

74. **Qualifications for Promotion to Captain.**—Captains shall be selected from among those officers who have—

- (a.) At least five years' seniority as Commander :
- (b.) Served at sea in command of a British ocean-going first-class liner for at least three years :
- (c.) Performed specially good service for the R.N.R. and the mercantile marine, or either of them, and who are strongly recommended by their shipping company or other competent authority.

75. **Obligatory Naval Training—Captain.**—The obligatory naval training of a Captain shall be the same as that for a Commander. (*See article 73 of these regulations.*)

76. **Skipper—Qualifications for Entry as, or Promotion to.**—(1.) Ratings serving in the New Zealand R.N.R. (Classes A and B) shall be eligible for appointment as Skipper if in all respects qualified.

(2.) Candidates for direct entry in this rank shall be over twenty-five years and under thirty-five years of age.

(3.) They will be entered as Probationary Skippers.

(4.) The qualifications necessary for entry as and promotion to the rank of Skipper are that the candidate must—

(a.) Have commanded a British steam trawler or motor fishing-vessel for at least two years, and within six months of making application for entry :

(b.) Be in possession of a Board of Trade certificate as a Skipper of steam fishing-vessels :

(c.) Declare that it is his intention to follow the sea as his profession.

77. **Obligatory Naval Training—Skipper (all Ranks).**—The obligatory naval training of a Skipper shall consist of twenty-eight days biennially, the first such period being performed within one year of promotion to or appointment as Skipper.

78. **Probationary Skipper—Qualifications for Confirmation in Rank.**—In order that a Probationary Skipper shall be qualified for confirmation in his rank he must—

(a.) Have completed twenty-eight days' training as Probationary Skipper :

(b.) Be recommended for confirmation by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which training was performed.

79. **Promotion to Chief Skipper.**—The rank of Chief Skipper may be conferred, at the discretion of the Naval Board, on Skippers R.N.R. (N.Z.D.) who may specially distinguish themselves.

80. **Promotion to Skipper-Lieutenant.**—Chief Skippers who hold a home-trade master's certificate or Extra Skipper's certificate of competency and who are specially recommended may be promoted to Skipper-Lieutenant at the discretion of the Naval Board.

81. **Engagement—Chief Skipper and Skipper.**—(1.) The engagement of every Chief Skipper and Skipper shall be for a period of five years, counting from the date of his first entry or re-engagement in the Reserve.

(2.) On the completion of each period of five years they shall be eligible to re-engage, if they are still considered suitable and their services are required, for a further term of five years. The total period of service in the Reserve (including time, if any, served as a rating in the N.Z.R.N.R.) shall not, however, exceed five periods of five years—*i.e.*, twenty-five years in all.

82. **Probationary Warrant Engineer—Qualifications for Promotion.**—Chief and other Engine-room Artificers, N.Z.R.N.R. (Class B), who have been specially recommended on completion of their period of training in the Fleet, and who hold the qualifications required by article 19 of the Regulations for the New Zealand Royal Naval Reserve (Men), shall be eligible for promotion to Probationary Warrant Engineer.

83. **Obligatory Naval Training—Probationary Warrant Engineer.**—The obligatory naval training of a Probationary Warrant Engineer shall consist of three months' training in H.M. ships, one month of which must be performed within one year of promotion to Probationary Warrant Engineer : the three months' training to be carried out within three years of promotion.

For purposes of training, Probationary Warrant Engineers shall reckon each period of five years' service from the date of their first entry in the N.Z.R.N.R. as Engine-room Artificer.

84. **Confirmation as Warrant Engineer.**—A Probationary Warrant Engineer shall be confirmed in his rank if he has—

(a.) Completed three months' training as Probationary Warrant Engineer in H.M. ships :

(b.) Been recommended as suitable for confirmation by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which the training was performed.

85. **Obligatory Naval Training—Warrant Engineer and Commissioned Engineer.**—The obligatory naval training of a Warrant Engineer and