

(i) **Special Examination : Payment of Expenses.**—In cases in which the Marine Department repay any expenses incurred by a candidate in attending a special examination, the scale and extent of the amount to be repaid will be communicated to the candidate after the time and place at which the special examination has been decided upon and the candidate has signified his agreement to attend.

(j) **Examinations in the Sight Tests only.**—The sight tests are open to all persons serving or intending to serve in the Mercantile Marine or in fishing-vessels, and all such persons are recommended to take the earliest opportunity of ascertaining whether their vision is such as to qualify them for service in that profession. Any such person, if desirous of undergoing the tests, must make application to the Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine office, on the form Exn. 2B, and must pay a fee of 2s. 6d. This fee will be payable on each occasion on which a candidate is examined.

A list of ports at which examinations in the sight tests are held will be found in Appendix B.

CHAPTER II.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE VARIOUS GRADES, INCLUDING SYLLABUSES OF EXAMINATION.*

32. Value of Certificates.—Foreign-going certificates of competency as master or mate issued on or after 1st January, 1931, will be valid for use on any mechanically-propelled vessel, but they will not entitle the holders to go to sea as master or mate of a foreign-going sailing-ship unless endorsed for that purpose. Candidates who desire a sailing-ship qualification can obtain the requisite endorsements to their certificates provided that they can comply with the conditions laid down in para. 73 and pass the necessary examination in seamanship. Holders of "Ordinary" certificates issued prior to 1st January, 1931, are entitled to act in their certified capacities in any vessel however propelled.

33. Date of Introduction of Revised Qualifications.—Candidates for certificates of competency who have been examined for and who have failed to obtain a particular grade of certificate prior to 1st January, 1931, may (subject to the provisions of para. 19) be re-examined after that date for the grade of certificate for which they have previously failed without performing any additional sea service. All candidates who undergo their first examination for a particular grade of certificate on or after 1st January, 1931, will be required to qualify under the revised sea service regulations.

On and after 1st January, 1931, candidates for all grades of certificates will be examined in accordance with the revised syllabuses contained in these regulations.

SECOND MATE (FOREIGN-GOING).

34. Qualifications.—A candidate must be not less than twenty years of age, and must have served four years at sea in foreign-going ships or the equivalent, six years, in home-trade ships.

SYLLABUS.

35. General.—Candidates should demonstrate their understanding of their work by means of sketches and figures drawn with reasonable accuracy but not to scale.

The "Knowledge of Principles" paper is intended to test the candidate's grasp of fundamental technical ideas and processes required in his work at sea. Mathematical proofs of formulæ are not required, but a candidate should be able to demonstrate the truth of a formula by means of a figure where possible.

* The sea-service qualifications are shown in tabular form in Appendix I.