

In reckoning age for this purpose a candidate may deduct any time, up to a maximum of two years, which he has spent in an approved engineering works; and candidates who have served, or are serving, in the Army, Navy or Air Force may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have so served.

Assistant Traffic Superintendents in the Post Office who are otherwise eligible, or who, after three years' approved service in the Traffic Branch receive a nomination by the Engineer-in-Chief, may be granted an extension of age in respect of the period of their employment on traffic work in the Post Office, up to a maximum of five years, inclusive of any extension claimed for time spent in an approved engineering works.

2. Nationality.—Candidates must be natural-born British subjects and the children of fathers also natural-born British subjects; provided that exception may be made:—

(a) In the case of candidates serving in a civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

(b) In the case of natural-born British subjects who served in His Majesty's Armed Forces in the Great War between the 4th August, 1914, and the 11th November, 1918.

(c) 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. Education.—Candidates must have passed an examination qualifying for a degree in engineering after having taken a complete course at an institution of university rank, provided that the Civil Service Commissioners may admit other persons who in their opinion have equivalent qualifications and training, and provided that this requirement shall be waived in the case of a man who is serving in the Post Office and is nominated by the Postmaster-General.

4. Health and Character.—Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character.

5. No person actually serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force will be eligible for admission to the examination 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.

Persons holding situations in the Civil Service and Apprentices in H.M. Dockyards must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the examination before the commencement of the competition.

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.

No person will be eligible who obtained from any tribunal established under the Military Service Acts, 1916 to 1918, exemption from service in His Majesty's Forces under those Acts on the ground of a conscientious objection to the undertaking of military service, or, although not so exempted, declined to comply with obligations imposed upon him by those Acts.

6. Subjects.—The examination will be in the following subjects:—

1. Mathematics.
2. Electro-Technology.
3. Materials.
4. Theory of Machines.
5. One of the following four subjects:—
 - (a) Alternating Currents.
 - (b) Electrical Machines.
 - (c) Telegraphy and Telephony.
 - (d) Heat Engines.
6. Personal Qualities.

No candidate will be eligible who does not pass to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Commissioners in each of the subjects 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

The examination may be held in one part or in two parts, at the discretion of the Civil Service Commissioners. In the latter case the first part of the examination will be used to reduce the number of competitors to be admitted to the second part. Of those who pass and obtain the highest aggregate marks on the first part a certain number, to be determined by the Civil Service Commissioners, will be admitted to the second part of the examination. The successful list will consist of those candidates who pass and obtain the highest aggregate marks in the whole examination.

7. Applications for permission to attend an examination must be made at such time and in such manner as the Civil Service Commissioners may appoint.

8. Fee.—A fee of £2 will be required from every Candidate applying for admission to attend an examination; this fee is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of £3, being the balance of the prescribed fee of £5, will be required from every Candidate attending the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations, commencing on the 29th October, 1929. The written examination will be held in London and, provided in each case candidates present themselves in sufficient number, in Belfast, Edinburgh and Manchester.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 12th September, 1929, an application; in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.