

“(5.) As far as practicable officers will be given a course of training in practical work in the various branches enumerated below before they are eligible for promotion to the position of Assistant Telegraph Engineer.

“(a.) Laboratory.

“(b.) Draughting office.

“(c.) District Engineer's office (clerical).

“(d.) Workshops (mechanical and electrical).

“(e.) Field-work (telegraph and telephone).

“(f.) Automatic telephone exchange.

“The course may be varied in order to meet special requirements depending on the aptitude of the officers or the exigencies of the Service.”

Clause (2) of regulation 74 is hereby amended by substituting for the words “Class IV of the General Division,” the words “the salary provided in the sixth subdivision of the scale in the Second Schedule.”

Regulation 79 is hereby amended by altering the word “tenth” in the last line to “ninth.”

Regulation 80 is hereby amended by the addition of the following sentence: “In allotting marks in examinations in telegraph operating the quality of the handwriting shall be taken into consideration.”

Clause (4) of regulation 89 is hereby revoked, and the following clause substituted therefor:—

“(4.) This regulation applies equally to members of the permanent and temporary staffs, with the exception of temporary workmen. Temporary workmen shall be paid for the actual time worked (apart from the annual leave and holidays provided in regulation 87 (2) (a) and (b) thereof).”

Regulation 90 and its amendments are hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted therefor:—

“90. The Secretary may allow officers special leave to enable them to attend University lectures where the circumstances appear to him to warrant it. In every case where leave is granted for the above purpose the Secretary shall satisfy himself that the officer duly attends the said lectures, and may in any case direct that the time be made up at a suitable opportunity.

“Approved engineering officers desirous of obtaining the degree of B.Sc. of the New Zealand University may be granted leave to attend lectures at a University for a term not exceeding four years, subject to the following conditions:—

“(a.) The application for leave must be approved by the Secretary. Such approval may be cancelled at any time if the applicant's work and behaviour are not considered as being satisfactory:

“(b.) Progress reports may be obtained from the Professors of the various classes; and if these, in the opinion of the Secretary, show that the concession is being abused, or that the student is not utilizing it to the best of his ability, then the Secretary may cancel his approval of the leave:

“(c.) The leave during the college session—except the vacation periods—may be eight hours per week during the first two years, and ten hours per week during the third and fourth years, and all such leave shall be on full pay:

“(d.) The Department will pay the University fees, both college and class, in the prescribed subjects as set out in regulation 71, and bear the cost of necessary text-books:

“(e.) The officer shall be required to refund the cost of books and University fees paid by the Department, together with an amount equal to the value of the ‘time off’ granted during the fourth year if he leaves the Department at any time up to three years after he has obtained the degree of B.Sc.”

The second paragraph of regulation 116 is amended by the insertion of the words “when instructed and” between the words “shall” and “where.”

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