

Any candidate who has obtained his first certificate under these conditions may obtain his higher certificates, provided that he has normal vision using both eyes or either eye separately.

Detailed information with regard to the conduct of the examination and the standards required is contained in Appendix I.

(c.) **Colour-vision Test.**—Every candidate must undergo the colour-vision test on every occasion on which he presents himself for examination for his first certificate of competency; but if he then passes he will not be required by the Marine Department to undergo the colour-vision tests on any subsequent occasion.

No person who holds a certificate of competency should be examined in colour vision.

(d.) A candidate who fails to pass the prescribed form-vision test may present himself for re-examination at intervals of three months. A candidate who fails to pass the colour-vision test or who is referred by the local Examiner for further examination is not allowed to be re-examined locally. In the case of a candidate who is referred for further examination the Marine Department will make arrangements for a special examination, and it is also open to any candidate who is adjudged to have failed in the local colour-vision test to appeal to the Department, which may, if it thinks fit, remit the case to a special body of Examiners for decision.

(e.) The Marine Department will repay, at a rate which will be notified to the candidate, the travelling-expenses of any candidate who is referred for further examination, as well as the travelling-expenses of any candidate who, having appealed against local failure, is reported by the Special Examiners to have passed. No payment whatever will be made towards the expenses of candidates who, upon their own application, are examined by the Special Examiners, and are reported by them to have failed, unless the Marine Department considers that the particular circumstances of the case justify such payment.

The special examinations will be held in Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton (or Christchurch), and Dunedin.

(f.) When a candidate fails to pass the local colour-vision test the Examiner will point out to him the conditions under which he can appeal. Appeals are to be made through the Examiner, and forwarded to the Marine Department with the Examiner's remarks.

(g.) Only Examiners who have themselves passed the colour-vision tests are to undertake the local examinations.

(h.) The fee paid for examination for a certificate of competency includes the fee of 2s. 6d. for examination in form and colour vision; and if the candidate fails to pass those tests this fee will, with the exception of 2s. 6d., be returned to him.

(i.) No additional fee will be charged to any candidate referred for special examination, or for the special examination allowed to a candidate who appeals against failure locally. If, however, a candidate who has been reported by the Special Examiners as having failed is still dissatisfied it will be open to him, if he so desires, to present himself for a second special examination on payment of a fee of five guineas, provided that he brings with him a friend to witness the examination.

This second examination will, however, be entirely voluntary, and will form no part of the Department's examination for a certificate of competency. The Marine Department will, however, give consideration to the result of such examination in determining whether a certificate shall be granted.

The sight-tests are open to all persons serving or intending to serve in the mercantile marine or in fishing-vessels, and all such persons are recommended to take the earliest opportunity of ascertaining whether their vision is such as to qualify them for service in that profession. Any such person, if desirous of undergoing the tests, must make application to the Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine office on the Form Exn. 2b, and must pay a fee of 2s. 6d.

This fee will be payable on each occasion on which a candidate is examined.

#### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE VARIOUS GRADES.

##### CERTIFICATES FOR FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS OR ORDINARY CERTIFICATES.

28. **Square-rigged Service required.**—A candidate for an ordinary certificate of any grade who has not previously held an ordinary