

on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widowed 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.

10. *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.

11. *Fee.*

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

12. *Assignment.*

It will rest with the Commissioners to determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service but the wishes of the candidates will be met as far as possible.

13. The Commissioners' decision will be final on all matters concerning this competition.

Civil Service Commission, 4th March, 1958.

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 (1) OF SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, (2) TO THE PATENT EXAMINER CLASS.

1. Both men and women may compete.

2. *Application.*

A candidate may make one, and only one, application under these Regulations during the year.

3. *Age.*

Candidates must have attained the age of 21 years during the year in which they apply to enter the competition and must not have passed their 28th birthday on the 1st January in that year. BUT

(1) A candidate who has served or is serving in H.M. Overseas Civil Service or on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may for this purpose deduct from his actual age the period of such service rendered before 1st January of the year in which the competition is held.

(2) The maximum age limit of 28 is extended to 31 for candidates who hold a permanent appointment in the Experimental Officer Class.

4. *Nationality.*

(1) To be eligible for appointment (other than to a situation in the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply) a candidate must be a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic and in addition satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) if he was a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth—

(i) at least one of his parents must be, or have been at death, a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or

(ii) the candidate must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment;

(b) if he was not a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth, he must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly

been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(c) if not qualified under sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, he must satisfy the Commissioners 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.

(2) A candidate will not be eligible for appointment to a situation in the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply unless (i) at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and (ii) he was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and (iii) each of his parents was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and 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:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, if the conditions specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation are satisfied, be admitted to appointment by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Supply, as the case may be.

5. *Qualification.*

(a) (i) *For appointment as Scientific Officer:* Every candidate must have obtained a university degree with first or second class honours in a scientific subject (including Engineering) or in Mathematics or an equivalent qualification; but the Commissioners may, at their discretion admit a candidate without the prescribed qualification if he can produce evidence of high professional attainment.

(ii) *For appointment as Patent Examiner:* Every candidate must have obtained a university degree with first or second class honours in Physics, organic or inorganic Chemistry, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering or in Mathematics or an equivalent qualification, or have achieved corporate membership of one of the major professional institutions, e.g. A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.E.E., A.R.I.C.

The Commissioners may as their discretion admit a candidate without the prescribed qualification if he can produce evidence of high professional attainment.

(b) A candidate holding a permanent appointment in the Experimental Officer Class who is at least 28 and has not passed his or her 31st birthday on the 1st January of the year in which he or she applies to enter the competition and who does not fulfil the above requirements may be admitted on the recommendation of the Government Department in which he or she is serving.

(c) BUT CANDIDATES SITTING FOR THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATION AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR OF THE COMPETITION MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE COMPETITION BEFORE THE RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION IS KNOWN. A CANDIDATE WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE DECLARED SUCCESSFUL UNLESS ON THE RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION HE OR SHE SATISFIES REGULATION 5 (a) (i) OR 5 (a) (ii) ABOVE.

6. *Competition.*

(i) The Commissioners may at their discretion summon candidates to a preliminary informal interview.

(ii) Likely candidates will be chosen, on the basis of the information available, to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners.

(iii) The Selection Board in making their recommendations to the Commissioners for appointments to posts of Scientific Officers, and the Commissioners in making their final decision, will give weight to the candidate's capacity or potentiality for original research or development work; and they will as a rule expect this quality to be demonstrated in a candidate's record.

(iv) The Selection Board will recommend to the Commissioners those candidates whom they judge to be fitted for appointment to posts in the Patent Examiner and Patent Officer Classes.

7. *Health and Character.*

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