

accepted in the proportion stated in para. 106; but candidates must show also—(1) For a foreign-going certificate, service for at least eighteen months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign trade, or for the equivalent period, twenty-seven months, in an ordinary trading-vessel in the home trade; (2) for a home-trade certificate, service for at least twelve months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign or home trade.

- c. Service within home-trade limits in sailing-yachts of not less than 20 tons net register, or in steam-yachts of not less than 40 tons gross register, will be accepted towards qualifying a candidate for a foreign-going certificate as equivalent to half the time served in the foreign trade; but no amount of such service shall count as more than two years' service in the foreign trade, and no such service shall count as officers' service to qualify candidates for foreign-going certificates.
- d. Service within home-trade limits in sailing-yachts of not less than 20 tons net register, or in steam-yachts of not less than 40 tons gross register, will be accepted at the ordinary rate as qualifying service for home-trade certificates; but candidates must prove that they have, in addition, served for at least twelve months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign or home trade.
- e. Service within home-trade limits in sailing-yachts of less than 20 tons net register, or in steam-yachts of less than 40 tons gross register, will not be accepted as qualifying service for any class of certificate.

124. Tugs, War Department Vessels, &c.—Service performed in tugs and in War Department vessels employed outside extended and partially smooth-water limits may be accepted as sea service for the purpose of qualifying a candidate for a second mate's, mate's, or master's certificate for home-trade ships.

This service cannot be accepted towards qualifying a candidate for a foreign-going certificate unless there should be some very exceptional circumstances, when the case, together with all the candidate's papers, should be submitted to the Principal Examiner for consideration.

125. Dredgers.—Service in steam hopper-barges may, subject to the provisions of para. 123, be allowed to count towards qualifying a candidate for a second mate's or mate's certificate of competency for home-trade ships, provided the candidate can prove at least two years' service in an ordinary trading-vessel in either the home or foreign trade. Service in these steam-hoppers will not be accepted as officer's service towards qualifying a candidate for a master's certificate for home-trade ships.

126. Lightships, or Engine-room.—Service in lightships, or in an engine-room, will not be accepted as sea service.

127. Lighthouse Tenders.—Service performed in the seagoing steam-vessels of Trinity House, of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, or of the Commissioners of Irish Lights, or in Scotch and Irish Fishery cruisers, will be accepted as sea service for the purpose of qualifying a candidate for examination for a home-trade certificate; but for a foreign-going certificate a candidate must show in addition to this service, calculated in accordance with para. 106, at least twelve months in an ordinary trading-vessel. In order to qualify a candidate for an ordinary certificate this twelve months must have been performed in a square-rigged sailing-vessel.

128. Rivers.—Service performed on rivers, no matter of what size, and service performed within extended river limits will not be accepted, with the exception mentioned in para. 107.

Where any doubt whatever exists on this point the candidate will be required to produce a certificate from the master or owner of the vessel in which the service was performed before the service can be considered.

129. Cable-ships.—A candidate a part of whose qualifying service has been performed in cable-ships will be required to produce, in addition to the usual evidence of sea service, a statement or certificate from the owners of the vessel showing the amount of time actually spent at sea. If the time so spent constitutes or exceeds two-thirds of the total time on articles, this total time may be accepted in full as qualifying service, but in the event of the actual