

Additional and Amending Rules of the Examination of Masters and Mates.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 1st August, 1929.

WHEREAS by Warrant dated the twenty-ninth day of September, 1927, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 67, of the thirtieth day of the same month, rules for the examination of masters and mates were made:

And whereas it is desired to make certain additional and amending rules:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by section twenty-three of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby make the following rules additional to and amending the said rules.

RULES.

1. Candidates' Minimum Age and Qualifying Sea Service for Foreign-going Certificates.

- (a) *Second Mate*.—A candidate must be not less than twenty years of age, and must have served four years at sea on foreign-going articles or six years at sea on home-trade articles.
- (b) *Only Mate*.—A candidate must be not less than twenty-one-and-a-half years of age, and must have served five years at sea on foreign-going articles, or the equivalent, seven-and-a-half years on home-trade articles.
- (c) *First Mate*.—A candidate must be not less than twenty-one-and-a-half years of age; while holding a certificate as second mate foreign-going, he must have served as watch-keeping officer either—
 - (1) One-and-a-half years on foreign-going articles, or,
 - (2) Two-and-a-quarter years on home-trade articles.
- (d) *Master*.—A candidate must be not less than twenty-three years of age; while holding a certificate as first mate foreign-going he must have served either—
 - (1) One-and-a-half years as first mate on foreign-going articles; or
 - (2) Two-and-a-quarter years as first mate on home-trade articles; or
 - (3) Two years as second of three watch-keeping officers on foreign-going articles; or
 - (4) Two-and-a-half years as third of three watch-keeping officers on foreign-going articles. A master's certificate may also be obtained with the following service performed while holding a certificate as master of a home-trade ship:—
 - (5) Three years as master on home-trade articles.

2. The minimum ages prescribed in Rules 47, 48, 49, and 50 of the hereinbefore-recited rules are hereby revoked.

3. Until further notice candidates for Masters' and Mates' Certificates will be allowed to qualify in respect of sea service either under the hereinbefore-recited rules or under Rule 1 hereof, *but must qualify entirely under either the one or the other*. Candidates applying to be examined on and after the 1st day of January, 1931, will be required to qualify under Rule 1 hereof, and on that date Rules 47, 48, 49, and 50 of the hereinbefore-recited rules shall, in so far as they relate to qualifying sea service, be deemed to be revoked.

4. Watch-keeping Service, Interpretation of.

- (a) When service in charge of a watch is specified in the regulations, candidates for Certificates of Competency as first mate must be able to prove that, during one-and-a-quarter years at least of their service, they have kept regular watch for not less than eight hours in each twenty-four hours' service claimed. Candidates must produce references from the master in the form prescribed in the Schedule hereto stating clearly that—
 - (1) The candidate has had effective charge of any watch for eight hours in each twenty-four hours' service.
 - (2) An entry to this effect has been made in the mate's log.

[If there is any reasonable doubt that the candidate's service does not comply with this regulation, the examiner must satisfy himself that any supervision exercised has been intermittent and with the object of ensuring the competence of the candidate, and that the period of doubled watches (and consequent divided responsibility) has been of reasonable amount in relation to the whole voyage.]