment to the Foreign Office, unless he is a natural-born British subject and born within the United Kingdom of parents also born therein, except when special permission is given to the Civil Service Commissioners by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.