

SUPPLIES AND SERVICES.

COAL DISTRIBUTION.

The Minister of Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1957—S.I. 1957, No. 696, copies of which may be purchased (price 3d. net) direct from H.M. Stationery Office at any of the addresses shown on the last page of this Gazette.

Ministry of Power,
Thames House South,
Millbank, S.W.1.
25th April, 1957.

Commonwealth Relations Office.

26th April, 1957.

The QUEEN has approved the following relinquishment:—

SPECIAL LIST.

(EX-INDIAN ARMY) BRITISH ARMY.

Emergency Commission.

War Subs. Lt. R. L. Simpson (E.C.11805), relinquishes his commn., 18th Oct. 1956, on appt. to T.A. (No 2. 26.4 57.)

Civil Service Commission.

26th April, 1957.

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 SENIOR BRANCH OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

1. The competition is open to men and to unmarried women and widows. The approval of the Secretary of State is required before a successful man candidate who is married takes up appointment.

2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 26 and under 32 years of age on 1st August, 1957, but the upper age limit may be extended to 40 for members of H.M. Oversea Civil Service whose experience is directly relevant to the needs of the Foreign Service.

3. Qualifications and Experience.

Recruitment to the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service is normally from young university graduates of first or second class honours standard. A university degree is not essential for this competition, but candidates must have the education, the sound knowledge of international problems, and the experience of administrative or other work of a responsible nature, which are necessary for a career in the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service. They must also possess a competent knowledge of at least one foreign language. Though these posts are not specialist ones, there is particular need of candidates who, besides experience useful to the Foreign Service, have a knowledge of Middle Eastern and oriental languages, and preference will be given to such candidates.

4. Nationality.

A candidate will not be eligible for appointment unless at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and was born of parents each of whom is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times since birth:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, by special permission of the Secretary of State, be admitted to appointment if—

(i) he has at all times since his birth been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic, and

(ii) his father is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times from birth, and

(iii) he satisfies the Secretary of State that he is so closely connected with a country or territory within the Commonwealth either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in his favour.

5. Health and Character.

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

6. Competition.

Selection will be by tests and interviews of those candidates who appear to be best qualified. In short-listing the candidates to be interviewed the Commissioners will take account of their whole record, including education, National Service, employment or other experience interests and achievements, and will get confidential reports from their school, university or college, personal referees, Commanding Officer, and employers, including present employers. The tests and interviews of candidates will be:

(1) A language test. Candidates with a formal language qualification of honours degree standard will be exempted.

(2) Group tests and interviews at the Civil Service Selection Board. H.M. Oversea Civil Service candidates over 32 may be given a preliminary Board interview instead.

(3) For candidates recommended under (2), an interview by the Final Selection Board.

The Final Selection Board will recommend for appointment those candidates who are considered most suitable, and in accordance with their assessment of each candidate's qualifications and experience will recommend the grade to which he should be appointed.

7. Candidates trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers, elsewhere than in England and Wales, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority (e.g., the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

8. Canvassing.

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

9. Fee.

Each successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £4 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

10. The Commissioners' decision will be final in all matters concerning this competition.

Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation,
Berkeley Square House, W.1.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Air Corporations Act, 1949, has re-appointed Mr. W. A. Edmenson, C.B.E., as a part-time Member of British European Airways Corporation for a period of two years.

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation hereby gives notice that he has made an Order under s. 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, entitled "The Stopping up of Highways (West Ham) (No. 1) Order, 1957" authorising the stopping up of two lengths of Oxford Road, West Ham.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, or through any bookseller, price 3d. Copies may be inspected in Room 255, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, 21-37, Hereford Road, London, W.2, and at the West Ham C.B.C. Offices, West Ham Town Hall, Stratford, E.15, free of charge at all reasonable hours.

Any person aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, or that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the 26th April, 1957, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

S. M. A. Banister,

An Assistant Secretary of the
Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

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