

59. **Qualifications for Confirmation as Midshipman.**—In order to qualify for confirmation as Midshipman a Probationary Midshipman must—

- (a.) Have completed six months' naval training :
- (b.) Be recommended for confirmation by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which he performed such annual training.

60. **Qualifications for Promotion to Acting Sub-Lieutenant.**—In order to qualify for promotion to Acting Sub-Lieutenant a midshipman must—

- (a.) Be twenty-one years of age. (This age may be altered from time to time to approximate to the age for promotion of Midshipmen, R.N.)
- (b.) Have performed six months' naval training.
- (c.) Hold Board of Trade or equivalent second mate's (or superior) certificate of competency.
- (d.) Have satisfactory records and reports of service in the mercantile marine.

61. **Probationary Sub-Lieutenant—Qualifications for Entry.**—A direct entrant in this rank must—

- (a.) Be over twenty-one and under twenty-four years of age :
- (b.) Possess a Board of Trade first mate's (or superior) certificate of competency, or such other certificate of competency as the Naval Board may consider satisfactory :
- (c.) Produce satisfactory records and reports of service at sea :
- (d.) Have served at sea within six months of making his application for a commission :
- (e.) Certify that he intends to follow the sea as his profession.

62. **Obligatory Naval Training—Acting and Probationary Sub-Lieutenants.**—The obligatory naval training of an Acting and a Probationary Sub-Lieutenant shall be three months' continuous naval training, to consist of a five or six weeks' gunnery course, followed by training afloat in one of H.M. ships for the remainder of the period. Such training shall be performed within two years from the date of promotion to Acting Sub-Lieutenant or entry as a Probationary Sub-Lieutenant.

NOTES.—Acting and Probationary Sub-Lieutenants will be given a test certificate covering the whole period of three months.

Midshipmen, Acting and Probationary Sub-Lieutenants who fail to qualify for promotion during the above periods of training may, at the discretion of the Naval Board, be given a further period of naval training as an alternative to discharge from the reserve.

63. **Qualifications for Confirmation of Probationary Sub-Lieutenant.**—In order to qualify for confirmation a Probationary Sub-Lieutenant must—

- (a.) Have completed three months' naval training as shown in article 90 of these regulations :
- (b.) Be in possession of test certificate on completion of such training :
- (c.) Be recommended as suitable for confirmation by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which such training was performed.

64. **Qualifications for Promotion—Acting Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant.**—In order to qualify for promotion to Lieutenant an Acting Sub-Lieutenant must—

- (a.) Have attained one year's seniority as Acting Sub-Lieutenant :
- (b.) Have served not less than one year at sea since promotion to Acting Sub-Lieutenant ; service both in the Naval Forces and mercantile marine shall count towards the necessary period of one year's service at sea :
- (c.) Have performed three months' naval training and obtained a test certificate :
- (d.) Have satisfactory records and reports of service for the period under subsection (b) of this article, including a certificate to the effect that he has kept a bridge watch at sea throughout the whole period, except during the three months' naval training referred to in subsection (c) of this article, either in charge or as "junior bridge-keeping officer of the watch."

65. **Probationary Lieutenant—Qualifications for Entry.**—In special circumstances an officer who possesses a Board of Trade or other master's certificate of competency may, at the discretion of the Naval Board, be entered direct in the R.N.R. (N.Z.D.) as Probationary Lieutenant, provided he does not exceed the age of twenty-eight years.

66. **Probationary Lieutenant—Obligatory Training and Confirmation.**—Probationary Lieutenants shall be subject to the same regulations as Probationary Sub-Lieutenants as regards obligatory training and confirmation in rank. (*See articles 90 and 91 of these regulations.*)

67. **Obligatory Naval Training—Sub-Lieutenant and Lieutenant.**—The obligatory naval training of a Sub-Lieutenant and a Lieutenant shall consist of twenty-eight days' training biennially, the first such period being performed within two years of obtaining the test certificate referred to in article 90 of these regulations.