

as the senior officer, will be accepted as qualifying-service for a certificate of this grade. Great care must be exercised by the Examiners and others in regard to such service; and unless the candidate produces a clear and satisfactory certificate, specially setting forth the above facts, from the master or owner of the vessel in which the service was performed, it must not be accepted.

116. **Additional Mates.**—Service as additional or auxiliary first or second mate in large foreign-going vessels, when in both cases third and fourth mates are also carried, will count as first mate's or second mate's service, as the case may be, provided that the candidate was entered on the articles in one of these capacities, and that he produces the necessary certificate (see para. 115) showing that he was in charge of a watch or watches during the whole time claimed (see also para. 6).

117. **Promotion during Voyage.**—Whenever a man has, from any cause, been regularly promoted on the occurrence of a vacancy in the course of the voyage from the rank in which he first shipped, and such promotion, with the ground on which it has been made, is properly entered in the articles and in the official log-book, he will receive credit for his service in the higher grade for the period subsequent to his promotion.

118. **Evidence of Service in Foreign Vessels.**—The testimonials of service of foreigners and of British officers and seamen serving in foreign vessels, which cannot be verified by the Marine Department, must be confirmed either by the Consul of the country to which the ship in which the candidate served belonged, or by some other recognized official authority of that country, or by the testimony of some credible person on the spot having personal knowledge of the facts required to be established. The production, however, of such proofs will not of necessity be deemed sufficient. Each case will be decided on its own merits, and if the sufficiency of the proofs given appears to be at all doubtful it must be referred to the Marine Department.

119. **Auxiliary-screw Ships.**—Service in auxiliary-screw whaling-ships, and in vessels with auxiliary power which use their screws only in calms or during light winds, is considered as service performed in sailing-vessels.

120. **Excursion Steamers.**—In the case of excursion steamers only such service as can be proved to have been performed at sea will be accepted.

121. **Service as Carpenter, Sailmaker, Cook, Steward, &c.**—Candidates whose service has been performed in capacities other than apprentice, midshipman, cadet, ordinary seaman, or able seaman—*e.g.*, men who have served as carpenter, or sailmaker, or as cook in small vessels where cooking is only part of a man's duty—will be required to satisfy the Examiner or the Marine Department that they have during the whole time claimed performed deck duties in addition to their own particular work, and that they have a good knowledge of seamanship. These facts may possibly be proved by the production of satisfactory certificates from the masters with whom the applicant has served; but such service will only be accepted as equivalent to two-thirds of the time served as ordinary deck hand. Failing satisfactory evidence the applicant will be required to perform additional service in the capacity of seaman. Service as cook (under other conditions than the above), or as steward, or as purser, or as wireless operator will not be accepted.

122. **Service in Fishing or Pilot Vessels.**—Service performed exclusively in trawlers and other deep-sea fishing-vessels or in pilot-vessels will not qualify a candidate for examination. He must, in addition, prove the following service:—

- (1.) For a foreign-going certificate, service for at least eighteen months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign trade, or the equivalent period, twenty-seven months, in the home or coasting trade.
- (2.) For a home-trade certificate, service for at least twelve months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign, home, or coasting trade.

123. **Service in Yachts.**—Service in pleasure-yachts will be accepted as qualifying-service under the following conditions:—

- (a.) It must in all cases be verified by satisfactory proofs, which must set forth clearly and in detail the nature and duration of the service claimed; and it must be distinctly understood that only actual sea service will be accepted, and that service in harbour or port is inadmissible.