

in all the five subjects required at the same examination. Scottish candidates who do not hold the Scottish Leaving Certificate with the requisite number of passes may, in appropriate circumstances, offer instead a Certificate of equivalent qualification based on their results in the Scottish Leaving Certificate examination in 1952 or 1953. Application for certificates should be made to the Secretary, Scottish Education Department, 14, Queen Street, Edinburgh, 2.

(iii) Candidates educated in Northern Ireland may offer passes in the appropriate subjects obtained in 1952 or 1953 in the Senior Certificate examination of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education.

5. Selection.

All candidates with the minimum educational qualifications prescribed in Regulation 4 will be regarded as qualified. If there are more qualified candidates than vacancies, preference will be given to those candidates whose certificates include a pass in a Mathematics subject. If there are more qualified candidates with passes in Mathematics than vacancies, preference will be given to those with the highest marks obtained in their Certificate examinations for English Language. If there are more qualified candidates than vacancies, but fewer qualified candidates with passes in Mathematics than vacancies, the vacancies not filled by candidates with passes in Mathematics will be filled by qualified candidates with the highest marks obtained in their Certificate examinations for English Language.

6. School Recommendation.

Candidates must be recommended by the Headmaster or Headmistress of their school as suitable for appointment in the Civil Service.

7. Health and Character.

Candidates selected for appointment must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character before they can be appointed.

8. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department in London each successful candidate is to be assigned. A candidate who declines to accept the post offered will have no claim to be assigned to another, but will be regarded as having declined appointment. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

9. Fee.

A successful candidate must pay a fee of £1 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

Civil Service Commission, 4th September, 1953.

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.:

REGULATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE SITUATION OF OFFICER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (MEN).

1. No candidate may compete more than twice in all under Normal Regulations and under Reconstruction Regulations for the situation of Officer of Customs and Excise.

2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 19 and under 21 years of age on 1st September, 1953.

But—

(a) a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may deduct the period of such service from his actual age;

(b) a candidate who has served or is serving in H.M. Forces otherwise than on a regular or regular short-service engagement may deduct the period of such service from his actual age, up to a maximum of two years;

(c) candidates who have served in any established post to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding two years which they have spent in such service before 1st September, 1953.

3. Sex.

Men only are eligible.

4. Nationality.

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 Her 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 Her 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 Her 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.

5. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character.

6. Examination.

(a) Written examination	Maximum marks
(1) English	200
(2) Elementary Mathematics	100
(3) General Paper 1	100
(4) General Paper 2	100
(5) General Paper 3	100
(b) Interview	300

The interview will be held after the written examination. Of the candidates who obtain the highest aggregate marks in the written examination a certain number, to be determined by the Civil Service Commissioners, will be summoned to interview. The final order of merit will be determined by the total of the marks obtained in the written examination and in the interview. Candidates must obtain such a total of marks in the examination as a whole as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

7. 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.

8. Fee.

An application fee of 15s. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of £1 5s., being the balance of the prescribed fee of £2, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations, the written examination commencing on 1st December, 1953.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 8th October, 1953, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

BOROUGH OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne have made application to the Minister of Housing and Local Government (hereinafter called "the Minister") for the issue of an Order under section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875 wholly to repeal section 37 of the Ashton-under-Lyne Improvement Act, 1886 (which deals with the minimum height of habitable rooms in new buildings) so as to enable the Corporation to make a byelaw under the Public Health Act, 1936 providing that the minimum height of such rooms shall be seven feet six inches:

Notice is hereby given that the Minister will consider any objections or representations made to him in writing before Thursday, the 1st October, 1953 by any person or body interested in the subject-matter of the said application. Such objections or representations should be addressed to the Secretary,