

14. Issue of Certificate.—If the candidate passes he will receive a form (Exn. 16) authorizing the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office to whom it is addressed to issue the certificate. It is, therefore, important that the port at which the certificate is to be issued should be the same on both the form Exn. 16 and the form Exn. 2. If circumstances should make any alteration necessary, the Examiner should see that it is made in both forms, otherwise delay in the issue of the certificate may be caused. If the candidate passes in part of the examination only, he will receive from the Examiner a record of his passing in the form Exn. 16B. The candidate must retain this form and produce it to the Examiner when he next presents himself for examination.

15. 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 that the discrepancy or the error in calculating the candidate's service did not occur through any fault or wilful misrepresentation on his part, he may either have the 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 will 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.

16. Certificates of Service.—A person who has attained the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Navy, or in His Majesty's Indian Marine Service, is entitled to apply for a certificate of service as Master of a foreign-going ship without examination.

Applications for certificates of service must be made on the proper printed form, to be obtained free of charge from the Superintendent of any Mercantile Marine Office.

Applications for certificates of service by officers of the Royal Navy on the active list must be made through their commanding officers, and applications from officers who have retired from the Royal Navy or who are on half-pay must be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty, who in either case will forward the application to the Board of Trade.

17. Examination of Officers in Royal Navy.—Officers of the Royal Navy may be examined for certificates of competency on the same conditions as officers in the Mercantile Marine, but the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have directed that the applications of officers wishing to be so examined should be made, if on the active list, through their commanding officers, and, if on half-pay, direct to the Secretary of the Admiralty, who, in either case, will forward the application to the Board of Trade.

18. Failure in the Written or the Oral Part of the Examination.—Candidates for any grade of certificate will proceed to the oral examination irrespective of whether they have passed or failed in their written work.

Where a candidate passes in the written portion of the examination and fails in the oral, or *vice versa*, his pass in that portion in which he has satisfied the examiners will hold good for a period of six months from the date of the examination. If he does not pass the remainder of the examination within this period he will again be required to be examined both in the written and in the oral portions. The Marine Department may in exceptional circumstances decide to extend this period up to a limit of one year.

19. Penalties for Failure.—In the case of a second failure or any subsequent failure in the written or the oral portion of the examination, or in both, an interval of two months must elapse from the date of the last failure before a candidate can be re-examined, excepting certain circumstances under which he may be re-examined after a period of seven weeks. No further penalty will be imposed save in those cases where the Examiner considers further sea service necessary. Such sea service will not exceed six months.