

his services are insufficient to entitle him to receive a certificate of the grade for which he has passed, the certificate will not be granted to him; but if the Marine Department is satisfied that the error in the calculation of the candidate's services did not occur through any fault or wilful misrepresentation on his part, he may either have the fee returned to him or have it placed to his credit. Should his services entitle him to a certificate of a lower grade it may be granted to him, and the difference, if any, between the fee paid by him for the superior certificate and the fee payable for the inferior certificate will be returned to him or placed to his credit. The superior certificate will not be granted until the candidate has performed the amount of service in which he was deficient, and has been re-examined in all the subjects, unless the Marine Department see fit to dispense with the re-examination.

15. Failure in Examination.—In all cases of failure the candidate must be examined anew. If a candidate fails in seamanship he will not be re-examined until after a lapse of six months. Whether the whole or part of this period must be served at sea must depend upon the subjects in seamanship in which the candidate failed, but the amount of further sea service to be required will be left to the discretion of the Examiner.

16. Examiner's Report.—The Examiner, in making his report on the Form Exn. 14, should state what amount, if any, of further sea service the candidate must perform, and he should also insert this information in the Form Exn. 2.

17. Failure in Navigation.—If a candidate fails three times in navigation within three months he will not be re-examined until after a lapse of three months from the date of the last failure.

18. Failure in Extra Examinations.—Candidates for extra certificates will not be allowed to present themselves for examination more than three times within a period of twelve months.

19. Candidates failing may be examined for Certificate of Lower Grade.—If a candidate fails in his examination for an ordinary certificate, and the subjects in which he has failed are not included in the syllabus prescribed for a certificate of a lower grade, he may, if he so desires, be examined for the lower-grade certificate without further formal application or payment of fee, but he will be required to complete the whole of the work prescribed for such lower grade. If a candidate fails for the extra certificate he may also, without further formal application or payment of fee, proceed with the examination for the ordinary certificate, but in this case the whole of the examination prescribed for the lower grade will have to be completed irrespective of any work which may have been done under examination for the extra certificate. The subsequent examination for the lower grade may, if time permits, be taken during the current week, but in this case a fresh set of papers must be given; should the time be insufficient the candidate will be allowed to sit at the next following examination. No part, however, of the fee he has paid will be returned to him. On presenting himself when qualified for the re-examination for the higher certificate he will be required to pay a further full fee.

20. Failure in Seamanship.—If a candidate fails in seamanship, so far as regards the management of square-rigged sailing-vessels in his examination for an ordinary certificate, he may, if qualified as to service, without further formal application or further payment of fee, proceed with the examination for a certificate of competency for foreign-going steamships or for fore-and-aft-rigged vessels. And if a candidate fails in the same manner in his examination for an extra master's certificate he may, under the same conditions as above, proceed with the examination for an extra certificate for steamships.

21. Fee always paid first.—Candidates for examination, in making their application on Form Exn. 2, will be required to pay the examination fee before any step is taken in the way of inquiring into their services or testing their qualifications. If the candidate is found not to be eligible the fee will either be returned to him or placed to his credit until he is eligible.

22. Where to pay Fees.—The fee for examination must be paid to the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine office. If a candidate offers a gratuity to any officer of the Department he will be regarded as having committed an act of misconduct, and will be rejected, and not allowed to be again examined for twelve months either at the port where the offence was committed or at any other port.

23. If a candidate fails to pass the examination no part of the fee will be returned to him.