

tests and the interview, reserving the right to disqualify any who fail to reach the qualifying standard in the written examination, (b) the Commissioners may at their discretion summon those candidates who are placed low on the qualifying list to a preliminary interview before one or more Examiners, and may on the latter's report decide which of these candidates, if any, shall be summoned to further tests under (a), and which shall be declared unsuccessful forthwith

(2) The order of merit of the candidates in each Section shall be determined by the marks awarded by the Interviewing Board. In the event of a tie the Commissioners' decision shall be final

PART III

APPOINTMENT

10 The number of vacancies to be filled by candidates in each Section shall be determined by the Commissioners

11 It is the intention that, of the total number of vacancies to be filled from this Competition and the Reconstruction Competition, taken together

(a) men Service candidates shall receive not less than three-quarters, and

(b) of the remainder women Service candidates shall receive not less than the proportion yielded by the ratio of their applications to the total number of applications from all candidates except men Service candidates.

Provided that in either case a sufficient number of Service candidates reach the required standard

12 For the purposes of these Regulations candidates shall be regarded as Service candidates if they have rendered whole-time service during any period after the 25th day of May, 1939, in

(a) the Armed Forces of the Crown;

(b) the Mercantile Marine or the Merchant Navy, or

(c) any of the Women's Services, that is to say, any of the capacities mentioned in the First Schedule to the Disabled Person's (Employment) Act, 1944

13. The list of successful candidates shall be determined by the Commissioners having regard to the intention expressed in Regulation 11 and to the number and ability of the competitors

14 Of the candidates next in order of merit to those declared successful a certain number at the discretion of the Commissioners may be classified as reserve candidates and considered for appointment in the event of further vacancies arising

15 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 (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, or the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners

16 It will rest with the Commissioners to determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall be assigned. In making the assignments they will be guided by the requirements of the public service. Subject to this condition, the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be respected

17. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their Application Forms, will disqualify them for appointment. The Interviewing Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work, whether at school, at the University, in the Forces, or otherwise

Civil Service Commission

30th July, 1948.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H M Treasury, viz :—

SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN THE SENIOR BRANCH OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE

The Civil Service Commissioners with the approval of the Treasury and of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs have made the following Regulations

PART I

CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS

1—(1) Both men and women may compete under these Regulations.

(2) No person may compete under these Regulations who on the 16th August, 1948, has already competed, or has been admitted to compete, for the Reconstruction Competition for the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service with the following exceptions

(a) persons who, having failed at their first attempt or having withdrawn their candidature or declined appointment after success under Reconstruction Regulations, did not apply for a second attempt within the time prescribed by the Commissioners

(b) persons who applied to compete under Reconstruction Regulations (whether at a first or second attempt) but withdrew before taking the examination or any part thereof

(3) No person may compete more than once under these Regulations, or more than twice in all for the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service under these Regulations, or under Reconstruction or Normal Regulations, taken together

2—(1) Every candidate must have been born on or after the second day of August, 1915, and have attained the age of 21 on the first day of January, 1948

(2) Candidates shall be divided into two Sections, namely Section I for candidates born on or after the 2nd day of August, 1922 and Section II for candidates born on or before the 1st day of August, 1922 and on or after 2nd day of August, 1915

3 Every candidate must

(a) be a natural born British subject, and

(b) have been born within the United Kingdom or within one of the self-governing Dominions of parents both of whom were also born within the United Kingdom or within one of the self-governing Dominions,

except that when the circumstances are such as to justify departure from the said requirements a candidate may be allowed to compete by special permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs provided that he fulfils the conditions in respect of nationality prescribed for candidates for admission to His Majesty's Civil Establishments in general

4—(1) Every candidate must either

(a) have obtained a degree with at least second class honours or equivalent qualification at an institution of university rank recognized by the Commissioners for the purpose, or

(b) (i) have had whole-time continuous and systematic education until at least the age of 18, or, failing this, satisfy the Commissioners that nevertheless his secondary education has been up to the normal standard of persons who subsequently obtain a degree with at least second class honours, and

(ii) satisfy the Commissioners that if he had completed a university course he might reasonably have expected to obtain a degree with at least second class honours.

Provided that the Commissioners may at their discretion accept as eligible under subparagraph (a) a candidate who having completed his university course, has failed to reach second class honours standard, if

(i) they are satisfied that the circumstances were of exceptional difficulty for reasons peculiar to the individual candidate, and

(ii) the appropriate authority of the candidate's University or College certifies that the candidate appears to be exceptionally well fitted for appointment to the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service

(2) If, owing to circumstances beyond the candidate's control, the evidence required under this Regulation is indecisive, the Commissioners may nevertheless decide at their discretion to accept him as eligible

(3) Every candidate must produce evidence of his ability to learn foreign languages

(4) (a) If a candidate is unable to satisfy the Commissioners that he is eligible under sub-Clause (1) above, but it appears to them that by reason of his subsequent education or career he is well fitted for consideration for appointment in the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service, they may at their discretion admit him to the examination

(b) The Commissioners may, if they think fit, summon such a candidate to a personal interview before deciding whether or not to exercise their discretion in his favour

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

6—(1) Every woman candidate must be unmarried or a widow