

Apprentices and seamen holding short service commissions in the Royal Air Force will, if accompanied by a good report, be allowed to count towards qualifying sea service for a second mate's certificate half the time spent under instruction in aviation at a flying training school, or with a home defence unit, and half the time spent in a fleet air arm or naval co-operation unit, up to a maximum of six months in all, provided that the total remission of sea service in respect of R.A.F. service and time spent in a shore training ship or school shall not in any event exceed twelve months. (112.)

130. Excursion Steamers.—In the case of excursion steamers only such service as can be proved to have been performed at sea will be accepted. (113.)

131. Service in Fishing or Pilot Vessels.—Service performed exclusively in trawlers and other deep-sea fishing-vessels will not qualify a candidate for examination. He must in addition prove the following service:—

- (a) For a foreign-going certificate, service for at least eighteen months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign trade, or the equivalent period, twenty-seven months, in the home trade.
- (b) For a home-trade certificate, service for at least twelve months in an ordinary trading-vessel in the foreign or home trade. (114.)

132. Service in Yachts.—Service in pleasure yachts will be accepted as qualifying-service under the following conditions:—

- (a) It must in all cases be verified by satisfactory proofs, which must set forth clearly and in detail the nature and duration of the service claimed; and it must be distinctly understood that only actual sea service will be accepted, and that service in harbour or ports is inadmissible.
- (b) Service in foreign-going yachts will be accepted in full, and service performed within home-trade limits in sailing yachts of not less than 50 tons net register or in steam yachts of not less than 80 tons gross register will be accepted in the proportion stated in para. 112, but candidates must also show—(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 20 tons net register or in steam yachts of 40 tons gross register will be accepted towards qualifying a candidate for a foreign-going certificate as equivalent to half the same 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 officer's 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. (115.)

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

Service performed in War Department vessels employed outside extended or partially smooth-water limits (*see* para. 135) may be accepted as sea service to qualify a candidate for a second mate's, first mate's, or master's certificate for home-trade ships only. 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. (116.)