

Civil Service Commission, 26th June, 1956.

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 TO GRADE 6 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED ON REGULAR ENGAGEMENTS WITH H.M. FORCES.

1. No candidate may compete more than twice under these or similar Regulations.

2. *Age.*

No age limits are prescribed.

3. *Sex and Marriage.*

Both men and women are eligible, but:—

(i) Married women are not eligible. A woman member of Branch B must resign her appointment on marriage.

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

4. *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 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. *Service.*

(i) All candidates must either

(a) have completed, or on 1st November of the year in which the examination is held be within one year of completing, a period of not less than three years' continuous full-time service in H.M. Forces of which not less than one year must have been whole-time voluntary service entered into for a fixed period (including in the case of officers a permanent commission); or

(b) have contracted to complete 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 invalidated before completing that period; 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.

(ii) No candidate will be eligible whose whole-time service ceased more than two years before 1st November of the year in which the examination is held.

6. *Health and Character.*

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

7. *Examination.*

The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, a General Paper, and a test of General Intelligence.

Candidates will be arranged in order of merit on their total mark 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 a total 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 Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners. This does not apply to teachers trained in England or Wales.

9. *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.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations on 2nd October, 1956.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 26th July, 1956. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

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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 TO THE CLERICAL CLASSES (GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL) OF THE HOME CIVIL SERVICE OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED ON REGULAR ENGAGEMENTS WITH H.M. FORCES.

1. No candidate may compete more than twice under these or similar Regulations.

2. *Age.*

No age limits are prescribed.

3. *Sex.*

(i) Both men and women are eligible.

(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.

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.