

(c) Every applicant shall furnish a testimonial certifying to his sobriety and good conduct for at least the twelve months immediately preceding the date of his application.

(d) Every reference, testimonial, or certificate of service forwarded in support of any application must be accompanied by a copy, which will be retained for record purposes, the original being returned to the applicant. Any such documents which are forwarded without the necessary copies may be retained by the Department. References which in themselves are addressed to the Department will be retained.

(e) When an applicant is unable to produce written proof of his service, by reason of the loss or destruction of his papers, certificates, or discharges, the Board of Examiners may accept as evidence of his service a statutory declaration by the applicant giving particulars of his service and of the loss of papers and certificates.

#### NATIONALITY.

16. Every applicant for examination shall be a British subject, and shall satisfy the Board that he can speak and write the English language sufficiently to be able to perform the duties he may be required to perform as the holder of a certificate under the Act.

#### AGE.

17. Should any doubt exist as to the age of a candidate, he will be required to produce a certificate of birth.

#### SERVICE.—MISCALCULATIONS OR IRREGULARITIES.

18. (a) If, after a candidate has passed the examination, it is found that his service is insufficient to entitle him to receive a certificate of the grade for which he has passed, the certificate will not be granted until he has performed the service in which he was deficient and has been re-examined, unless the Board sees fit to dispense with the re-examination.

(b) Should his service entitle him to a certificate of lower grade, the latter may be granted.

(c) If the Board is satisfied that the miscalculation of the candidate's service was not due to any fault or misrepresentation on his part, he may have the fee returned to him or placed to his credit.

(d) In any case where it is discovered that such a candidate has used a false reference as to service in support of his application, or has been guilty of misrepresentation in connection with his service, the examination will be void and the fee forfeited.

(e) Service which has been performed in contravention of the Inspection of Machinery Act will not be accepted in connection with any application.

#### MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

19. (a) Every applicant for a winding, traction, locomotive, or locomotive and traction engine driver's certificate is required to forward with his application a certificate, signed by a registered medical practitioner, to the effect that the applicant's eyesight and hearing are satisfactory, that he is free from colour-blindness, and that he is not subject to any other infirmity likely to interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties.

N.B.—The Act provides (section 58) that no person who has suffered the loss of a hand or a foot shall act as the driver of a locomotive steam-engine or winding-engine.

(b) Such certificate, which will be retained for record purposes by the Secretary, must be dated not more than twelve months prior to the date upon which the application reaches the Secretary.

#### CERTIFICATES FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

20. To persons who pass the prescribed examinations, or who qualify for certificates by other means provided for in these regulations, the Secretary, on the recommendation of the Board and on being satisfied that the provisions of the Act have been complied with, shall issue certificates of the appropriate class and in the form as set forth in the Schedule hereto.

#### FAILURE IN EXAMINATION.

21. If a candidate fails in any examination under these regulations he shall not be eligible for re-examination until after the expiration of three calendar months from the date of failure.