

service on duties proper to an adult class ; provided that

(a) candidates whose full-time adult service began on or before 31st May, 1946, are exempted from the lower age limit of 25 ;

(b) candidates who entered the Post Office as Boy Messengers or Girl Probationers before 2nd April, 1945 (whatever the date on which their full-time adult service began) are exempted from the lower age limit of 25 and also from the requirement of three years' full-time service on duties proper to an adult class.

In all cases the conditions must be satisfied by the first day of the examination, and the service must have been continuous.

4. Sex and Marriage.

(i) Both men and women are eligible.

(ii) Married women are not eligible for appointment to Branch B of the Foreign Service ; a woman member of Branch B must resign her appointment on marriage.

(iii) Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who retired compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widows or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible for appointment to the Home Civil Service unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid. Provided that this undertaking will not be required if the break between the first period of service (including any period of unestablished service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

(iv) The approval of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is required before a successful male candidate who is married takes up appointment in Branch B of the Foreign Service.

5. 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.

For the Foreign Service every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, and have been born within the United Kingdom or one of the self-governing Dominions, of parents both of whom were also born within the United Kingdom or one of the self-governing Dominions.

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 satisfy the conditions laid down above for the Home Civil Service.

6. Health and Character.

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

7. Examination.

The examination will be in the following subjects:—

1. English.
2. Arithmetic.
3. General Knowledge.
4. One of the following:—
Mathematics, French, German, History, Geography, Economics.

To be eligible for consideration for a Post in Branch B of the Foreign Service a candidate must

take either French or German as subject 4, and must reach a satisfactory standard in it.

Candidates will be arranged in order of merit according to their total marks in the examination as a whole. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard that satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners. Not more than one-third of the vacancies to be filled from the examination will be available for persons serving as Postal and Telegraph Officers in the Post Office.

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. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department 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.

Before a successful candidate can be assigned to Branch B of the Foreign Service he must establish, in an interview at the Foreign Office, that he is in all respects suitable for appointment to the Foreign Service.

10. Fee.

An application fee of 7s. 6d. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of 12s. 6d., being the balance of the prescribed fee of £1, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

11. The application form must be accompanied by a certificate from the authorities of the Department in which the candidate is serving in the space provided on the application form, that he (or she) satisfies the conditions laid down in Clauses 2 and 3 of these Regulations and that his (or her) service has been approved.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Limited Competition will be held under the above Regulations commencing on 2nd March, 1954.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 31st December, 1953, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION.

LONDON TRAFFIC ACT, 1924.

LONDON PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACT, 1933.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation has made "The City of London Traffic (Old Broad Street) (Restriction of Waiting) Regulations, 1953" (S.I. 1953 No. 1802), coming into operation on the 28th December, 1953, which prohibit, with certain exceptions, the waiting of vehicles on the west side of that length of Old Broad Street in the City of London, between its junction with Austin Friars and its junction with London Wall, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday or Sunday.

Copies may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 ; or through any bookseller, price 2d.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under section 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, authorising the stopping up of ten lengths of road at Blyth, Northumberland.

Copies of the draft Order and relative plan may be inspected in Room No. 30, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Berkeley Square House, London, W.1, and at the Blyth B.C. offices, Town Clerk's