

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. Health and Character.

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

5. Qualifications.

(i) Candidates must, by the date on which they submit their application forms, have passed in one and the same examination for the General Certificate of Education at the Ordinary level in English, Language, Mathematics, and one other subject, preferably Art or Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing or Engineering Drawing or comparable subject; or

(ii) Candidates educated in Scotland should normally have passed the examination for the Scottish Leaving Certificate on the lower grade in English, Mathematics and one other subject, preferably Art (or Technical Drawing where candidates have taken Technical Subjects). Passes must have been obtained in all the 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. This certificate must indicate whether or not the candidate has reached the required standard in Art or Technical Drawing. Application for certificates should be made to the Secretary, Scottish Education Department, Government Buildings, Broomhill Drive, Saughton, Edinburgh, 11; or

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

6. Competition.

The Commissioners may summon to appear before a Selection Board all who are found to be *prima facie* eligible, or may, if they see fit, summon only those whose qualifications are considered to be most suitable. Candidates who have not obtained a pass in Art or Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing (or comparable subjects) in the General Certificate of Education, the Scottish Leaving Certificate, or the Northern Ireland Senior Certificate examinations will be required to take an informal drawing test which will be held immediately prior to the interview. The Selection Board will recommend to the Civil Service Commissioners those candidates considered most suitable for appointment. The Commissioners' decision will be final.

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.

A successful candidate must pay a fee of £1 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment, provided that this fee will not be required from a candidate who attends the written examination of September, 1955, for Plans Assistants and pays the prescribed fee for that examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competition will be held under the above Regulations in November, 1955.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before 30th September, 1955, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 30th August, 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 VETERINARY OFFICERS, RESEARCH OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT VETERINARY INVESTIGATION OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD.

1. Age.

Candidates must have been born on or before 1st September, 1932. There is no upper age limit,

but in appointing persons in a permanent capacity Departments expect regular and effective service for a reasonable period, and the Commissioners will take this requirement into account.

2. Sex and Marriage.

(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 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.

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. Qualification.

(a) Candidates for appointment as Veterinary Officer must have graduated as Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and have had at least one year's practical experience in some recognised branch of the veterinary profession after graduation.

(b) Candidates for appointment as Research Officer should normally be Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons but in exceptional cases this qualification may be dispensed with in view of the special requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the special qualifications of a candidate. Candidates for appointment as Assistant Veterinary Investigation Officer must be Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. For both grades, preference will be given to those candidates who have had post-graduate experience in laboratory research work or in some other recognised branch of the veterinary profession.

5. Health and Character.

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

6. Competition.

The Commissioners may summon to appear before the Selection Board all candidates who appear to be eligible, or may summon only those whose qualifications and experience are considered to be most suitable. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of experience and education, any recommendation from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work, and personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above facts they will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment those candidates who appear to them to be most suitable. The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

7. 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.