

“(b.) To the Clerical Division unless he has passed an examination hereinafter called the ‘Entrance Examination’:

“(c.) To the General Division unless he has obtained the certificate of competency in Standard IV provided for by the regulations under the Education Act, 1908:

“Provided that in any case the Commissioner may accept an examination which in his opinion is equivalent to the one required.”

Regulation No. 161 is amended by deleting the last sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof the sentence: “No one shall be appointed to the Clerical Division unless his age at the time of appointment is not less than fifteen nor more than twenty-five years, and no one shall be appointed to the Professional Division unless his age is not less than seventeen years at the time of appointment.”

Regulation No. 161 is further amended by adding the following proviso after the words “section 40 of the said Act” :—

“And provided further that a member of the Military Branch of the Defence Forces who has passed the Entrance or Senior Examination may be transferred to the Civil branch of that Department, and may be admitted in such class or subdivision as the Commissioner thinks fit.”

Regulation No. 162 is amended by deleting the words “either the Professional or” in the first sentence.

Regulation No. 163 is amended by deleting the words “or Professional” from the first sentence. The regulation is further amended by deleting the second sentence, and substituting in lieu thereof the sentence: “By passing the Senior Examination, including the subjects required of Professional officers in any Department, an officer of the General or Clerical Division may qualify for promotion to the Professional Division of such Department.”

163A. The Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, from time to time transfer from the General Division to the Eighth or Seventh Class of the Clerical Division any person who has served for at least two years in the General Division, and who has passed the examination prescribed for candidates for appointment to the Clerical Division. Every person so transferred shall, so far as seniority for promotion is concerned, be placed at the bottom of the class to which he is transferred, but he shall be entitled to not less than the same salary as that which he received immediately before such transfer.

Regulation No. 172 is hereby cancelled, and the following regulation made in lieu thereof :—

“The syllabus and procedure for the Civil Service Senior Examination are adopted, and are to remain in force for all Senior Examinations until February, 1915.”

Regulation No. 173 is hereby amended by deleting the words “7th September in each year,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “8th September in each year. The candidate’s notice may, however, be received between the 8th and the 15th September if it is accompanied with a receipt for a late fee of £1 paid to the Public Account at some branch of the Bank of New Zealand.” Regulation No. 173 is further amended by deleting the word “Commissioner,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Education Department.”

Regulation No. 177 is hereby amended by deleting the words “shall not exceed 2,400,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “shall not exceed 2,200: Provided that if the number of marks assignable to the subjects taken by a candidate in accordance with this condition falls short of the total marks permissible, he may be allowed to select another subject, although the marks for this subject may make the possible maximum aggregate of marks for the subjects taken greater than 2,200, but in any such case the candidate shall be assigned such total marks only in the examination as shall bear the same proportion to 2,200 as his actual marks do to the possible maximum aggregate of the subjects taken by him.”

Regulation No. 177 is further amended by omitting all words after “elementary home science.”

Regulation No. 178 is hereby amended by altering the maximum marks in certain subjects as follows: In arithmetic, 400 instead of 600; in elementary practical agriculture, 400 instead of 300; in shorthand, 300 instead of 200; and in each of the subjects Drawing I and Drawing II, 100 instead of 200. The regulation is further amended by adding, after the subject Elementary Physical Science, the following