

take place at fixed intervals, but are held as occasion arises.

1. Candidates must have attained the age of 22 and must not have attained the age of 28 on a date to be fixed in respect of the competition in which they are to take part, provided that for the first competition held under these regulations a candidate would be admitted who had not attained the age of 30 on that date. Candidates who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years during which they have so served.

2. Every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, the child of a person who is or was at the time of death a British subject; 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 naturalisation or by any other voluntary and formal act.

The consent of the authorities of the Department concerned will be required before the child of a naturalised British subject can be appointed either to the Admiralty or to the Air Ministry.

3. Until further order, special consideration will be given to candidates who have served in His Majesty's Forces during the War.

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.

4. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service must obtain the permission of the authorities of their department to apply for appointment.

No person actually serving in the Army, Navy or Air Force will be eligible for consideration unless he produces, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to apply for appointment, dated before his appearance before the Selection

Board, and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued.

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.

5. Candidates must be prepared to serve at home or abroad, and candidates selected for the Air Ministry must be prepared to undertake journeys by air in connection with the execution of their duties as may be directed.

6. The Civil Service Commissioners will take such steps as they think most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancy or vacancies which it is desired to fill on any one occasion.

7. Applications shall be addressed to the Civil Service Commission on a form to be obtained from that Office. Candidates who appear to be *prima facie* qualified under the regulations will be submitted to a written examination in the following subjects and will be required to pay a fee of £4 before the examination:—

(1) Writing a report on some subject connected with the profession.

(2) Taking out quantities from drawings, abstracting and getting into bill, and measurement of works executed. Reading and interpreting drawings.

(3) Estimating and valuing, including analysis of prices.

(4) Specifications and contracts—

(a) For works.

(b) For supply of material, including analysis of prices.

(5) Chain surveying and levelling.

The candidate will be required to qualify in each of the above subjects.

8. Candidates who pass the examination will be summoned to appear before a Selection Board, who will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications, provided they find them qualified. The Selection Board will be constituted by the Civil Service Commissioners, in consultation with the authorities of the Department or Departments in which there are vacancies to be filled, and such Department or Departments will be represented on the Selection Board. The decisions of the Selection Board will be final.

9. When vacancies are offered for competition in more than one Department, it will rest with the Civil Service Commissioners to determine to which Department the successful candidates shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service; but subject to this condition, the wishes of the candidates will, where possible, be respected.

10. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners of their eligibility in respect of age, nationality, health and character, and will not be confirmed unless and until they have passed the prescribed period of probation to the satisfaction of the Head of the Department in which they are employed.

11. A candidate selected for appointment will be required to pay a fee of £8, towards