

If the candidate subsequently produces a medical certificate to the effect that his hearing, speech, or physical or mental condition has improved or is normal, the Marine Department will take into consideration the question of allowing the candidate to sit again for examination.

19. Certificate, Issue of.—If the Examiner considers the candidate to have passed he will provide him with a form (Form Exn. 16) authorizing the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine to whom it is addressed to issue the certificate. The certificate will not be issued until the Principal Examiner, after his investigation of the candidate's examination-papers, decides he is to be credited with having passed. The certificate will then be issued and the candidate's testimonials and other papers returned to him simultaneously.

Should the Principal Examiner after his investigation decide the candidate has failed and should not be credited with having passed, the certificate will not be issued, and the candidate will be called upon to return the Form Exn. 16 for cancellation, following the candidates' compliance with which his testimonials and other papers will be returned to him.

The Examiner must see that the port at which the certificate is to be issued is the same on both Forms Exn. 16 and Exn. 2. If the candidate desires to alter the port at which his certificate is to be issued the Examiner must see the alteration is made on both forms.

20. Lost Certificate, Copy of.—Any master or mate who proves to the satisfaction of the Marine Department that he has lost or been deprived of a certificate already granted to him by the Marine Department may make application to the Marine Department for a certified copy to be issued to him. The applicant must make a declaration before a Stipendiary Magistrate in New Zealand, on Form Exn. 17 (obtainable at a Mercantile Marine Office) and submit the declaration and such evidence of loss or deprivation as he may be able to furnish, together with a fee of 10s., to a Superintendent of Mercantile Marine for transmission to the Marine Department. The onus of proof of loss or deprivation will rest entirely with the applicant, and he must state the means he has taken to trace and recover the certificate. The fee will be returned to the applicant if he is able to prove the loss of his certificate was caused by shipwreck or by fire.

21. Certificates : Old Pattern may be exchanged for New Pattern.—Any holder of an old-pattern certificate in sheet form may, by making application, and on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d., to a Superintendent of Mercantile Marine, exchange it for a new-pattern certificate in book form. In such cases the old-pattern certificate, which must accompany the application, will be retained by the Marine Department.

22. Service found to be Insufficient, &c.—If during the progress of or after the candidate has passed the examination it is discovered on further investigation that a discrepancy exists in any of his credentials, or that his services are insufficient to entitle him to receive a certificate for the grade for which he has passed, the certificate will not be granted; but if the Marine Department is satisfied the discrepancy or the error in calculating the candidate's services did not occur through any wilful fault or wilful misrepresentation on his part, he may elect to either have the examination fee returned to him or have it placed to his credit. Should his services entitle him to a certificate of a lower grade it may be granted to him, and the difference, if any, between the fee paid by him for the superior certificate and the fee payable for the inferior certificate may similarly be returned to him or placed to his credit. The superior certificate will not be granted until the candidate has performed the amount of service in which he was deficient, and has been re-examined in all the subjects prescribed for such superior certificate, unless the Marine Department sees fit to dispense with the re-examination.

If, however, the discrepancy or the error in calculation has been caused by the candidate's wilful fault or wilful misrepresentation on his part the certificate for which he has passed will not be granted.

23. Failure : Candidates may be examined for a Lower-grade Certificate.—1. Any candidate having failed in his examination for a foreign-going certificate, other than that as extra master, may, if he so desires, and provided the subjects in which he has failed are not included in the syllabus prescribed for a foreign-going certificate of a lower grade, be examined for such lower-grade certificate.