

- (4.) As a Telegraph Engineer until he has qualified as an Assistant Engineer, and has passed in the B.Sc. Degree of the University of New Zealand, or B.E. (Electrical) Degree of the University of New Zealand, or all three subjects (f), (g), and (h), as follows:—

(f.) Advanced telegraph engineering, or A.M.I.E.E. Examination, taking telegraphy as a selected subject:

(g.) Advanced telephone engineering, or A.M.I.E.E. Examination, taking telephony as a selected subject:

(h.) Advanced electrical engineering, or A.M.I.E.E. Examination, taking electric lighting and power as a selected subject:

Provided that any officer who on the 1st April, 1919, had partially qualified for the position known as Technical Clerk under the Public Service Commissioner's Regulations shall be considered eligible for the position of Technical Clerk if during a period of two years from the above-mentioned date he completes the qualifications required for that position, and if at the time of his selection he is under thirty-five years of age; but any officer so partially qualified must submit to the Secretary on or before the 31st August, 1919, a statement of his qualifications and of his intention to qualify.

72. Subject to the provisions of section 14 of the said Act, no person shall be appointed—

(1.) To the Clerical Division, as a cadet, until he has passed the Entrance Examination:

(2.) As a shorthand-writer, typist, or machinist, until he has passed the Junior Examination for shorthand-writers and others.

73. The Entrance Examination shall be—

(a.) The Public Service Entrance Examination, or any examination the Secretary deems its equivalent; or

(b.) An examination in postal or telegraph work of a lower standard, but otherwise similar to the Competency Examination hereinafter prescribed.

74. (1.) The Junior Examination shall be—

(a.) For shorthand-writers, a test at the rate of eighty words a minute for ten minutes:

(b.) For typists, a test at the rate of forty words a minute for ten minutes:

(c.) For machinists, a test in the manipulation of calculating-machines.

- (2.) Before advancement beyond a salary of £143 per annum shorthand-writers, typists, and machinists shall pass the Senior Examination, which shall be of a higher standard but otherwise similar to the Junior Examination.

75. The Competency Examination shall be—

A. For officers engaged in a mail-room or a parcels-office:—

- (1.) The sorting test, being the assortment of an actual clearance of approximately 500 letters in accordance with the circulation list of the office to which the officer is attached; such test to be made under the close supervision of a controlling officer, who shall certify—

(a.) As to the manner in which the work has been performed:

(b.) As to the time taken in the test:

(c.) The number of letters handled, and the number of errors disclosed.

The standard of assortment shall be the sorting of 500 letters in fifteen minutes with a maximum of mistakes of 3 per centum.

- (2.) An examination in the rules and regulations of the Department and in the portions of the Post and Telegraph Guide of the current issue applicable to mail-room and parcels-post duties; also a general knowledge of such regulations as are common to all branches of the service. Cadets solely employed in postal duties shall be required to pass this examination.