

Candidates may be examined at any port where ordinary examinations are held upon filling up the form of application (Exn. 2) and paying the fee of £1. No fee, however, will be charged for this examination if it is taken at the same time as that at which a candidate is examined for any certificate of competency.

VOLUNTARY EXAMINATION IN STEAM.

97. **Examination in Steam.**—These examinations are provided for the purpose of giving masters and mates who are possessed of certificates of competency an opportunity of undergoing a voluntary examination as to their practical knowledge of the use and working of the steam-engine. They are conducted by the Examiners of Engineers appointed by the Marine Department.

98. **Persons eligible: How to apply.**—The examination is open to any person who holds a certificate of any grade in the foreign or home trade, or as master of his own pleasure-yacht. Candidates should fill up the form of application (Form Exn. 2) at a mercantile marine office, pay the fee of £1, and deposit their certificates with the Superintendent. The Superintendent will inform the applicant when and where to attend to be examined. If the candidate fails to pass his certificate will be at once returned to him. Full particulars of the examination are given in Appendix H.

99. **Result of Examination.**—If he passes, the report (Exn. 14) will be sent to the Marine Department with the certificate of competency, together with the Form Exn. 2; and the words "Certified to have passed in steam," with the date and place of examination, will then be entered on the certificate and its counterpart, and the certificate will be sent to the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine office of the port named in the Form Exn. 2, and be delivered to the candidate in the usual manner.

100. **In Case of Failure.**—If a candidate fails he may not present himself for re-examination until the expiration of three months from the date of failure.

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE.

101. **Persons qualified.**—A person who has attained the rank of lieutenant, sub-lieutenant, navigating lieutenant, or navigating sub-lieutenant in His Majesty's Navy, or of lieutenant in His Majesty's Indian Marine Service, is entitled to a certificate of service as master of a foreign-going ship without examination.

102. **Form of Application.**—Applications for certificates of service must be made on the proper printed form, to be obtained free of charge from the Superintendent of any Mercantile Marine office.

103. **How to apply.**—Applications for certificates of service by officers of the Royal Navy on the Active List must be made through their Commanding Officers, and applications from officers who have retired from the Royal Navy or who are on half-pay must be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty, who in either case will forward the application to the Marine Department.

AMBULANCE CERTIFICATES AND GOVERNMENT AWARDS.

104. An officer in the mercantile marine who holds a certificate of proficiency in first aid to the injured from the St. John's or St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, or some equivalent certificate, can have the fact endorsed on his certificate of competency, provided the latter was issued before the 1st January, 1909, if the two certificates are forwarded to the Secretary, Marine Department, either directly or through the Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine office.

Recipients of Government awards can also have the fact stamped on their certificates of competency if they submit evidence of the award, together with their certificate, in a similar manner.

RULES FOR ESTIMATING SEA SERVICE.

105. **Sea Service.**—In these regulations sea service is reckoned from the commencement to the termination of the voyage. The certificate of discharge will generally be accepted as proof of sea service. Superintendents and Examiners will be careful to see that these discharges have not been in any way tampered with, and will report any suspicious cases to the Marine Department.

For all certificates of competency as master or mate in the mercantile marine the qualifying-service usually required is service performed in ordinary trading-vessels. While the regulations provide