

Provided that the following allowance shall be made in regard to certain classes of candidates who were born before the 2nd August, 1910:—

(a) any candidate who served in the Royal Navy, the Army or the Royal Air Force before the 3rd September, 1939, will be eligible if born on or after a date which precedes the 2nd August, 1910, by a period equal to the length of such service;

(b) any candidate who has served in any established civil situation to which he or she was admitted with a Certificate of the Commissioners on or before attaining the age of 25 will be eligible if born on or after a date which precedes the 2nd August, 1910, by a period equal to the length of such service or a period of two years, whichever is the shorter.

3. Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at death a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment;

(b) If naturalized British subjects, they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

Provided that a candidate will not be eligible for appointment to the Ministry of Supply unless he or she is a natural born British subject and born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions, of parents also born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions, except when the circumstances are such as to justify a departure from the general rule, in which case, provided the candidate satisfies the conditions prescribed by the preceding paragraphs, he or she may be admitted to appointment or competition by special permission of the Minister of Supply.

4. Candidates must satisfy one of the following requirements:—

(i) They must have passed an examination qualifying for a University degree or its equivalent in mathematics, physics, chemistry, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, or in related subjects; or

(ii) They must hold one of the following qualifications or some similar qualification accepted as of equivalent standard by the Civil Service Commissioners:—A. M. I. C. E., A. M. I. Mech. E., Grad. I. Mech. E., A. M. I. E. E., Grad. I. E. E., A. R. I. C., A. M. I. Chem., A. M. I. Chem. E., F. I. P., National Diploma in Engineering, the Honours Diploma in Engineering of Loughborough College, Higher National Certificate in Engineering, Manchester College of Technology Diploma, Diploma of the Royal School of Mines, Bachelor of Metallurgy (Sheffield) and Associate in Metallurgy (Sheffield); or

(iii) They must be former apprentices, who have attended one of H.M. Dockyard Schools and obtained not less than two-thirds of the maximum marks in the examination held at the end of the fourth year; or

(iv) They must have completed at least a one year course in science or technology at a University immediately prior to joining H.M. Forces and in addition undergone a course of specialised scientific training, e.g., a R.E.M.E. or Radar course, during their service in the Forces.

Provided that an application will be accepted from a candidate who expects to obtain one of the qualifications named in (i) or (ii) above not later than 31st August, 1948, but such a candidate will not, if interviewed and recommended for appointment, be declared successful unless he or she obtains the necessary qualification.

A reading knowledge of one or more foreign languages will be a qualification.

5. Every successful candidate must satisfy the Commissioners as to his or her health and character.

6. No person who is undergoing a course of study with the aid of a grant from public funds shall be eligible to compete before the completion of the course, unless he or she has previously obtained permission to do so from the authority which administers the grant.

7. Every candidate must apply on the appropriate form within the time and in the manner of which notice is given by the Commissioners.

8. Candidates may submit with their applications reports or recommendations on their experience or qualifications from previous employers or the authorities at the institutions at which they have been trained, or statements of any original work or publications or of any industrial experience they may have had in any of the subjects mentioned in Clause 4 of these regulations.

Any attempt, direct or indirect, on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through persons other than those mentioned in the previous paragraph will disqualify them for appointment.

9. Those candidates who appear to have the requisite qualifications and to be best fitted for appointment will be admitted to (a) a preliminary informal interview to test their technical knowledge and interests, their general scientific background, and their powers of comprehension and expression, and (b) an interview before a Selection Board. The Selection Board will be nominated by the Commissioners in consultation with the Board of Trade, who will be represented upon it. The Selection Board will have before them the report of the preliminary informal interview and will take into consideration the candidates' experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, the candidates' scientific knowledge and their personal qualities as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence the Board will frame their decisions, which will be final. There will be six separate orders of merit in which candidates will be placed according to their qualifications in mathematics, physics, chemistry, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, or their general scientific knowledge, and the vacancies will be filled by the appointment of candidates in order from each list, subject to their satisfying the Commissioners that they are eligible in all respects.

10. The Commissioners may, at their discretion, offer appointments as Assistant Patent Officer in the Ministry of Supply to candidates who compete under these Regulations and who are regarded as suitable.

11. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (that is, the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, or the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, as the case may be) has been notified to the Commissioners.

12. Every candidate shall pay an application fee of 10s.

USE OF LAND AND SEA AREAS FOR THE ADMIRALTY AND THE AIR MINISTRY.

PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY.

Selsey Bombing Ranges.

The Minister of Town and Country Planning has nominated Mr. J. Kennedy Allerton to hold a public local inquiry for the purpose of hearing representations as to the effect on the public interest of the proposals of the Admiralty and of the Air Ministry to use land and sea areas as shown on the map of which copies have been deposited at the offices of the West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester, and of the Chichester Rural District Council, Pallant House, Chichester. Mr. Allerton will accordingly attend at the Assembly Room, Council House, North Street, Chichester, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th of July, 1948.

Any person desirous of making such representations is requested to notify the Minister of Town and Country Planning, 32, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1 as soon as possible, and in any case not later than the 3rd of July, of his wish to do so, and of the general nature of the representations he desires to make.

M. M. Dobbie, Assistant Secretary.

Ministry of Town and Country Planning.
29th May 1948.