

*Civil Service Commission,**April 11, 1939.*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHISTS (MALE) IN THE POST OFFICE WIRELESS SERVICE.

N.B.—These regulations are liable to alteration from time to time. Competitions do not take place at fixed intervals, but are held as occasion arises.

1. Candidates must have attained the age of 21 and must not have attained the age of 25 on the 31st December of the year in which the competition is held.

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 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.

3. 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 Navy, Army, 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.

4. The Postmaster-General will take such steps as he thinks most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancy or vacancies which he desires to fill on any one occasion, and the Civil Service Commissioners will satisfy themselves that the steps taken have been such as to secure all desirable publicity.

5. Applications shall be addressed in the first instance to the Inspector of Wireless Telegraphy, Telecommunications Department, General Post Office, and shall be made on a form to be obtained from that office. The candidates' credentials will be examined at the

General Post Office and the names of those candidates who appear to have the requisite qualifications and to be best fitted for appointment will be submitted to the Civil Service Commissioners. The Commissioners, if dissatisfied with the number or quality of candidates for any vacancy, may require further search to be made for qualified candidates.

6. Candidates must possess the Postmaster-General's First Class Certificate of Proficiency in Radiotelegraphy and, unless already employed in the Post Office must have had experience as Wireless Operator on board ship.

7. Candidates who are recommended by the General Post Office and are accepted by the Civil Service Commissioners as possessing the requisite qualifications will be submitted by the authorities of the General Post Office to a test in Morse. Those who pass this test will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board, who will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications, and their decision will be final. The Selection Board will be constituted by the Civil Service Commissioners in consultation with the authorities of the General Post Office, who will be represented on the Board.

8. 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 Postmaster-General. If they do not already hold the elementary certificates in French and German of the Royal Society of Arts or certificates of equivalent or higher standard, they will be required to pass tests conducted by the General Post Office in these languages by the end of the probationary period.

9. Candidates selected for appointment will be required to pay a fee of £2.

10. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard spontaneous recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work, whether at school, at the University, in industry or business, in the Forces, or otherwise.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS OF BLAENAVON, CWMBRAN AND PONTYPOOL.

Whereas application has been made to the Minister of Health under section 6 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to make an Order constituting a united district comprising the urban districts of Blaenavon, Cwmbran and Pontypool for the purposes hereinafter mentioned;

And whereas the Minister having given notice that he proposed to make such an Order received notice of objection thereto which has not been withdrawn and any Order made by the Minister for the said purpose will therefore be provisional only and require confirmation by Parliament;