

Candidates for commissions in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve may also be examined for the ordinary certificate of efficiency, but not for the extra certificate.

The examinations are in all respects similar to those passed by owners of pleasure-yachts to obtain the ordinary or extra certificate as master of their own yachts.

These certificates of efficiency are purely honorary, and are not available under the Merchant Shipping Acts for use in any capacity whatever on board a ship which is required to carry a certificated officer.

The name of each officer or candidate for a commission who may desire to be examined must first be submitted to the Marine Department by the Commanding Officer of his division, together with the name of the port at which he wishes the examination to be held.

If the application is approved the candidate must attend personally at a Mercantile Marine Office to fill up the form of application (Exn. 2) and pay the required fee.

VOLUNTARY EXAMINATION IN COMPASS-DEVIATION.

91. Compass-deviation.—Any person holding a certificate as master or mate of any grade in the foreign trade, or as master or first mate, home trade, or as master of his own pleasure-yacht, who wishes to pass a voluntary examination in compass-deviation, can be examined at any port where examinations are held, upon filling up the form of application (Exn. 2) and paying the fee of £1.

If the candidate passes, the fact, with the date and place of passing, will be recorded upon his certificate.

VOLUNTARY EXAMINATION IN SIGNALLING.

92. Signalling.—The examination in signalling as prescribed for candidates for the extra master's certificate is open as a voluntary examination to all persons who hold, or have passed for, or are candidates for, a certificate of competency of any grade, and to any yacht certificate-holder.

Candidates may be examined at any port where examinations are held, upon filling up the form of application (Exn. 2) and paying the fee of £1. No fee, however, will be charged for this examination if it is taken at the same time as that at which a candidate is examined for any certificate of competency.

If the candidate passes, the fact, with the date and place of passing, will be recorded upon his certificate.

VOLUNTARY EXAMINATION FOR WIRELESS SIGNALLER.

93. 1. Any person being the holder of a foreign-going or a home-trade certificate of competency as mate of any grade, or as master, desiring to become qualified as a wireless signaller should make personal application for this purpose to a District Telegraph Engineer, whereupon, on production of his certificate of competency, arrangements will be made for the examination to be held. If the applicant passes the examination he will be provided with a certificate in the form of an Examiner's authority, which will show that he has passed examination for wireless signaller, and that on application for such being made by him to the Secretary for Marine he is entitled to have his certificate of competency endorsed to that effect.

2. The candidate must deliver his Examiner's authority, together with his certificate of competency, to a Superintendent of Mercantile Marine for transmission to the Secretary for Marine, who will endorse the certificate of competency, "Passed voluntary examination for wireless signaller at _____ on _____, 19__."

Fee: The fee prescribed by the Minister of Telegraphs to be paid by each candidate for each examination on each occasion when he presents himself for examination for a certificate as wireless signaller is 5s.

VOLUNTARY EXAMINATION IN STEAM.

94. Examination.—These examinations are provided for the purpose of giving masters and mates who are possessed of certificates of competency an opportunity of undergoing a voluntary examination as to their practical knowledge of the use and working of the steam-engine. They are conducted by the Examiners of Engineers appointed by the Marine Department. Full particulars of the examination are given in Appendix F.