

Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers in the Mercantile Marine.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 13th June, 1914.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me by the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, I, the Minister of Marine, do hereby make the following regulations for the conduct of examinations of engineers, and as to the qualification of candidates, and direct that the fees specified in such regulations shall be paid to the Chief Examiner. These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of August next, and shall then supersede any rules or regulations heretofore existing and affecting such examinations, qualifications, and fees.

F. M. B. FISHER,
Minister of Marine.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF ENGINEERS IN THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

PRELIMINARY.

1. UNDER the provisions of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, every intercolonial steamship or sea-going home-trade steamship* is required to have engineers according to the following scale:—

Indicated Horse-power.	Number and Grade of Engineers.
Not more than 150 ..	One, holding a certificate of competency or service of the second class or higher.
More than 150 and not more than 300— (a.) If running less than 300 miles between terminal ports (b.) In all other cases ..	One, holding a certificate of competency or service of the second class or higher. Two, to wit,— A chief engineer, holding a certificate of competency or service of the second class or higher; and A second engineer, holding a certificate of competency of the third class, or service of the second class, or higher.
More than 300 and not more than 1,250— (a.) If running less than 300 miles between terminal ports (b.) In all other cases ..	Two, to wit,— A chief engineer, holding a certificate of competency or service of the first class; and A second engineer, holding a certificate of competency or service of the second class or higher. Three, to wit,— A chief engineer, holding a certificate of competency or service of the first class. A second engineer, holding a certificate of competency or service of the second class or higher; and A third engineer, holding a certificate of competency of the third class, or service of the second class, or higher.
For every additional 1,250 or part of 1,250 if engaged in the foreign or intercolonial trade, and for every 1,250 or part of 1,250 over and above 2,500 if engaged in the sea-going home trade only	One additional engineer.

* By a "home-trade ship" is meant one which is employed in trading or going between any ports or places in New Zealand, or plying on any navigable waters in New Zealand, or going to sea from any port or place in New Zealand and returning to New Zealand without going more than fifty miles from the coast thereof.

Indicated horse-power shall be assessed on the average horse-power indicated during the previous six months, as shown by the engineer's log-book.

For the purpose of this schedule, the expression "terminal port" means the port from which the steamship first takes her departure, and the last port at which she calls before commencing her return voyage.

Every foreign-going steamship trading beyond intercolonial limits of 100 nominal horse-power or upwards must have first- and second-class engineers, and every such steamship less than 100 nominal horse-power must have one engineer with a second-class certificate, or one of a higher grade.

2. Every person who is not possessed of a valid certificate appropriate to his grade who suffers himself to be engaged or acts in contravention of law, or who employs any person as engineer without ascertaining that he is at the time entitled to and possessed of a proper certificate, for each offence incurs a penalty not exceeding £50.

An officer is not duly certificated unless he is the holder for the time being of a certificate of competency or service, valid in New Zealand, of a grade appropriate to his station in the ship or of a higher grade.

3. The certificates of sea-going steam engineers are of two descriptions—viz., certificates of competency and certificates of service; and of certificates of competency there are three grades—viz., first-class, second-class, and third-class; of certificates of service there are two grades—viz., first and second class. The certificates of restricted-limit steam engineers are of two grades—viz., river engineers and marine-engine drivers. The certificates of engineers of ships propelled by mechanical power other than steam are of two grades for sea-going vessels—viz., first and second class—and one grade for restricted limits.

4. Certificates of competency will be granted to those persons who are British subjects and who pass the requisite examinations, and otherwise comply with the requisite conditions. For this purpose Examiners have been appointed, and arrangements have been made for holding the examinations at the following places, viz.:—

At Auckland, during the first three working-days in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

At Hamilton, during the first three working-days in January, May, and September.

At Napier, during the first three working-days in February, June, and October.

At Wanganui, during the first three working-days in February, June, and October.

At Palmerston North, during the first three working-days in February, June, and October.

At Wellington, during the first three working-days in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

At Nelson, during the first three working-days in February, June, and October.

At Greymouth, during the first three working-days in February, June, and October.

At Christchurch, during the first three working-days in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

At Timaru, during the first three working-days in March, July, and November.

At Dunedin, during the first three working-days in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

At Invercargill, during the first three working-days in April, August, and December.

In cases of emergency the Examiners will exercise their discretion as to examining candidates at other than the prescribed periods.