

cancel the authority of the Clutha County Council to borrow, under the loan authority hereinbefore referred to, the sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds six shillings and one penny, being the amount in respect of which the said loan authority has not been exercised: Provided always that this cancellation is without prejudice to the validity in all respects of the loan of two hundred and thirty-three pounds thirteen shillings and elevenpence already borrowed pursuant to the said loan authority.

Dated at Wellington, this 19th day of July, 1932.

JOHN G. COBBE,  
For Acting Minister of Finance.

(T. 49/338.)

*Fire District Notices varied.*

WHEREAS by notices published in *Gazettes* of the 26th day of October, 1922, at page 2873, and the 26th day of January, 1928, at page 225, respectively, certain areas in Wellington Land District were declared to be Fire Districts (hereinafter referred to as "the said districts"); And whereas the 1st day of November in any year was specified in the said notices as the commencing-date for which it should not be lawful, save pursuant to the written permit of a Forest officer, to set on fire within the boundaries of the said districts any timber, debris, grass, or other specially inflammable material: And whereas it is expedient that the commencing-date for such burning in the said districts should be altered to the 1st day of August in any year, and it is desirable that the aforementioned notices be varied accordingly:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 27 of the Forests Act, 1921-22, and on the recommendation of the Director of Forestry and the Land Board of the Wellington Land District, I do hereby declare that the words "the 1st day of August" be substituted for the words "the 1st day of November" in the aforementioned notices, and do hereby vary the said notices accordingly.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1932.

E. A. RANSOM, Commissioner of State Forests.

*Amending Rules for the Examination of Masters and Mates.*

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 14th July, 1932.

WHEREAS by Warrant dated the 10th day of December, 1930, and published in the *Gazette* of the 15th day of the same month, at page 3783, rules were made for the conduct of examinations of masters and mates:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the same:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me by section twenty-three of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, I do hereby make the following rules amending the hereinbefore-recited rules, and do hereby order that these rules shall come into force on the date hereof.

JOHN G. COBBE, Minister of Marine.

**RULES.**

1. RULE 22 (1) is hereby revoked and the following rule substituted therefor:—

"(1) Where a candidate for an extra certificate passes in the written portion of the examination but fails in the oral, he may be re-examined in the oral portion in accordance with paragraph 18. His further examination in the oral part need not necessarily be delayed until the next extra masters' examination, but may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be taken at any convenient time."

2. Rule 31 is hereby amended as follows:—

Paragraph (b): The word "undergo" is to be substituted for the word "pass," and the words "A candidate who fails to pass the letter test may present himself for re-examination at intervals of three months" are to be deleted.

The following paragraph (cc) is to be added:—

"(cc) Passing or failure in local examination:—  
"Letter Test.—If the candidate passes the letter test, he will proceed to the lantern test, unless he holds a certificate of competency. (See paragraph (c) above.) If he fails he must choose between two alternatives, viz:—

"(i) He may proceed to the lantern test, in which case the results of both tests will be taken into consideration in deciding whether he is to be passed: or

"(ii) He may break off the examination and present himself for re-examination in not less than three months' time.

"Lantern Test.—If the candidate passes the lantern test after passing the letter test, he is deemed to have passed the examination.

"If the result of the test is inconclusive, or if the candidate passes after failing in the letter test, his case should be submitted on the form Exn. 17 (b) to the Principal Examiner of Masters and Mates, who will decide whether he has passed, or failed, or must be referred for special examination.

"If the candidate fails, the Examiner should point out to him the conditions under which he can appeal (see paragraph (e) below). Appeals are to be made through the Examiner, and forwarded to the Principal Examiner with the Examiner's remarks.

"A candidate who fails to pass the local lantern test must not be re-examined locally, unless the Principal Examiner decides that he may be re-examined after a lapse of three months.

"The certificate (Exn. 16A) which is issued to the candidate will state whether he may or may not be re-examined locally."

Paragraph (d): The words "A candidate who has been referred for special examination shall not be re-examined by the same Examiner" are to be deleted.

Paragraph (f) is to be deleted.

3. Rule 72 is hereby revoked and the following rule substituted therefor:—

"72. Oral.—The candidate will be examined in the seamanship syllabus laid down for a master's foreign-going certificate (see paragraph 60, sections 1 and 2), and he will be expected to reach a higher standard in his answers than a candidate for a master's certificate.

"The candidate will not be examined orally on the syllabuses for his written work."

4. Rule 99 is hereby amended by adding the following subparagraph:—

"(aa) International code of signals."

5. Rule 107 is hereby amended by adding the following words:—

"The syllabus of examination will be based on paragraph 68."

6. Rule 116, paragraph (b), is hereby revoked, and the following paragraph substituted therefor:—

"(b) For Master.—During the whole of the qualifying service between first mate's and master's certificates that is specified by the regulations, candidates for a master's certificate will be required to have served in full charge of a watch for eight hours out of every twenty-four hours' service at sea. If performed on a voyage during part of which watches have been doubled, such service will be accepted only on condition either—

"(i) That, during the period when watches were doubled the candidate served as the senior of two bridge-keeping officers; or

"(ii) If the candidate served as the junior of two bridge-keeping officers, that the Examiner is satisfied that watches have been doubled only occasionally in circumstances calling for the exercise of special care in the navigation of the vessel.

"In the latter case the time during which watches were doubled will not count as qualifying, but the remainder of the voyage may be accepted.

"The whole period of watch-keeping service claimed by a candidate must be covered by one or more certificates made out and signed as prescribed in Appendix I."

7. Rule 128 is hereby amended by deleting after the words "Royal Naval Reserve" the words "who perform sea service on board His Majesty's ships," and substituting therefor the words "who undergo training in the Royal Navy."  
Delete the last subparagraph.

8. Appendix A is hereby revoked and the following substituted therefor:—

**" APPENDIX A.**

**" EXAMINATION DAYS.**

"Certificates of Competency for Foreign-going or Home-trade Ships.

"Auckland—First Monday or Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

"Wellington—First Monday or Tuesday in each month.

"The examinations for "extra masters" certificates will be held in Auckland in June and December, and in Wellington in March, June, September, and December.

"The examination for certificates as master of a river steamer, master of a sailing-vessel plying in harbours and rivers, yacht master, and compass syllabus will be held in Auckland on the above dates provided examinations are being held for foreign-going or home-trade certificates.