

3. No teacher's certificate shall be issued until the Director is satisfied that the applicant has shown such ability to teach as would warrant the issue of a certificate, or until the applicant has produced evidence—

- (a) That he has attained the age of nineteen years :
- (b) That he is of good moral character :
- (c) That he is of sound health and good constitution, and that he is free from all such physical defects as are in the opinion of the Director incompatible with efficiency in teaching :
- (d) That he has reached a standard of academic attainment deemed under these regulations to be sufficient for the purpose.

The evidence of age submitted shall, if possible, be a Registrar's certificate of birth. In the case of an applicant by whom a Registrar's certificate of birth is not procurable, the Director shall decide what other documentary evidence of age and identity may be accepted instead of such certificate.

As evidence of good character, testimonials of recent date must be presented from not less than two persons of approved standing and repute.

In proof of health and freedom from physical defects a satisfactory medical certificate secured by the applicant when appointed as a probationer may in general be accepted as sufficient ; but when a special medical examination is required the fee for such examination shall be paid by the applicant. No medical certificate shall be regarded as sufficient unless it is on a form provided for the purpose and is signed by the medical officer appointed therefor by the Director.

4. (1) Every candidate for a teacher's certificate shall be required to submit evidence of having passed either an examination held in accordance with these regulations or an equivalent examination held by some sufficient public authority.

(2) A partially equivalent examination or other evidence of qualification may be recognized *pro tanto*, and supplemented by such further examination as may be deemed necessary by the Director, who shall be the judge of the value to be assigned to examinations or qualifications proposed for acceptance as equivalent or partially equivalent.

(3) Nothing in these regulations shall be taken to forbid the issue of a teacher's certificate and the endorsement of such certificate in accordance with clauses 22 and 23 of the Regulations for Training Colleges.

RECOGNITION OF OVERSEAS CERTIFICATES.

5. Subject to the provisions of the preceding clause, a teacher holding a teacher's certificate issued by a recognized public authority outside the Dominion may, if the Director is satisfied of the sufficiency of the qualification, be granted a certificate of the class which in the opinion of the Director is equivalent to the class of the certificate held by such teacher. In any such case, until the evidence submitted is confirmed after reference to the public authority concerned, a provisional certificate may be granted, and may at any time be revoked.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES.

6. On such terms as the Minister of Education may from time to time determine special certificates may be granted to properly trained persons who have shown sufficient ability in the teaching of individual subjects of primary, secondary, or technical instruction, or in the teaching of defective children or in kindergarten work, whether such persons hold an ordinary teacher's certificate or not. In lieu of such special certificate an endorsement may be made on any certificate already held.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

7. Every certificate issued to an applicant shall be on a form approved by the Minister, and shall provide for endorsements showing the special qualifications of the holder.

FEE FOR CERTIFICATE.

8. On the issue of a certificate a fee of £1 shall be payable.

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES.

9. No duplicate certificate shall be issued to any person unless the certificate already held by him shall have been surrendered, or unless conclusive evidence to the satisfaction of the Director shall have been given that the certificate has been destroyed or irretrievably lost. For any such duplicate certificate issued a fee of 10s. shall be payable.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES.

10. The following shall be the academic requirements for the award of certificates of Class A, Class B, and Class C :—