

Civil Service Commission, 4th January, 1955.

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 THE RECRUITMENT OF MUSEUM ASSISTANTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM (BLOOMSBURY).

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

(ii) Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned 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.

2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age on 1st November, 1954. The Commissioners have not specified an upper age limit for this competition. In general, however, Government Departments require a reasonable period of service from persons newly appointed to the Civil Service and the Commissioners will give weight to this factor in considering candidates for these posts who are over 50 years of age.

3. 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.

4. Qualifications.

Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have received such systematic education as in the Commissioners' opinion fits them for appointment.

They must:-

(a) have obtained a School Certificate, preferably with a credit in an Arts subject; or

(b) have obtained the General Certificate of Education with a pass at the Ordinary level in English language (or English, or English Literature) and in not fewer than three other subjects, at least one of which should preferably be an Arts subject; or

(c) have obtained the Scottish Leaving Certificate with passes on the lower grade in English and three other subjects at least one of which should preferably be an Arts subject, or produce a statement from the Scottish Education Department showing that they have attained an equivalent standard; or

(d) have obtained passes in the Senior Certificate Examination of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland in 1952 or after in the subjects prescribed under (b) above, or produce a statement from the Ministry that they have attained an equivalent standard; or

(e) have passed

(i) the Forces Preliminary Examination, or

(ii) the Royal Air Force Higher Education Test, Part I, or

(iii) the Admiralty Higher Educational Test, Second Class, preferably with a pass in all cases in an arts subject; or

(f) have passed an examination accepted by the Commissioners as of an academic standard equivalent to or higher than those named above.

Exceptionally, the above requirements may be waived for candidates with experience of special value to the Museum.

5. Experience.

Candidates for appointment direct to the established grade must have had at least two years' comparable experience before the 1st November, 1954.

6. Competition.

Those candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications will be summoned to appear before a Selection Board in London which will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment, in an established or an unestablished capacity, the candidates who appear to be most suitable. The Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of education and experience, any recommendation that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interview, and on their estimation of the above evidence they will frame their recommendations. The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

7. Health and Character.

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

8. Candidates trained as Teachers.

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, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

9. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their application through Members of Parliament or other influential persons (except as referees to be named by them in their application form) will disqualify them for appointment.

10. Appointment.

Successful candidates aged 18 or over on the 1st November, 1954, who possess the necessary experience (see Regulation 5 above) will enter the grade in an established capacity.

Other successful candidates will enter in an unestablished capacity in the first instance, and will be considered for established appointment after such period of training as may be necessary in each case subject to the minimum age-limit of 18. When the training period exceeds two years, the Commissioners may require the officer to satisfy a second Interview Board set up by them at the end of his training.

Appointment to the established staff will be conditional upon the issue of the Commissioners' certificate of qualification.

11. Fee.

A successful candidate for established appointment will be required to pay a fee of £1 before the issue of a certificate of qualification.

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The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, the following amendment has been made in the Regulations for the recruitment of Assistant Preventive Officers in the Waterguard Service of the Customs and Excise Department dated 23rd November, 1954, and published in the London Gazette of the same date, viz.:-

After Regulation 7 sub-paragraph (ii) (b) add a new sub-paragraph (c) as follows:-

"or (c) have contracted to complete in the Royal Air Force a fixed period of whole-time voluntary service (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) which would have qualified under (a) and been released, with full terminal benefits, before completing that period, under special arrangements made by the Air Ministry for those returning from service overseas near the end of their engagement."