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No person will be admitted to the examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 22nd September, 1949, an application, in the candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

#### Civil Service Commission,

5th July, 1949.

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.:—

#### RECRUITMENT FROM CANDIDATES WITH REGULAR SERVICE IN H.M. FORCES TO GRADE 6 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

1. *Age.* Except as provided in Regulation 5, candidates must be under 50 years of age on the 1st November, 1949.

2. *Sex.* Both men and women are eligible.

3. *Nationality.* (1) 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.

(2) No departure from this rule will be made without the special permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and then only in exceptional cases and in favour of candidates who are British subjects and who 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 naturalised 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.

4. *Service.* (i) All candidates must be serving or have served on a regular engagement (including a regular short service engagement) in the Royal Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force, or the corresponding women's Services (W.R.N.S., W.R.A.C., and W.R.A.F.).

(ii) A candidate who is still serving must on the 1st November, 1949, be in the last year of an engagement involving, in the case of men, at least five years' whole-time service, including any previous service under the National Service Acts; or, in the case of women, at least four years' whole-time service, including any service otherwise than on a regular engagement.

(iii) A candidate who is not still serving must on the 1st November, 1949, either (a) have rendered, in the case of men, at least five years' whole-time service including any previous service under the National Service Acts, or, in the case of women, at least four years' whole-time service, including any service otherwise than on a regular engagement, or (b) have entered upon a regular engagement for a period of, in the case of men, at least five years, or, in the case of women, at least four years, and have been invalided out before completing that term.

(iv) Except as provided in Regulation 5, no candidate will be eligible whose whole-time service ceased more than two years before the 1st November, 1949.

5. In 1949 only, certain candidates born on or after 2nd November, 1898, will be admitted exceptionally to the competition. These candidates must have completed a regular engagement (including a regular short-service engagement) in the Royal Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force before 1st November, 1946, and must either (a) have rendered at least five years' service, including any service under the National Service Acts, or (b) have entered upon a regular engagement involving at least five years' whole-time service and have been invalided out before completing that term.

6. *Health and Character.* Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character.

7. *Examination.* The candidates will undergo a written examination consisting of papers in English and Arithmetic, a General Paper, and a test of General Intelligence.

The vacancies available will be allotted to candidates in the following six categories in proportion to the number of candidates competing in each category, viz.:—

(1) Candidates whose last period of service was in the Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines) and whose whole-time service amounted to

(a) 12 years or more.

(b) Less than 12 years.

(2) Candidates whose last period of service was in the Army and whose whole-time service amounted to

(a) 12 years or more.

(b) Less than 12 years.

(3) Candidates whose last period of service was in the Royal Air Force and whose whole-time service amounted to

(a) 12 years or more.

(b) Less than 12 years.

Subject to the conditions specified in the preceding paragraph of this Regulation, candidates will be arranged in order of merit on their aggregate of marks in the examination as a whole, but before any candidate can be appointed he or she will be required to establish, in an interview at the Foreign Office, that he or she has the ability to learn languages and is in other respects suitable for appointment to the Foreign Service. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not obtain an aggregate which satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners.

8. *Candidates Trained as Teachers.* Candidates who have been trained as teachers and upon whose training 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, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

9. *Fee.* A fee of 5s. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any circumstances.

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