

again in the sight tests on any future occasion. However, if the candidate is still dissatisfied, he may, if he so desires, and on payment of a fee of six guineas, present himself for a second special examination, provided that he brings with him an approved friend to witness the examination. This second special examination will form no part of the Marine Department's examination for a certificate of competency; it will be entirely voluntary, and the Department will not make any payment whatever towards the expenses incurred by such a candidate. The Department will, however, give consideration to the result of such examination in determining whether a certificate shall be granted.

9. In cases in which the Marine Department repay any expenses incurred by a candidate in attending a special examination, the scale and extent of the amount to be repaid will be communicated to the candidate after the time and place at which the special examination has been decided upon and the candidate has signified his agreement to attend.

10. **Examinations in the Sight Tests only.**—The sight-tests are open to all persons serving or intending to serve in the mercantile marine or in fishing-vessels, and all such persons are recommended to take the earliest opportunity of ascertaining whether their vision is such as to qualify them for service in that profession. Any such person, if desirous of undergoing the tests, must make application to the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine Office on the Form Exn. 2B, and must pay a fee of 2s. 6d. This fee will be payable on each occasion on which a candidate is examined.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED AND EXAMINATION SYLLABUS FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSES AND GRADES.

CERTIFICATES FOR FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS.

38. Ordinary Certificates Minimum Square-rigged Service required.—A candidate for an ordinary certificate of any grade who has not previously held an ordinary certificate of a lower grade must prove that he has served in a square-rigged sailing-vessel not less than one year in the foreign trade or one year and a half in the home trade.

39. Value of Ordinary Certificate.—Ordinary certificates will entitle the holders to go to sea as mates or masters of any sailing-ship or steamship.

40. Steamship Certificates : No Square-rigged Service required.—Certificates applying only to steamships are issued to candidates who are either unable to comply with the regulation which requires them to have served one year in square-rigged or fore-and-aft-rigged sailing vessels, or prove in course of examination they are ignorant of the management of these classes of sailing-vessels. There will be no distinction in these certificates between fore-and-aft-rigged steamships and square-rigged steamships.

41. Value of Steamship Certificate.—Steamship certificates will entitle the holders to go to sea as masters or mates of foreign-going steamships, but will not entitle them to go to sea as masters or mates of foreign-going sailing-ships.

42. Steamship Certificates, how changed.—A candidate possessing a certificate for foreign-going steamships and desiring to be examined for an ordinary certificate must prove that he has served at sea for at least one year in a square-rigged sailing-vessel, unless he has previously held an ordinary certificate of a lower grade.

43. Steamship Certificates : Age and Service.—The qualifications as to age and service for steamship certificates are the same as for ordinary certificates, excepting that the whole of the qualifying service may have been performed in steamships, and that no service in sailing-vessels is required.

44. Steamship Certificates : Examination in Navigation.—The examination in navigation for steamship certificates will be identical with that prescribed for ordinary certificates.

45. Fore-and-aft Certificates.—Certificates for the grades of second mate, only mate, first mate, and master of fore-and-aft-rigged vessels will be issued to candidates who have served at least one year in fore-and-aft-rigged or partly in fore-and-aft-rigged and partly in square-rigged sailing-vessels, or who, although having the required