

129. **Schools for Nautical Training.**—Time spent at a school for nautical training conducted on premises ashore may be allowed to count in some proportion, not exceeding one-half, as service at sea, provided that—

- (a.) The school is in receipt of a grant from the Board of Education under the Regulations for Schools of Nautical Training:
- (b.) After an inspection by one of their officers the Marine Department are satisfied that the school gives a training that justifies time spent there being reckoned as part of the necessary qualifying-time for a certificate of competency:
- (c.) The candidate produces a satisfactory certificate as regards conduct and proficiency from the authorities of the school on leaving it.

The proportion in which time spent at a school conducted on premises ashore will be accepted as qualifying under the above provisions will be decided after inspection by one of the Marine Department's officers, but time spent at the school will never be counted as equivalent to more than one-half of the same time spent at sea, nor will it in any circumstances be taken as equivalent to more than one year at sea.

130. **Apprentices.**—The *whole* of the time claimed under indentures of apprenticeship will be accepted as actual sea service to qualify under para. 30 for second mate's certificate, provided—

- (a) that the indentures have not been cancelled through some fault of the candidate, but are endorsed by the owner or master to whom he was bound to the effect that he has performed his service faithfully during the time he remained as apprentice; and (b) that the candidate had served at sea four-fifths of the time claimed—that is to say, has not spent more than one-fifth of the time in home ports.

In cases where an apprentice is qualified for examination before the expiration of his indentures—*e.g.*, where he has had training-ship or other sea service prior to being bound which, together with his actual time as apprentice, makes up the required four years, or where his indentures are for a period of more than four years—a letter from the owner or master will be accepted in place of the endorsement referred to above.

In the event of the candidate being short of the required four-fifths of the time claimed as apprentice he will be required to show sufficient additional sea service, either as seaman or junior officer, to make up the four-fifths of the time claimed.

131. **Midshipmen and Cadets.**—The *whole* of the time served as midshipman or cadet under indentures will also be accepted, subject to the same conditions as those laid down for apprentices; and the same will be the case even when not bound by indentures, provided that the service as midshipman or cadet has been continuous, and that on the date of the termination of the period of service claimed in this capacity the candidate was on articles of agreement, and that he is able to comply with the requirements laid down in the matter of serving or making up the four-fifths period at sea during the time claimed.

132. **Lighthouse Tenders.**—Service performed in the seagoing steam-vessels of Trinity House, of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, or of the Commissioner of Irish Lights, or in Scotch and Irish fishing-cruisers, will be accepted as sea service for the purpose of qualifying a candidate for examination for a home-trade certificate; but for a foreign-going certificate a candidate must show in addition to this service, calculated in accordance with para. 108, at least twelve months in an ordinary trading-vessel. In order to qualify a candidate for an ordinary certificate this twelve months must have been performed in a square-rigged sailing-vessel (see para. 108).

133. **Service in Royal Navy.**—Officers of the Royal Navy are at liberty to apply for certificates of service and to be examined for certificates of competency in the mercantile marine, but the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have directed that the applications of officers on the Active List should be made through their Commanding Officers, and that the applications of officers on half-pay should be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

The conditions on which certificates of service are issued are stated in para. 101.