

(2) Voluntary Examination for Wireless Signaller.—(1) Any person being the holder of a foreign-going or a home-trade certificate of competency as mate of any grade, or as master, desiring to become qualified as a wireless signaller should make personal application for this purpose to a District Telegraph Engineer, whereupon, on production of his certificate of competency, arrangements will be made for the examination to be held. If the applicant passes the examination he will be provided with a certificate in the form of an Examiner's authority, which will show that he has passed the examination for wireless signaller, and that, on application for such being made by him to the Secretary for Marine, he is entitled to have his certificate of competency endorsed to that effect.

2. The candidate must deliver his Examiner's authority, together with his certificate of competency, to a Superintendent of Mercantile Marine for transmission to the Secretary for Marine, who will endorse the certificate of competency, "Passed voluntary examination for wireless signaller at _____ on _____, 19 ____."

Fee: The fee prescribed by the Minister of Telegraphs to be paid by each candidate for each examination on each occasion when he presents himself for examination for a certificate as wireless signaller is 5s. (90.)

109. Government Awards.—Recipients of Government awards can have the fact stamped on their certificates of competency, if they submit evidence of the award together with their certificate to the Marine Department, Wellington, either directly or through the Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office. (91.)

CHAPTER III.

RULES FOR ESTIMATING SEA SERVICE.

110. Sea Service.—In these regulations sea service is reckoned from the commencement to the termination of the voyage. The certificates of discharge for service in the foreign trade will generally be accepted as proof of sea service. Examiners will be careful to see that these discharges have not been in any way tampered with, and will report any suspicious cases to the Marine Department. Where service in charge of a watch is required, certificates of watch-keeping service must also be produced. (See Appendix J.)

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. (92.)

111. Sea Service for Foreign-going Certificates.—For foreign-going certificates the term "sea service" means, unless otherwise stated, service performed in foreign-going vessels. (93.)

112. Service in Home Trade.—For home-trade certificates, service in the home trade is regarded as equivalent to service in the foreign trade but for foreign-going certificates service in the home trade is regarded as equivalent to two-thirds of the time served in the foreign trade.

The amount of service as master, first mate, or only mate in the home trade which will qualify a candidate for examination for a certificate as master or first mate (foreign-going) is shown in paragraphs 43 and 52.

In addition, the Marine Department will be prepared to consider on its merits any application by a candidate for a first mate's (foreign-going) certificate for the acceptance of time served as second mate in a home-trade ship which is by law required to carry a certificated second mate. The acceptance of such service will be subject to the following general considerations:—

- (a) An adequate proportion of the time must have been spent in actual service at sea—*i.e.*, outside partially smooth water limits.
- (b) The service must have involved real responsibility, and an adequate proportion of it must have been spent in sole charge of a watch at sea.
- (c) The service must have been performed while in the possession of a certificate as second mate (foreign-going).