

Under (a) he must be a candidate for a certificate of competency in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, or Sixth Standard, and under (b) he must be a candidate for a certificate of competency in Standard V.

(3.) Any candidate for a certificate of proficiency or competency who is over school age and is not on the roll of any school must give notice in the manner prescribed herein.

(4.) The Inspector may, if he see cause, refuse to examine for a certificate of competency any child on the roll of a public school who has not been instructed for at least six months in the work of the standard to which such certificate refers, or in the work of a higher standard; or to any candidate who has failed to reach the required standard at an examination held by an Inspector during the previous three months; or to any candidate in whose case he is not satisfied of the existence of one of the grounds named in clause 15 hereof.

(5.) Pupils presenting themselves for examination in S6 at the end of the year and failing to obtain certificates should not be re-examined until the lapse of six months from the date of the examination, except in special circumstances.

(6.) The Inspector may also hold special examinations of candidates, whether of school age or not, for certificates of competency or for certificates of proficiency at any place and time that may seem fit to him, and may require candidates for such special examinations to give fourteen days' notice of their intention to be examined.

(7.) By or on behalf of each candidate at such special examinations there shall be paid to the Inspector a fee of 5s., which shall be paid by the Inspector into the Public Account. No fee shall be payable in the case of any one examined at a school at the time of the Inspector's visit to such school.

14. (1.) With regard to pupils and others who are candidates for certificates of proficiency or competency, the Inspector may determine the qualifications of the candidates by one or other of the following methods: (a) Accept, in whole or in part, the head teacher's report, or the results of the head teacher's examination, or the records of the school, as sufficient evidence that candidates have reached the required standard of attainments; or (b) examine such candidates at the time of the visit of which notice has been given in accordance with clause 7, or at the time of any other visit; or (c) arrange to hold a central examination for all such candidates from places within a convenient radius, due notice of such examination being given (this examination is not to be regarded as a special examination within the meaning of clause 13 (6)); or (d), if these methods of determining the qualifications of a candidate be found to be impracticable, the Inspector may accept, in whole or in part, the results of any other suitable examination held by the Education Department, an Education Board, or other recognized authority, as evidence of the pupil's fitness to receive a certificate of proficiency; and he shall give certificates accordingly to all candidates that in his opinion qualify therefor in any of the four ways above mentioned.

(2.) As far as possible candidates for S6 certificates should be examined in their own schools.

(3.) In general, such an examination should not be held earlier than the 1st October.

(4.) In cases where it is impracticable to examine the children in the school to which they belong, the examination may be conducted in convenient centres, at which the pupils of neighbouring schools shall be required to attend.

(5.) The examination in such centres should in all cases be under the direct supervision of an Inspector.

(6.) For children who cannot be examined as set out in (2), (3), (4), or (5) herein, and only for these, a synchronous examination may be held, for which papers set by the Inspector will be worked by the children under such supervision as the Inspector approves.

(7.) In all schools visited early in the year in which the examination for S6 certificates cannot be conducted at the end of the year the Inspector shall take note of the prospective candidates for S6 certificates, and satisfy himself of the qualifications of the pupils so far as they can then be ascertained.

(8.) Before any examination for S6 certificates is held the Inspector shall be furnished by the head teacher with the courses of instruction in all subjects other than English and arithmetic, so that he may be able to frame his examination in accordance therewith.

(9.) Except in special cases, certificates of proficiency shall not be issued earlier than the 1st December, and the issue of a certificate shall be subject to satisfactory attendance on the part of each candidate up to the date of the examination.