

95. Persons eligible.—The examination is open to any person who holds a certificate of any grade in the foreign or home trade, or as master of his own pleasure-yacht.

96. How to apply.—Candidates must fill up the form of application (Form Exn. 2) at a Mercantile Marine Office, pay the fee of £1, and deposit their certificates and testimonials with the Superintendent, who will inform the applicant when and where to attend to be examined.

97. Result of Examination.—If he passes, the report (Exn. 14) will be sent to the Marine Department with the certificate of competency, together with the Form Exn. 2; and the words "Certified to have passed in steam," with the date and place of examination, will then be recorded upon the certificate and its duplicate, and the certificate will be sent to the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office of the port named in the Form Exn. 2, and be delivered to the candidate in the usual manner.

The endorsement of a certificate for "steam" does not, however, imply a qualification to perform the duties of an engineer.

98. Failure.—If he fails to pass, his certificate will be at once returned to him, and he may not present himself for re-examination until the expiration of three months from the date of failure.

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE.

99. Persons qualified.—A person who has attained the rank of lieutenant in H.M. Royal Navy or in H.M. Indian Marine Service may apply for a certificate of service as master of a foreign-going ship without examination.

100. Form of Application.—Applications for certificates of service must be made on the proper printed form, to be obtained free of charge from the Superintendent of any Mercantile Marine Office.

101. How to apply.—Applications for certificates of service by officers of the Royal Navy on the Active List must be made through their Commanding Officers, and applications from officers who have retired from the Royal Navy or who are on half-pay must be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty, who in either case will forward the application to the Marine Department.

AMBULANCE CERTIFICATES AND GOVERNMENT AWARDS.

102. Endorsement on Certificates.—An officer in the mercantile marine who holds a certificate of proficiency in first aid to the injured from the St. John or St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, or some equivalent certificate, can have the fact endorsed on his certificate of competency, provided the latter was issued before the 1st January, 1909, if the two certificates are forwarded to the Secretary, Marine Department, either directly or through the Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office.

Recipients of Government awards can also have the fact stamped on their certificates of competency if they submit evidence of the award, together with their certificate, in a similar manner.

SEA SERVICE, RULES FOR ESTIMATING.

103. Sea Service.—1. In these regulations sea service is reckoned from commencement to termination of a voyage. Certificates of discharge will generally be accepted as proof of sea service. Examiners will be careful to see that certificates of discharge have not in any way been tampered with, and will report any suspicious cases to the Marine Department.

2. For all certificates of competency as master or mate in the Mercantile Marine the qualifying service usually required is service performed in ordinary trading-vessels. While the regulations provide for the acceptance in part of certain kinds of non-trading service (*e.g.*, that performed in fishing-boats, yachts, pilot-vessels, &c.), non-trading service not specially provided for in the regulations cannot be accepted as qualifying service unless it has been submitted to and sanctioned by the Marine Department.

3. In cases in which these regulations require a candidate to have served a prescribed period at sea in foreign-going ships, or the equivalent period (50 per cent. greater) in the home trade, the total period served may comprise the maximum period in either case,